

# **BLEDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Bledlow Village Hall on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

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**Present:** Cllrs Breese (Chairman), Britnell, Butler, Cox, Hojer, Reading, Stallwood, Stone and Taylor.

One member of the public.

**Apologies For Absence:** County Cllr. Etholen.

### **Minutes of the last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013 were approved after an amendment to item **Broadband** where instead of 'there will be' the words 'an option will be' were substituted. Approval was proposed by Cllr. Butler, seconded by Cllr. Britnell, and the minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

### **Matters Arising**

#### ***Broadband***

Cllr. Britnell first said that he had spoken to Mr. Rawson who had confirmed that the faster broadband project is well into its planning phase, with roll-out details becoming available shortly. Mr. Rawson would be available to give an update to the Parish Council on how the Parish might benefit early in the New Year.

Cllr. Britnell said that the project would not be able to be extended to parts of Bledlow, because of the projected low user take-up and the age of the local exchange equipment.

Bill Bendyshe-Brown had alerted Cllr. Britnell to a company, County Broadband, that installs broadband receiving equipment on such buildings as church towers. Whilst this could provide an option for making faster broadband available, the likely cost of installing the facility in users' homes and of monthly charges could be prohibitive.

#### ***Website***

Cllr. Stone had spoken to Glenn Adams about the community website and how the site should be held in a legally binding trusteeship. Cllr. Stone had concluded that Mr. Adams wanted sole ownership of the facility. The meeting agreed that a sole ownership arrangement would not be acceptable to the Parish Council, and Cllr. Stone said that he would get back to Mr. Adams with this message.

#### ***Traffic Calming/Road Maintenance***

There had been a complete misunderstanding by TfB of the Parish Council's request for the VAS sensor to be activated further away from the device on the Chinnor side of the Bledlow S bends.

The Clerk had already made this clear to Cllr. Etholen and his reply is awaited.

Cllr. Cox reported that there is a large pothole in the road near Routs Green, and that there had been an incident involving a bus losing a wheel. Cllr. Cox said that the wheel had struck his car and had written it (the car) off.

Cllr. Reading said that he and many of his neighbours in Upper Icknield Way had received a letter from the TfB Local Area Technician, James Tunnard, warning them that residents are responsible for

cutting back trees that overhang the highway. The letter, which Cllr. Reading said was high-handed, was given to the Clerk for him to take up with TfB. It was noted with satisfaction that the lower section of Haw Lane to the 30mph limit had at last been resurfaced.

### ***Proposed Solar Farm***

An update had been received from Mr. Kirkham. He reported that Hive had been in pre-application discussions with WDC, mainly about tree planting and public footpath issues. A further public exhibition of the proposals had been scheduled for Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> November. Notice of the exhibition was said by Mr. Kirkham to have been distributed to 3500 people.

### ***Possible Highway Encroachment, Bledlow Ridge***

Nothing had been heard from Cllr. Etholen on this matter. The Clerk would prompt him for an answer.

### ***Village Design Statement***

Held over to the next meeting.

### **Planning Matters**

#### ***Parish Council Decisions***

- 13/07355/VCD Crownfield Estate, Crownfield Works, Wycombe Road, Saunderton  
Removal of condition 9 attached to PP WR/84/5821 (Erection of industrial building)  
Applicant: Mr. C. Jones  
Resolved: Objection. There is no justification for removing the condition that limited operating hours.
- 13/07577/FUL Fifty Nine, Bledlow Road, Saunderton  
Front extension to existing stable block at rear to facilitate garaging of vans & erection of detached triple garage building to rear (retrospective)  
Applicant: Mr. J. Williams  
Resolved: No objection.
- 13/07561/AGI OS Parcel 5000, Lee Road, Saunderton  
Erection of crop storage building  
Applicant: Mr. D. Field  
Resolved: No objection
- 13/07612/FUL Donnington, Bledlow Road, Saunderton  
Construction of front porch, single-storey side extension, first floor rear extension and fenestration alterations.  
Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. U. Vince  
Resolved: No objection

#### ***Wycombe District Council Decisions***

- 13/06874/FUL Bledlow Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, Bledlow  
Change of use and conversion of former chapel to one dwelling including provision for parking.  
Applicant: Mr. C. Goodall  
PERMISSION GRANTED

- 13/06908/FUL 9 Chiltern View, Saunderton  
Construction of new detached workshop with single garage and creation of new vehicular and pedestrian access off Hillview.  
Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. P. Passmore  
PERMISSION REFUSED
- 13/06942/FUL Gladestry, Bledlow Road, Saunderton  
Construction of detached two-bay garage to rear.  
Applicant: Mr. F. Connor  
PERMISSION GRANTED
- 13/06970/FUL Maytree Cottage, Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge  
Construction of two-storey rear extension and associated external alterations  
Applicant: Mr. D. Williams  
PERMISSION GRANTED
- 13/06995/FUL Highlands, Hill Top Lane, Chinnor  
Erection of one two-bed detached estate staff accommodation.  
Applicant: Mrs. L. Fitzpatrick  
PERMISSION REFUSED
- 13/06996/FUL Highlands, Hilltop Lane, Chinnor  
Construction of replacement of replacement detached ancillary outbuilding.  
Applicant: Mrs. L. Fitzpatrick  
PERMISSION REFUSED

## **Financial Matters**

### ***Payments***

The following payments were approved following a proposal by Cllr. Britnell and seconded by Cllr. Hojer.

<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
100372	Bledlow Village Hall	Hire of Hall	35.00
100373	M. J. Evins	Salary & Expenses	446.11
100374	TBS Hygiene Ltd	Bin Emptying	27.36
100375	Lawrence Landscapes Ltd	Grass and Hedge Cutting	307.20
100376	Post Office Ltd.	Postage Stamps	27.36
<b>Total</b>			<b>843.03</b>

The Clerk would continue to retain the £5000 TfB cheque pending a satisfactory resolution to the Chinnor-side VAS problem.

### ***Applications for Grants***

Mrs. Susanne Smith had applied in writing for a grant of £600 towards the cost of supplying and installing a sign at the Bledlow Ridge Village Shop.

After discussion, the meeting concluded that the Parish Council could not justify a sum of £600 without further background information, and the Clerk was asked to get back to Mrs. Smith with a request that she supply details of all funds that had been accumulated for the Village Shop appeal and for her to put forward the case in person at the next Parish Council meeting.

### **Sundry Parish Matters**

#### ***Community Infrastructure Levy***

The Parish Council has just received almost £4500 as its first tranche of money levied on local building development. The funds have been placed in a dedicated Parish Council HSBC deposit account.

More funds are likely to be received in the next financial year, and the meeting discussed potential ways in which the money could be spent. The Clerk reminded the meeting that the money must go to capital expenditure projects and be spent within five years of receipt.

The meeting discussed various approaches, including that expenditure on upgrading village hall facilities should have priority, and help towards the cost of supplying a faster broadband service. Cllr. Stone suggested that parishioners should be asked for their views on how the money could be spent.

#### ***Little Gibbs***

WDC had replied to a letter from the Clerk that asked whether the District Council had any plans to override the Section 106 agreement provisions that inter alia gives priority allocation of the houses to local people. WDC have no such plans.

#### ***Studmore Pond***

The Clerk explained that maintenance work is necessary at the Pond following the recent high winds bringing down one tree that had broken the power and BT lines to the neighbouring property.

One quote of £1340 for doing the work has already been received, but another quote is required because of the cost of the work exceeding £1000.

The Clerk asked the meeting for delegated powers to authorize the work after another quote had been received. The meeting unanimously agreed to such powers being given.

### **Correspondence**

#### ***Bledlow Village Hall car Park***

A letter of thanks had been received from Mrs. Ann Smith thanking the Parish Council for the grant of money towards the cost of refurbishing the car park.

Mrs. Smith had subsequently confirmed that the work had been completed but, as there are some outstanding queries on the bill for the work, the Parish Council should defer payment until the queries had been satisfactorily answered by the contractor.

**Any Other Business**

***Domestic Refuse Bins***

Cllr. Stone reported that there are remaining problems associated with the number and collection of domestic refuse bins.

**Date of Next Meeting**

There being no other business and no members of the public still present, the Chairman closed the meeting at 0910pm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Bledlow Ridge Village Hall starting at 7.30pm on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

**Signed.....(Chairman).....(Date)**