

BLEDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Bledlow Ridge Village Hall on Thursday, 6th December 2013

Present: Cllrs Breese (Chairman), Britnell, Butler, Cox, Hojer, Reading, Stallwood, and Taylor.
County Cllr. Etholen
Mr. Peter Johnson, Risborough Area Community Bus
One member of the public.

Apologies For Absence: Cllr. Stone

Risborough Area Community Bus

The Chairman invited Mr. Peter Johnson to address the meeting. Mr. Johnson said that the service had started in 2010 and now carries about 400 passengers a week over its six routes, has 30 drivers and also arranges outings to local places of interest. The bus may also be hired by groups.

Talking about the Bledlows route in particular, Mr. Johnson said that only about 50 people regularly used the service each month in a catchment area with an adult population of nearly 2000. The service needs to be publicised in Bledlow, Bledlow Ridge and Saunderton. Both local parish magazines had carried an item submitted by the Clerk last month outlining the service with an accompanying timetable. It was suggested to Mr. Johnson that he contact the editors of the newsletters and ask that they include a more comprehensive overview of the service. The Clerk would provide the contact details.

Mr. Johnson then asked the meeting to consider making a grant towards the cost of a new bus to replace the existing vehicle, which would be ready for retirement within five years.

The Chairman asked how much, for example, Princes Risborough Town Council contributed and Mr. Johnson quoted £1000. The meeting agreed with the Chairman that a grant would almost certainly be forthcoming, but that the Parish Council would prefer to wait to see how well Mr. Johnson's newsletter items succeeded in bringing in more passengers before coming to a decision. In the meantime, the Parish Council would ensure that service timetables are posted on its noticeboards.

Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2013 were signed as a true record following a proposal by Cllr. Butler seconded by Cllr. Hojer.

Matters Arising

Solar Farm

The Clerk confirmed that there had been no further news of progress on Hive's submitting a planning application.

Traffic Calming/Road Maintenance

The Clerk said that BCC had been paid the £5000 pledged contribution to the cost of the VASs in Bledlow. The payment had been accompanied by a letter to explain that the Parish Council remains dissatisfied with the location of the VAS on the Chinnor side of the S bends.

There had been arbitrated agreement on the siting of the proposed VASs in Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge and that TfB had been notified of the Parish Council's decision.

Work had been done to the drain outside Queens Cottages in Bledlow, and road resurfacing on the same stretch of the B4009 is due to be carried out between that 5th and 9th December. A view on the effectiveness of the culvert work will only be possible after the next heavy downpour.

The Clerk would report a large pothole in Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge near Routs Green.

Cllr. Stallwood said that a number of temporary road works signs had been left in Haw lane following the resurfacing work in September. County Cllr. Etholen said that he would take the matter up with the Local Area Technician.

Possible Highway Encroachment, Bledlow Ridge

County Cllr. Etholen said that he had not yet had a reply from the Local Area Technician.

Studmore Pond

The Clerk said that he had accepted a quote of £1340 plus VAT from Four Seasons Tree Care to carry out the necessary tree surgery in Studmore Pond. The work has been scheduled for 24th January.

Planning Matters

Parish Council Decisions

13/07721/FUL St. Ives, Perry Lane, Bledlow

Construction of single-storey side extension.

Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. C. Barlow

Resolved: No objection.

13/07731/FUL St. Ives, Perry Lane, Bledlow

Retention of detached outbuilding falling within use class B1a (Office)

Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. C. Barlow

Resolved: No objection

13/07741/FUL Azile, Sandpit Lane, Bledlow

Conversion of integral garage. Roof/two-storey rear extension to create additional roof accommodation incorporating three dormer windows. Construction of detached garage to side and relocation of oil tank.

Applicant: Mr. A. Carter

Resolved: No objection

13/07757/ADV The Country Store, Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge

Display of one non-illuminated pole hanging sign.

Applicant: The Country Store

Resolved: No objection

13/07799/FUL Willowbrook House, 4 Trout Hollow, Saunderton

Erection of garden wall, boundary wall

Applicant: Mr. M. Borrelli

Resolved: No objection

13/07888/FUL Parsonage Farm, Lee Road, Saunderton

Construction of a replacement greenhouse (retrospective)

Applicant: Mr. J. Tubb

Resolved: No objection

Wycombe District Council Decisions

- 13/07003/FUL The Paddocks, Routs Green, Bledlow Ridge
Construction of single-storey side extension, replace existing flat roof dormer with two pitched roof dormers, insertion of rear dormer and construction of pitched roof to existing flat roof garage.
Applicant: Mr. R. Johnson
PERMISSION REFUSED
- 13/07130/FUL Warren Cottage, Upper Icknield Way, Bledlow
Demolition of existing building and erection of one 4-bed dwelling and detached garage/home office. (Alternative to scheme at 11/05295/FUL)
Applicant: Ms. E. Claire
PERMISSION GRANTED
- 13/07303/FUL Willows, Chinnor Road, Bledlow
Construction of single-storey side/rear extension, single-storey side lean-to extension, insertion of first-floor side window and various fenestration works and alterations to drive.
Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. T. Voss
PERMISSION GRANTED
- 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
PERMISSION REFUSED
- 13/07561/AGI OS Parcel 5000, Lee Road, Saunderton
Erection of crop storage building
Applicant: Mr. D. Field
DETAILS NOT REQUIRED

Financial Matters

Payments

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

Cheque No.	Payee	For	Amount £
100377	Bledlow Ridge Village Hall	Hire of Hall	35.00
100378	M. J. Evins	Salary & Expenses	190.68
100379	HM revenue & Customs	Clerk PAYE	250.80
100380	Lawrence Landscapes Ltd	Grass Cutting/Maintenance	648.00
100381	TBS Hygiene Ltd	Bin Emptying	27.36
100382	Sutcliffe Play Ltd	New Swing	236.28
Total			1388.12

Budget and Precept

Held over to the next meeting

Applications for Grants

Mr. Johnson had made an unspecified request for a grant for the Risborough Area Community Bus. (Refer to above item).

After some discussion, in which there was agreement for making a grant in principle, the meeting agreed to defer making a decision on the amount until it could be seen whether Mr. Johnson’s request to include a promotional feature in both local newsletters would be successful.

Mrs. Susanne Smith gave a presentation to the meeting of her attempt to obtain a grant from the Parish Council to fund the proposed advertising sign for the Bledlow Ridge Village Stores.

The total cost of the sign and its installation would be £650 plus VAT and, after some discussion about how much to grant, Cllr. Reading proposed that the Council contribute the full cost, a proposal seconded by Cllr. Butler. A counter proposal of £500 was made by Cllr. Stallwood, but not seconded.

The meeting then voted on Cllr. Reading’s proposal, which was agreed unanimously. The Chairman asked Mrs. Smith to have the invoice made out to the Parish Council and sent to the Clerk.

Sundry Parish Matters

None.

Correspondence

Letters and posters promoting BCC’s Safe Winter Driving Campaign and the 2014 Primary School Intake were presented to the meeting.

Any Other Business

In response to Cllr. Reading’s asking whether a reply had been received from TfB about the letter received by every household in Upper Icknield Way about overhanging trees, the Clerk said he would pursue the matter.

The reporting of potential planning breaches at 15 Haw Lane and Summer Orchard, Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge were noted.

Date of Next Meeting

There being no other business , the Chairman closed the meeting at 0900pm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Bledlow Village Hall starting at 7.30pm on Thursday, 2nd January 2014.

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

