

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

## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Bledlow Ridge Village Hall on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2014**

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**Present:** Cllrs. Blackwell, Britnell, Breese (Chairman), Butler, Cox, Hojer and Taylor.  
County Cllr. Etholen.

Two members of the public.

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs. Reading and Stone

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record following a proposal by Cllr. Britnell and seconded by Cllr. Cox.

### **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

#### ***Greater Saunderton Developments***

Cllr. Hojer had attended the public meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> December called by WDC, and reported as follows:

WDC has not agreed and adopted a Local Plan, and there is government pressure for more housing in the District, some of which would be difficult to challenge without a Local Plan.

The meeting was told that possibly up to 800 new houses could be built in a 'Greater Saunderton' area including 42 on Wests Yard and 217 on the former Molins site. Both sites are in the Green Belt and Chilterns AONB. The Molins site in particular could be the forerunner of considerably more houses on Green Belt land on the Saunderton Vale side of the Brownfield land and towards Slough Lane.

The Wests Yard development is considered to be a done deal.

In answer to queries about better access to and parking at Saunderton station, WDC told the meeting that new residents would be likely to walk or cycle.

Concern was expressed at more traffic accessing the Wests Yard and Molins sites to and from the A4010, the likely volumes of which TfB claims to be within government guidelines. Cllr. Etholen believes that the likely traffic volumes will far exceed those previously forecast when a data centre was mooted for the Molins site, and will press TfB to reassess the data.

On schooling and medical facilities, WDC said that a new school could only be provided should the total number of new houses exceed 800. No new medical facilities are envisaged.

It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the clerks of neighbouring councils to ensure that there is full awareness of the development proposals and of the likely impact on roads and infrastructure facilities.

As referred to above, Cllr. Etholen will make representations to TfB regarding a reassessment of traffic volumes, and Cllr. Breese said that he has already written to all local political representatives stating the Parish Council's concerns.

No reply had yet been received from District Cllr. Bendyshe-Brown, and District Cllr. Angell had exhibited no apparent interest in the matter.

Cllr. Blackwell told the meeting that there has been considerable fly-tipping at Wests Yard, which is now rat-infested and a public health concern. He had contacted WDC's Environmental Health Officer, who had now warned the site's agents that all fly-tipping is to be removed and the site made secure.

### ***Devolution of BCC Services***

The Clerk told the meeting that he had not to date heard whether the hedge at The Crest is included in PRTC's work schedule, but that he had now contacted Sue Griffiths, the Town Council's clerk. No other information on the progress of the devolution project has been issued by BCC.

### ***Broadband***

Cllr. Breese had written to David Lidington, MP and a reply had been received. It now seems possible that Bledlow will be included in a new list of locations to be provided with faster broadband.

### ***Parish Notice Boards***

In discussion of the most suitable locations for new notice boards, Cllr. Blackwell said that, in a conversation he had had with a representative of the Friends of Saunderton Station, a wall-fixed notice board at the Station would be welcomed.

The finally agreed locations were: Saunderton Station, both village halls, Church End, and Chinnor Road in Bledlow Ridge. The existing boards at Routs Green and Slough Lane will be removed, and the Clerk was asked to research 'open' noticeboards ie those without lockable glass doors.

### ***Meadow Stiles***

The meeting heard from Cllr. Hojer that she is in discussions with the suppliers of the zip wire about responsibility for the rotting of the support legs, about which there is dispute. In the meantime, the zip wire seat had been removed so that the apparatus cannot be used.

The condition of the safety matting is not ideal, but is not an urgent matter, although replacement will eventually be required at considerable cost.

Two new swing seats are required, which Cllr. Hojer will arrange. The Clerk will get Mr. Lawrence to fit them when they are delivered.

The Clerk and Cllr. Hojer had drafted Terms of Reference for a Meadow Stiles sub-committee. The meeting gave its approval of the draft, and the document was therefore adopted. It is attached to these minutes.

The Clerk was asked to contact Mrs. Smith to request that she nominate at least one member of her Parents Group to serve on the sub-committee.

### ***Sandpit Lane***

Cllr. Etholen said that he would speak to TfB about the possibility of imposing a 30mph speed limit in Sandpit Lane, but thought that success would be unlikely given how recently a speed limit review had been made.

In the meantime, the Clerk would write to Sustrans to suggest they install suitable pedestrian chicane-style barriers or self-closing gates at the Phoenix Trail/Sandpit Lane crossing.

### **Planning Matters**

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

14/05870/FUL Wests Yard, Slough Lane, Saunderton. (Amended Plans)

Redevelopment of the site comprising demolition of existing buildings and erection of 42 homes with vehicular and pedestrian access onto Slough Lane, public open space, playspace, on-site car parking and landscaping.

Applicant: Saunderton Estates Ltd.

Resolved: No objection in principle to housing development, but density too great and potential for adding to A4010 congestion, impact on local schooling and medical facilities, no relief for station parking concerns.

14/07768/FUL Callow Down Farm, Wigans Lane, Bledlow Ridge

14/07769/LBC Construction of single-storey garden room to south-east elevation.

Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. Tew

Resolved: No objection.

14/07893/TPO Cutlers Orchard, Perry Lane, Bledlow

Remove suppressed lime, horse chestnut and sycamore; lift crown to three limes and one sycamore to 4 metres; crown lift copper beech to 4 metres and reduce laterally on side of new development by 3 metres.

Applicant: GHA Trees

Resolved: No objection.

14/07855/FUL Robin Hill, Routs Green, Bledlow Ridge

Construction of two-storey side extension, single-storey front porch extension and new raised patio following demolition of existing single-storey rear extension.

Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. C. Catling

Resolved: No objection provided 50% rule not broken.

14/07944/FUL Cutlers Close, Perry Lane, Bledlow

Construction of single-storey side extension with display of solar panels to roof slopes, insertion of one door and one rooflight to south elevation roof slope in connection with creation of additional living accommodation in attic and extension to existing garage creating a two-bay car port and hobby craft/study room.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs. Smith

Resolved: Objection. Drawings totally unsatisfactory for making a considered decision. Proposed extension would possibly make the entire dwelling inappropriately large in the street scene, and the solar panels wrongly positioned for a dwelling in the AONB.

- 14/08005/FUL The Lodge, Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge  
Removal of rear conservatory and erection of two-storey double gable extension to rear, repairs to roof, replace front dormer upvc windows and reinstate original decorative ridge tiles.  
Applicant: Mr & Mrs. Fischer  
Resolved: No objection, provided no breach of 50% rule.
- 14/08033/TREE The Rectory, Church End, Bledlow  
Fell one elm, remove hanging branch from sycamore, remove larg dead limb from upper canopy of hornbeam.  
Applicant: Mr. T. Kerry  
Resolved: No objection.
- 14/08049/FUL The Jais, Shootacre Lane, Princes Risborough  
Construction of two-storey side extension, single-storey rear extension and single-storey extension/garage.  
Applicant: Mr. K. Nelms  
Resolved: No objection.

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

- 14/06835/FUL Michaelmas Cottage, Sandpit Lane, Bledlow  
Erection of combined field shelter and single stable with feed store  
Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. P. Irons  
PERMISSION GRANTED
- 14/07356/FUL 18 Haw Lane, Bledlow Ridge  
Construction of part two-storey, part first floor rear extension together with raising roof and roof extension in connection with creation of additional habitable accommodation.  
Applicant: Mr. N. Slater  
PERMISSION GRANTED
- 14/07372/FUL Ridgeway Barn, West Lane, Bledlow  
Construction of rear extension and minor alterations to existing fenestration.  
Applicant: R. Jackson  
PERMISSION GRANTED
- 14/07427/FUL The Paddock, Routs Green, Bledlow Ridge  
Construction of single-storey side extension.  
Applicant: Mr. R. Johnson  
PERMISSION GRANTED
- 14/07605/CTRE 1 Manor Close, Church End, Bledlow  
Reduce height of Norwegian spruce to below adjacent electric cable.  
Applicant: Miss B. Green  
TPO NOT TO BE MADE
- 14/07726/AGI Highlands, Hill Top Lane, Chinnor  
Erection of an agricultural building for the storage of machinery and materials.  
Applicant: Mrs. L. Fitzpatrick

## PERMISSION GRANTED

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Erection of an agricultural building for the storage of machinery and materials.  
Applicant: Mrs. L. Fitzpatrick  
DETAILS NOT REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED

14/07742/AGI Highlands, Hill Top Lane, Chinnor  
Erection of an agricultural building for the storage of machinery and materials.  
Applicant: Mrs. L. Fitzpatrick  
DETAILS NOT REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED

## Financial Matters

### *Payments*

The following payments were approved by the meeting. After a proposal by Cllr. Britnell, seconded by Cllr. Hojer.

<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
100455	Bledlow Ridge Village Hall	Hire of Hall	35.00
100456	M. J. Evins	Salary and Expenses	192.80
100457	HMRC	Clerk Paye	250.80
100458	Post Office Ltd	Postage Stamps	32.70
100459	TBS Hygiene Ltd	Bin Emptying	61.56
100460	Gopak	BRVH Tables	272.77
100461	Safe & Sound Playgrounds	Fit Bearings to Disc R/bout	240.00
100462	WDALC	Annual Subscription	10.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>1095.63</b>

### *Applications for Grants*

None received, but application for sign at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall remains outstanding pending agreement by the Hall committee on the supplier.

## Sundry Parish Matters

### *Defibrillators*

A project to install about ten defibrillators in the Princes Risborough LAF area is being promoted by former County Cllr. Rogerson and Mr. Tubb, the manager of Princes Risborough Golf Club.

The Chairman told the meeting that the promoters had been advised at he LAF to speak to Risborough First Responders about the recruitment of first responders and to produce a written proposal on locations.

Meanwhile, a Princes Community Group had been formed as a charity, with Mr. Tubb as its chairrman and Mr. Rogerson its treasurer. The Chairman said, with agreement by the meeting, that the Parish Council is generally supportive of the proposal, and would help as far as possible.

### **Correspondence**

None to consider.

**Other matters not requiring decisions**

***Website***

Cllr. Britnell said that work on the existing website is not complete, and that uploading the required documents and data is a long-winded matter. Cllrs. Britnell and HOjer and the Clerk would arrange to meet to take the matter further.

**Date of Next Meeting**

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 9.00pm.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015 in Bledlow Village Hall.

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