



BLEDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Devolved Services and Community Maintenance Committee
Meeting held via Zoom on Monday 12th April 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: N Cox, A Sage, S Reading (Chair)
Clerk: Tracey Martin

The meeting was conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Council's Standing Orders as modified by the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

The meeting started at 7.40pm due to technical issues.

1. **Apologies for absence:** None

2. **Declaration of Interest:** None

3. **Approval of Minutes:**

It was agreed by those councillors present that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th March 2021 where a true and accurate account of the meeting and the minutes were approved.

4. **Members of the Public Invited to Speak:** No Member of the public were present.

A minute's silence took place in memory of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

5. **Devolved Services: Any outstanding issues**

5.1. **None**

6. **Meadow Styles:**

6.1. **Costings for Rubber Asphalt:** Quotes had been received from two companies however, another company had stated it would not be complaint to have a surfacing of 6m x 6m so Clerk to enquire with other companies that had quoted and also the Annual Playground Inspection company as to the legal requirement. **Action: Clerk**

6.2. **Any other Issues:** It was reported that the hand sanitiser at Meadow Styles had stopped dispensing. A new dispenser has been purchased and installed.

7. **Parish Maintenance:**

7.1. **Holy Trinity Church Tree Report:** Following the correspondence from the Archdeacon it was confirmed that a faculty was not required. Clerk to instruct Oxford Oak whose quote has already been approved to proceed with the works on tree T25. **Action: Clerk**

It was agreed that the Ivy Clearing and Epicormic work would be awarded to G Spratt who cuts the grass at the Church. The work will be carried out between now and July and all arisings to be cleared. **Action: Clerk**

Going forward a meeting to be arranged in September with the PCC to enquire whether they would be interested in putting together a Working Party to carry out these works in the future.

Discussions were had on the branches which needed burning off on the drive side. It was agreed that G Spratt could burn what is already there but take away what is cleared.

Clerk to obtain quotes for all work contained within the tree report. **Action: Clerk**

7.2. **Bins:** Clerk reported that she hadn't received a response from Buckinghamshire Council. It was agreed to contact Bill Chapple as this has been ongoing for over two years. **Action: Clerk**

8. **Flooding Issues:**

8.1. **Sandpit Lane Bledlow:** The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by a resident who stated that the ditch clearing had taken place. Clerk made enquiries with TfB who confirmed that they hadn't carried out any work. Cllr Cox suggested that it maybe down to a contact he had spoken to at Buckinghamshire Council and will make enquiries to confirm. The Clerk also reported that The Local Area Technician will be going out on Friday to visit site and establish a schedule of works for the flushing of the pipes/

8.2. **North Mill Road, Bledlow:** A meeting took place on the 6th April 21 and the Local Area Technician is arranging for a jet to attend to clear the drains and then evaluate what work needs to be carried out. Clerk to check with the residents wc 19th April 21 whether the jetting has taken place.

Action: Clerk

9. **CIL Eligible Projects:**

9.1. **Identifying Projects:** None discussed.

9.2. **Bench Update:** Discussions were had on the Teddy Bear bench it was agreed that the Parish Council would wait to see how much money is raised.

Saunderton Benches: Cllr Reading made enquiries but needs to get further information and will report back at the next meeting. **Action: Cllr Reading**

Bench corner of Church End / Perry Lane: It was agreed that a quote is required to refurbish it. **Action: Clerk**

Current Bench outside The Lions, Bledlow: It was agreed to move this to Routs Green although will need some maintenance work before reinstalling. Quote to be obtained from I Darkins. Clerk to make enquiries with filming company as to when the bench will be removed and, in the meantime, it can be stored in the pub car park behind the pub. Clerk reported that the filming company are having issues getting the payment to the Parish Council prior to their first day onsite. It was agreed to inform Whirlwind they can go on site but cannot make any material changes i.e., removal of bin, bench, signs until payment is cleared. **Action: Clerk**

Circular Bench around Tree outside The Lions, Bledlow: Discussions were had on a potential new bench around the tree. One suggestion was to install decking so that the ground would be even and then install a bench which would need to be custom made due to the size of the tree. It was agreed that this would need input from Bledlow Councillors and to hold this item for the new council in May.

10. **Correspondence, reports and issues:**

10.1. Cllr Sage raised the issue of the Terms of Reference not giving the Committee any power to commit to projects / quotes. It was agreed to amend the current Terms of Reference and present them at the May Annual Meeting of the Council for approval. **Action: Cllr Reading**

10.2. Cllr Sage raised a query on who is responsible for old style iron road signage. The Clerk shared contacts that she has. Cllr Sage to report the issue through FixmyStreet again but if it is not resolved Clerk to contact the Local Area Technician.

11. **Next meeting:**

The next meeting was scheduled for the 17th May however, due to elections pushing back the date of the full Parish Council meeting it was agreed that no meeting of the Devolved Services and Community Maintenance Committee would take place in May with meetings resuming on the 14th June 2021 and then every 2nd Monday following a Parish Council meeting. Meeting will be physical meetings. Clerk to book Village Hall for the next six months and confirm location. **Action: Clerk**

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

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