



BLEDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Maintenance Committee held at Bledlow Village Hall on
Monday 12th July 2021 at 7.30pm

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

13. **Apologies for absence:** None

14. **Declaration of Interest:** None

15. **Approval of Minutes:**

It was agreed by those councillors present that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th June 2021 where a true and accurate account of the meeting and the minutes were approved.

16. **Members of the Public Invited to Speak:** No members of public present.

17. **Devolved Services:**

17.1. **To consider adding additional areas under the Devolved Services Agreement:** Cllr Sage had circulated potential areas that the Parish Council may like to consider ahead of the meeting. After discussions it was agreed that the Clerk will liaise with Devolved Services to get costings for taking over the grass cutting for all of the below apart from B/BR/1 which the Clerk will contact TFB to ask them to add it to the rural grass cutting schedule. **Action: Clerk**

- West Lane Verges south of railway bridge B/WL/1
- Manor Close Green (lower part - ditch and verge at bottom edge of green B/MC/1
- Church End Verge on outer wall of Bledlow Church B/CE/1
- Church End/Perry Lane Verge opposite Bledlow "Old Schools" B/CEPL/1
- Perry Lane Verges throughout 30mph limit B/PL/1
- Bledlow Road Verge on corner B/BR/1: Clerk to contact TFB to request this be added to rural grass cutting schedule. **Action: Clerk**
- Slough Lane Verges in Slough Lane S/SL/1
- Chinnor Road Verges on south side of S bend to county boundary BR/CR/1
- Chinnor Road Verge on SW side of Chinnor Road within 30mph limit BR/CR/2: Cllr Sage to produce a location map. **Action: Cllr Sage**
- Cllr Cox queried extending the area of Hillview as currently we cut all along but only receive money for a smaller section. Cllr Sage to produce map. Clerk to circulate devolved services map. **Action: Cllr Sage / Clerk**

17.2. The Clerk reported that a 2nd letter had been sent regarding the overgrown hedge at the top of Radnage Lane and sideways along Chinnor Rd. If there is no response this will be passed to Buckinghamshire Council's legal department.

17.3. Cllr Sage raised a concern with the grass cutting at The Crest. Discussions included less cutting and clippings being collected and also consideration of wildlife. Cllr Sage to look at Plantlife Organisation and will report back with recommendations. **Cllr Sage**
It was also agreed that the Parish Council would liaise with residents via a letter drop / questionnaire.

18. **Meadow Styles:**

- 18.1. **Rubber Mulch:** Cllr Reading to prepare a proposal for Full Council. **Action: Cllr Reading**
18.2. **New Signage:** The Clerk reported that the signs have been received. Cllr Sage volunteered to put up the signs. Clerk to deliver signs to Cllr Sage. **Action: Cllr Sage / Clerk**

19. **Parish Maintenance:**

- 19.1. **Bins:** The Clerk reported that a Councillor had queried why the Parish Council couldn't purchase the bins and they then be added to Buckinghamshire's schedule. Councillors present felt that this was a good idea and they would be happy to pay for the purchase and installation of bins. Clerk to circulate list of potential bin locations and liaise with Buckinghamshire. **Action: Clerk**
19.2. **Removal of concrete outside The Lions:** The Clerk had requested but not received the quote. Clerk to make enquiries with local Parish Councils to try and obtain details of the handy person

which they use.

Action: Clerk

- 19.3. **To consider the appointment of a tree contractor for a set term:** Following feedback from the Arboriculturalist and an Officer of Buckinghamshire Council it was agreed that the Parish Council would not go down this route as it would not be as cost effective but would align tree inspections going forward potentially every other year.
- 19.4. **Consider quotes for closed fronts of noticeboards:** The Clerk had requested but no received the quote. As per 19.2 above.
- 19.5. **Management of Holy Trinity Grass Cutting:** Cllr Sage queried about the grass clipping being collected and suggested that the Parish Council may want to consider a wild graveyard. A meeting will be arranged with the Church Wardens later in the year.
Cllr Cox requested the Clerk ask the groundsman to strim the Roberts memorial and also burn the rubbish / clippings.
Action: Clerk
The Clerk reported that she is obtaining quotes for repairs / reinstallation of headstones.
The Clerk reported that the tree's had been cut at Holy Trinity however, unfortunately the oil tank casing had been cracked. South Bucks Tree Surgeons are carrying out repairs and will replace the paving slabs when oil tank is low. Church Wardens are aware.
- 19.6. **Sign Cleaning:** Unfortunately, Princes Risborough Town Council are unable to carry out signing in the summer months as their priority is grass cutting. It was agreed that the Clerk would request the signs are cleaned when grass cutting season is over around November and also before it starts around February 2022.
Action: Clerk
- 19.7. **Installation of benches – Chinnor Road and Teddy Bear Corner:** The Clerk reported that the work permits had been requested for 28th to 30th July. Councillors agreed that the foundations would be put in place over this period and then the benches installed after this date as it will only require the benches being fixed in place. Clerk to send letter informing residents that a bench will be installed at the Routs Green bus stop Chinnor Road and request the groundsman clears the area. **Action: Clerk**

20. **Flooding Issues:**

- 20.1. **Sandpit Lane Bledlow:** An update was received from the resident today so progress is being made.
- 20.2. **North Mill Road, Bledlow:** No update.

21. **CIL Eligible Projects:**

21.1. **Identifying Projects:**

- Bins
- Ecological Cutting of The Crest

- 21.2. **Benches:** Discussions were had on the bench around the tree on Bledlow Green and the logistics of it due to the ground level. Cllr Reading to share details of carpenter. **Action: Cllr Reading**

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

- 22.1. The Clerk reported that a resident had contacted the Parish Council regarding the Crownfield bus stop. Unfortunately, the roof requires repairing and weeds are growing inside the shelter. The resident also raised a concern with people urinating in the bus shelter.
- 22.2. The Clerk had received correspondence from a resident regarding a missing milestone. Due to the details only being circulated today this will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

23. **Next meeting:**

The next meeting is scheduled for 16th August 2021 at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

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