



# BLEDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Maintenance Committee held at Bledlow Ridge Village  
Hall on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: N Cox, A Sage, S Breese (Standing in as Chair)  
Clerk: Tracey Martin

24. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr S Reading
25. **Declaration of Interest:** None
26. **Approval of Minutes:**  
It was agreed by those councillors present that the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021 where a true and accurate account of the meeting and the minutes were approved.
27. **Members of the Public Invited to Speak:** No members of public present.
28. **Review of actions from previous meeting**
- 28.1. Clerk to liaise with Devolved Services to get costings for taking over additional areas of grass cutting within 30mph zone. 17.1. The Clerk reported that she had been chasing this matter however, had been informed that resources are stretched in the department which explains the slow progress.
  - 28.2. Clerk to contact TFB to ask them to add B/BR/1 to rural grass cutting schedule. 17.1. The Clerk had contacted the Local Area Technician who is looking into the matter.
  - 28.3. Cllr Sage to produce map for BR/CR/2. 17.1. Map has been circulated
  - 28.4. Clerk to circulate Hillview devolved services map and Cllr Sage to add to add to potential areas. 17.1. Map has been circulated.
  - 28.5. Cllr Sage to look into wildlife friendly grass cutting. Cllr Sage reported that he had been looking into this and a suggestion for The Crest could possibly be that it is left as a wild meadow. Not all Councillors were in agreement with this. Parking on the verges of The Crest was also discussed and an idea of concrete hexes was put forward. Cllr Sage will prepare a Consultation which once approved by the Committee will be circulated to residents of The Crest. To be added to the next agenda. **Action: Cllr Sage**
  - 28.6. Cllr Reading to produce report on Rubber Mulch at Meadow Styles to be presented to the Parish Council. 18.1. This has been presented and approved by full council.
  - 28.7. Cllr Sage to put up Meadow Styles Signage. 18.2. This has been completed however, the Clerk has had to order an additional sign which Cllr Cox will install.
  - 28.8. Clerk circulate potential bin locations and liaise with Buckinghamshire. 19.1. List had been circulated to Councillors. The Clerk reported that there is no progress on this despite Buckinghamshire Councillors pursuing the matter. Ongoing.
  - 28.9. Clerk to obtain details of handy person from local Parish Council's. 19.2. The Clerk had contacted local Parish Council's as to whom they use and had made enquiries but had no positive responses. Cllr Cox had a suggestion and will share details with the Clerk: **Action: Cllr Cox**
  - 28.10. Clerk to request grounds man strims around Robert's memorial and burn clippings. 19.5 Completed
  - 28.11. Clerk to request sign cleaning November 2021 and February 2022. 19.6. Completed
  - 28.12. Benches: Clerk to write to homeowner informing them bench will be installed and to keep hedge in good order. 19.7. Completed
  - 28.13. Clerk to arrange for Routs Green Bus Stop on Chinnor Road to be cleared in preparation of the benches. 19.7. Completed
  - 28.14. Cllr Reading to share details of carpenter. 21.1. Completed.
29. **Devolved Services:** Discussed in minute reference 28.1 above. This will be added to actions for Buckinghamshire Councillors at the September Parish Council meeting.
30. **Meadow Styles:**
- 30.1. **Review of RoSPA report:** The Clerk had circulated the RoSPA report and recommendations ahead of the meeting. Cllr Sage raised a concern with the number of issues with rubber matting which were highlighted. It was agreed that the Clerk would explore other options as the current

mats when lifted and relayed do not always lay flat which then results in a trip hazard: **Action: Clerk**

30.2. **Rubber Mulch Colour:** It was agreed to proceed with Forest Green. Clerk to check the measurements as this was highlighted in the RoSPA.

**31. Parish Maintenance:**

31.1. **Bins:** Discussed under 28.8 above. Buckinghamshire Council are experiencing issues with bin collections so this maybe delaying the installation of any new bins.

31.2. **Removal of concrete outside The Lions:** The Clerk had requested but not received the quote. . A concern has been raised as to what is under the concrete i.e., BT cables following the removal of the phone boxes. Clerk to make enquiries with BT for this location and also The Crest.

**Action: Clerk**

31.3. **Consider quotes for closed fronts of noticeboards:** The Clerk had requested but not received the quote.

31.4. **Management of Holy Trinity Grass Cutting:** The Clerk had requested dates for a meeting with the Church Warden but as yet had received no response. Clerk to follow up. **Action: Clerk**

31.5. **Installation of benches – Chinnor Road and Teddy Bear Corner:** Both benches have now been installed. Cllr Cox reported that there is a little bit of work that still needs doing to the bench at Teddy Bear Corner but Cllr Ingram is going to deal with this.

**32. Flooding Issues:**

32.1. **Sandpit Lane Bledlow:** No update, Clerk to follow up with Local Area Technician and the new flooding query received from a resident.

**Action: Clerk**

32.2. **North Mill Road, Bledlow:** No update, Clerk to follow up with Local Area Technician.

**Action: Clerk**

**33. Milestones**

33.1. A resident had sent in an email regarding the maintenance and installation of new milestones in the Parish. Discussions were had and Councillors all agreed not to supply replacements however, would consider maintenance. Clerk to find suitable contractor.

**Action: Clerk**

**34. CIL Eligible Projects:**

34.1. Cllr Cox suggested that he had seen an article on small defibrillators and thought this could be a good use of CIL funds with the defibrillators possibly being located at the school, sports field etc. Cllr Cox to produce a roughly costed plan including proposed locations v existing locations of standard defibrillators. The council can then consider his paper

**Action: Cllr Cox**

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

35.1. The Clerk reported that she had received an update from the arboriculturalist who had revisited Bledlow Churchyard and will be sending through an updated report in the next couple of weeks. The arboriculturalist also confirmed that the Horse Chestnut tree which had been cut had been cut as per the tree report.

35.2. Cllr Cox raised a concern with Meadow Styles Hedge. The grass alongside needs strimming back by hand and the undergrowth pulling out from under the hedge. Once this has been completed the committee can look at replanting options possibly Hawthorne twigs. Clerk to liaise with Contractor.

**Action: Clerk**

35.3. Cllr Cox and Cllr Sage raised a concern where a few residents had been cutting grass and then dumping clippings. The Parish Council are grateful to these residents but would ask that they mow and leave the clippings instead of clipping and dumping in the hedgerows. Clerk to write to residents.

**Action: Clerk**

**36. Next meeting:**

The next meeting is scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at Bledlow Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed.....

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