



BLEDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall on
Thursday 5th August 2021 at 7.30pm

**Present: Councillors: S Breese (Chairman), N Cox, J Butler, D Dobson,
M Blackwell, S Bird, S Reading (Vice Chair)**
Clerk: Tracey Martin
Buckinghamshire Councillor: Cllr Adoh
Two members of the public present

65. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Sage and Cllr Ingram.
Buckinghamshire Councillors: Cllr Etholen and Cllr Carington.
66. **Dispensations:** Cllr Dobson and Cllr Cox requested dispensations for agenda item 8: Grant Application from Chinnor and Princes Risborough Railway Association as they are members. Councillors were in agreement to grant the dispensations.
67. **To approve the Full Council minutes of the meeting held on 1st July 2021:** It was agreed by those councillors present that the minutes of the meeting held on 1st July 2021 where a true and accurate account of the meeting. The minutes were approved following a proposal by Cllr Dobson and seconded by Cllr Butler.
68. **To receive an update from Buckinghamshire Councillors:**
- 68.1. **Lydebrook Road and Footpath Closure:** Cllr Adoh reported that they have been chasing and pushing for responses and that historical information is an issue however, what we are looking for is a resolution. Councillors requested that a timescale should be established as to when an outcome is expected. **Action: Buckinghamshire Councillors**
- 68.2. **Pot Holes:** Cllr Cox requested an update to the email which he had sent to Cllr Etholen regarding outstanding highways issues. Cllr Adoh to follow up. **Action: Buckinghamshire Councillors**
Cllr Butler informed members that work is being carried out on Haw Lane tomorrow.
- 68.3. **A4010 Flooding:** Cllr Adoh reported that they are working with the developers, highways and planning in order to get these issues resolved. After discussions it was agreed that the A4010 issue and the Santesdune Way flooding are the same issue. Cllr Blackwell to draw up a plan showing where and how the flooding is occurring for Buckinghamshire Councillors. **Action: Buckinghamshire Councillors to monitor and follow up. Buckinghamshire Councillors / Cllr Blackwell**
- 68.4. **EE Mast Dean Valley Nursey:** Cllr Reading reported that he'd had discussions with the landowner who is engaging with them. Concerns had been raised about how visible the mast will be however, in Cllr Readings opinion it will be behind the tree line. The main concern is that Deanfield the approach road will be damaged by construction traffic. The Parish Council asks that Deanfield be reinstated to the current or better condition after construction. Cllr Breese asked Cllr Adoh to enquire who in Buckinghamshire Council can enforce this. **Action: Cllr Adoh**
69. **Outstanding Actions:**
- 69.1. **Rapid Rural:** Cllr Reading reported that he had yet to receive a formal update from the PCC however informally it appears that Rapid Rural may be asked to remove their equipment, subject to a period of notice, following advice received from Winkworths. Cllr Breese stated that should the Rapid Rural service be terminated the Parish Council should look at who /how many people will be affected with a view to offering those affected support.
- 69.2. **Piccadilly:** Cllr Breese stated that further discussions are required with the Community Board to establish costings as approx. £27k is a very substantial cost for the size of the piece of project.
- 69.3. **Haw Lane Footpath:** Cllr Butler confirmed that the landowner has agreed to proceed and quotes have been obtained ranging from £2.6K to £6.5K. Cllr Butler will meet the landowner later in August to discuss fence and gate options. The landowner will be writing to the Clerk to outline the terms for the permissive footpath. **Action: Cllr Butler**
- 69.4. **HS2:** Cllr Reading reported that the appeal for the Slough Lane crossing had been rejected Cllr Reading to follow up on the submission which is progressing. **Action: Cllr Reading**

69.5. **Lydebrook Footpath:** Cllr Breese asked for the Councillors view on the previously circulated drafted submission in response to the appeal for statements by Buckinghamshire Council. Discussions were had and a few amendments were made. Clerk to submit the Parish Councils statement and evidence and circulate to members of the public who are present at the meeting.
Action: Clerk

70. **Report from Parish Maintenance Committee:** Minutes had been circulated to Councillors and no questions were raised.

71. **To consider and if thought fit approve recommendation from the Parish Maintenance Committee for the installation of Rubber Mulch at Meadow Styles Playground:** Cllr Reading had previously circulated a report outlining that the current costs to lift / replace matting are around £500-700 each year. The costs to install rubber mulch is £3654 + VAT with a life span of around 10 years. All Councillors were in favour of proceeding with the quote from Reid's Playground Maintenance. Cllr Breese and the Clerk to look into whether the cost should be allocated against the remaining Meadow Styles hypothecated fund, CIL or general reserves.

72. **Applications for Grants:**

72.1. **Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway Association:** The previously circulated grant application was discussed by Councillors. Councillors raised concerns about drainage and water run off onto West Lane. In principle Councillors supported the grant application however, reassurance is required that the new sleepers will not cause any drainage issues further down the line. A diagram will be requested showing how water run-off will be handled. To be added to agenda for September meeting. Discussions were also had on the re-instatement of Bledlow Halt, following previous costings which had been received it seems that the project as envisioned wasn't going to be viable.

72.2. **Aylesbury Opera:** Discussions were had on the previously circulated grant application. Councillors had questions on the costings and audience numbers. It was agreed to defer this item to the September meeting and invite a representative to attend to answer any questions.

73. **Planning Matters:**

New Planning Applications:

- 73.1. 21/06853/FUL: Global Works Lee Road Saunderton: No objection
- 73.2. 21/06899/FUL: Bledlow Village Hall Chinnor Road Bledlow: No objection
- 73.3. 21/06909/FUL: OS Parcel 4900 Deanfield Saunderton: No objection
- 73.4. 21/06757/FUL: Kenbar Smalldean Lane Saunderton: No objection
- 73.5. 21/07037/LBCS19: Pitch Green Farm Chapel Lane Bledlow: No objection
- 73.6. 21/06988/CLP: Upton Lodge Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: Comment to be decided
- 73.7. 21/07070/ADRC: Land at Capel Farm & The Workshop Capel Farm Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: Notification only no comment required
- 73.8. 21/07103/CTREE: Manor Farm Church End Bledlow: No objection
- 73.9. 21/07047/FUL: The Clock House Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: Comment to be decided
- 73.10. 21/07058/FUL: Hunters Gate Deanfield Saunderton: Comment to be decided

Planning Applications which have been decided:

- 73.11. 21/06543/MINAMD: The Spinney Shootacre Lane Princes Risborough: Application Permitted
- 73.12. 20/06158/FUL / APP/K0425/W/20/3262639: OS Parcel 5382 Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: Appeal dismissed
- 73.13. 21/06098/VCDN: Keepers House Wigans Lane Bledlow Ridge: Application Permitted
- 73.14. APP/K0425/W/21/3269138/20/07851/FUL: OS Parcel 5382 Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: Appeal withdrawn
- 73.15. 21/06222/FUL: Winterfold Lee Road Saunderton: Application Refused
- 73.16. Cllr Cox raised a concern that the planning permission for 21/06899/FUL Bledlow Village Hall has not yet been granted but the grant payment is in the payment schedule later in the meeting. Cllr Breese stated this would be addressed when payments are discussed.
- 73.17. Cllr Butler informed members that she had recently attended a planning training course and was given a really useful planning booklet. Clerk to order for Councillors. **Action: Clerk**

74. **Open Enforcement Matters:**

- 74.1. 20/00382/OP: 66 Haw Lane Bledlow Ridge: Notice takes effect on 1st September 2021 unless an appeal is made against it prior to that date. The notice was formally issued on 1st July
- 74.2. 2021.19/05576/FUL (SuDS): Santesdune Way, Smalldean Lane, Saunderton: There does not appear to be evidence of a breach in relation to the surface water drainage system. Accordingly,

there is no further action that I may usefully take in the matter. Being progressed under outstanding actions.

74.3. 20/00397/OP: Crossview Shootacre Lane: Awaiting update, Clerk to chase. **Action: Clerk**

74.4. 20/00200/OP: The Old House, Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge: Case remains open.

74.5. Holpeny Barn Saunderton: Enforcement notice being issued.

75. Authorisation of Payments:

The following payments were submitted for approval:

Payments for approval at August 2021 Meeting							
Date	Inv No	Chq No:	Payee	Description	Net Amount	VAT	Amount
		101036	Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Parish Council	Reinstate Balance on Lloyds Account	£303.02		£303.02
28/06/2021	1944	101037	Scribe	Annual Subscription	£288.00	£57.60	£345.60
25/06/2021	47	101038	G Spratt	Grass Cutting - Meadowstyles, Saunderton and Bledlow. Footpaths: 65751, 59742, 75908, 59741	£940.00		£940.00
01/07/2021	4707	101039	J's Screenprint	New Meadowstyles signs	£110.00		£110.00
		TBC	Bledlow Village Hall	Grant - Payment to be approved however, cheques will be issued in stages on completion of works	£30,000.00		£30,000.00
26/06/2021	916	101041	TBS Hygiene	Bin emptying June	£21.00	£4.20	£25.20
09/07/2021	9392	101042	South Bucks Tree Surgeons	Holy Trinity Tree Works	£4,330.00	£866.00	£5,196.00
14/07/2021	12495	101043	Princes Risborough Town Council	Grass cutting July 2021	£298.20	£59.64	£357.84
28/06/2021	GXC/351/18	101044	Winkworth Sherwood	To our professional services in advising on a licence for broadband equipment installed at Holy Trinity Bledlow	£1,030.00	£206.00	£1,236.00
16/07/2021	Jul-21	101046	June Butler	45p x 36 miles + £4.50 parking	£20.70		£20.70
26/07/2021	3117	101045	BMKALC	Planning training course - June	£60.00		£60.00
28/07/2021	4709		J's Screenprint	New Meadowstyles signs x 1	£56.99		£56.99
			Total		£37,097.90	£1,193.44	£38,291.34
Lloyds Bank Account Spend August 2021 Meeting							
	Invoice No:		Payee	Description	Net Amount	VAT	Amount
23/06/2021	084137		Post Office	Signed for delivery x 2	£4.50		£4.50
01/07/2021	MEM235367		SLCC	Membership	£166.00		£166.00
02/07/2021			Post Office	Stamps	£7.92		£7.92
09/07/2021			Post Office	Special Delivery signed for x 2	£13.70		£13.70
							£0.00
			Total		£192.12	£0.00	£192.12
Standing Orders - August Meeting							
Date	Invoice No:		Payee	Description	Net Amount	VAT	Amount
10/07/2021			Tracey Martin	Salary July	£648.96		£648.96
10/07/2021			Tracey Martin	IT Allowance	£10.00		£10.00
17/07/2021	2003195486		Land Registry Search	Identifying owners of hedge by Routs Green bench	£3.00	£0.00	£3.00
							£0.00
			Total		£661.96	£0.00	£661.96
Lloyds Direct Debits - August Meeting							
Date	Invoice No:		Payee	Description	Net Amount	VAT	Amount
04/07/2021	203026867557		IONOS	Monthly charge	£19.99	£4.00	£23.99
07/07/2021	203026905009		IONOS	Monthly charge	£14.93	£2.99	£17.92
15/07/2021	1626317414547		GiffGaff	Monthly top up	£5.00	£1.00	£6.00
			Total		£39.92	£7.99	£47.91

75.1. The Clerk reported an additional payment of £56.99 for J's Screenprint and Signs to the previously circulated schedule for an additional sign at Meadow Styles.

75.2. An issue had been highlighted with the payment on the schedule for Bledlow Village Hall Grant. Unfortunately, the Parish Council had not been aware that planning permission had not been granted and Councillors felt it would not be appropriate to pay the grant until the planning application has been approved. Clerk to liaise with the Planning Officer to see if the application can be considered sooner than the deadline due to the Village Hall having commenced the work and contractor payments needing to be made.

Action: Clerk
Cllr Breese to liaise with the treasurer of Bledlow Village Hall confirming the decision that has been made and enquiring whether the Village Hall has sufficient reserves to pay the invoices due until permission is granted and the Parish Council can release the cheques. **Action: Cllr Breese**
It was agreed that the cheques would be signed and held by the Chairman until planning permission has been granted.

75.3. All payments were approved subject to item 60.2 above following a proposal by Cllr Reading and seconded by Cllr Dobson.

76. **Quarter 1 Accounts for Review:** The previously circulated quarter one accounts had been reviewed by members and a quarterly check of the accounts carried out by Cllr Cox. No questions were raised.
77. **Discuss and implement a plan for identifying missing footpaths:** The Chairman decided to defer this item to the September meeting due to the meeting running behind schedule.
78. **To consider signing up to the All-Councils Charter:** The Chairman decided to defer this item to a later meeting due to the meeting running behind schedule.
79. **Consider and approve appointment of Internal Auditor for 2021-2022:** Due to some outstanding information this will be deferred to the September meeting.
80. **Approve Permission to use Land agreement for Bledlow Village Green:** Discussions were had on the previously circulated draft agreement. An amendment was made to line 9. Subject to the amendment the Terms and Conditions were approved. Clerk to liaise with The Lions of Bledlow. **Action: Clerk**
81. **Correspondence, reports and issues from Councillors and Clerk**
- 81.1. The Clerk raised correspondence which she had received from a resident. The resident had requested that the Clerk look into a plaque which was apparently erected years ago at Meadow Styles thanking the Johnson family who had gifted the land. Unfortunately, the plaque no longer exists. The Clerk asked Councillors whether this is something that Council felt she should spend time looking into despite the Parish Council having no authority over the land and only leasing a section for the playground. All Councillors were in agreement that this is not a matter for the Parish Council but for the trustees of Meadow Styles. Clerk to respond to resident requesting them to liaise with the trustees. **Action: Clerk**
- 81.2. The Clerk reported that Tony Lord will no longer be coordinating Speedwatch and that the Clerk is holding the equipment until a new group is put together. Tony Lord has offered to provide training to whoever takes over. To be added to agenda for September meeting. **Action: Clerk**
- 81.3. Cllr Breese reported that he had attended the North West Chilterns Community Board meeting. Discussions were had on traffic in Kingshill and the 'Be Your Own Boss' initiative would may benefit some individuals in the Parish. The Community Board has a total budget of £350k but serves a larger area than the previous Local Area Forum.
82. **Next meeting:** It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd September 2021 at Bledlow Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm

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