



BLEDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Bledlow Village Hall on
Thursday 2nd September 2021 at 7.30pm

**Present: Councillors: S Breese (Chairman), N Cox, J Butler, D Dobson, S Bird,
A Sage, N Ingram
Clerk: Tracey Martin
Representative from Aylesbury Opera**

83. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Reading and Cllr Blackwell.
Buckinghamshire Councillors: Cllr Etholen, Cllr Carington and Cllr Adoh.
84. **Dispensations:** Cllr Dobson and Cllr Cox dispensations approved 5th August 2021 to discuss the grant application from Chinnor and Princes Risborough Railway Association Ltd.
85. **To approve the Full Council minutes of the meeting held on 5th August 2021:** It was agreed by those councillors present that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th August 2021 where a true and accurate account of the meeting. The minutes were approved following a proposal by Cllr Dobson and seconded by Cllr Cox.
86. **To receive an update from Buckinghamshire Councillors:** A report had been sent in by Buckinghamshire Councillors and circulated via email to Councillors ahead of the meeting due to the Buckinghamshire Councillors being unable to attend.
- 86.1. **Lydebrook Road and Footpath Closure:** Cllr Breese reported that evidence from the Parish Council and users of the footpath had been submitted. The Clerk had followed up for a timeline and had been advised 4-8 weeks. Clerk to follow up in 8 weeks if no response. **Action: Clerk** Cllr Breese reported that the gates have been chained up and a PCSO has attended.
- 86.2. **Pot Holes:** The report stated the pot holes related to Haw Lane and various ones on Chinnor Road have been passed to the LAT and it is recommended any other pothole concerns should be reported via FixMyStreet.
- 86.3. **Santesdune Way and A4010 Flooding:** Cllr Breese stated this will be carried forward in the absence of Cllr Blackwell as its still unclear if these are two separate issues.
- 86.4. **EE Mast Dean Valley Nursey:** Cllr Breese stated that as Deanfield is maintained by the residents Cllr Reading will need to explain to residents the requirement to ensure that Deanfield is repaired at least to its current state once the mast is installed. Cllr Cox raised a concern with a planning application which includes a menage where the resident claims ownership of Deanfield. Bledlow Ridge Councillors to highlight that all residents own the road not just one.
- New Matters Requiring Buckinghamshire Councillors intervention:**
- 86.5. **Devolved Services:** The report from Buckinghamshire Councillors stated that a response had been received from Devolved Services, however the Clerk reported that the response had not been favourable and will ask Buckinghamshire Councillors to progress the matter. **Action: Clerk**
87. **Outstanding Actions:**
- 87.1. **Piccadilly:** Cllr Breese stated this will be deferred until Buckinghamshire Councillors are in attendance as the costings approx. £27k is a substantial cost for the size of the project.
- 87.2. **Lydebrook Footpath:** Covered under item 86.1.

The Chairman proposed moving to agenda item 8 – Application for grants due to a representative from Aylesbury Opera being in attendance.

88. Applications for Grants:

- 88.1. **Aylesbury Opera:** The representative of Aylesbury Opera explained the grant application to Councillors. Discussions were had on where the event will be advertised. The representative advised social media would be used and also any local Parish magazines. A concern was also raised on the ticket cost being so cheap. The representative responded that they were trying to open up the event to all and that they were wary of pricing people out of being able to attend. The representative stated that funding for Arts Projects were difficult to obtain. It was agreed that the event would be a community benefit however, all Councillors agreed that the £1500 applied for couldn't be funded by the Parish Council and after discussions a vote was taken on granting £750 with 5 Councillors in favour. The Council resolved to grant £750 to Aylesbury Opera. Cllr

Cox suggested that when the budget is considered in October a budget for Arts Projects should be included.

- 88.2. **Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway Association:** Cllr Breese reported that he had been to visit the site. It had rained the previous night and there was no flow from the railway only from the stream so this has alleviated flooding concerns highlighted at the previous meeting. The amount requested in the grant application was £5830 however, concerns were raised over the benefits to the parish as trains don't actually stop in the Parish, but that if a Bledlow Halt was opened the council's reaction would be more favourable. Cllr Dobson responded that a Halt would be in excess of £100k. A Councillor asked if Chinnor Parish Council and Princes Risborough Town Council had been approached. Cllr Dobson replied that they had been approached however, as the area where the work is being carried out isn't in the parish they wouldn't provide funding however, they had granted funds for other projects. Due to the benefit to the Parish of the sympathetic design of the drainage Cllr Breese proposed a nominal amount is granted of £500. A vote was taken with six Councillors in favour and one Councillor abstaining, therefore the vote was carried and the Parish Council resolved to grant Chinnor and Princes Risborough Railway Association £500.

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

90. **Definitive Map and Statement Project:** A project scope had been circulated to Councillors ahead of the meeting. Cllr Bird confirmed that the closing date for footpaths to be identified is December 2025. Cllr Butler had posted on Next-door website and had received 3 responses, 2 looking for maps and a resident highlighting a footpath which apparently went through Molins which will be looked into. Cllr Butler reported that the Ramblers have their own list of routes and she will look to join the association to compare them against our routes. Cllr Butler asked all Councillors to look at footpaths in their area and cross check them with the map. Cllr Breese asked all Councillors whether they were in favour of setting up a Working Group which will be led by Cllrs Bird and Butler and allocating a budget of £1k. A vote was taken and all Councillors were in agreement and the Parish Council resolved to establish a working group and allocate £1k budget.

91. **Planning Matters:**

New Planning Applications:

- 91.1. 21/07250/CTREE: Holm Dene Church End Bledlow: Recommendations made
- 91.2. 21/07232/FUL: Manor Farm Church End Bledlow: No objection
- 91.3. 21/07293/FUL: 21 Woodland View Saunderton: No objection however, observation made
- 91.4. 21/07457/FUL: Crossview Shootacre Lane: Objection
- 91.5. 21/07471/FUL: Vine Cottage Lee Road Saunderton: No objection

Planning Applications which have been decided:

- 91.6. 21/06628/FUL: Brew House Barn Perry Lane Bledlow: Application Permitted
- 91.7. 21/06629/LBC: Brew House Barn Perry Lane Bledlow: Application withdrawn
- 91.8. 21/06561/CLP: Crossview Shootacre Lane Princes Risborough: Grant Certificate - Proposed Development
- 91.9. 21/07070/ADRC: Land At Capel Farm & The Workshop Capel Farm Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: Permit - detail Reserved by Condition
- 91.10. 20/07387/FUL: Top Meadow Routs Green Bledlow Ridge: Application Permitted
- 91.11. 21/07333/ADRC: Keepers House Wigans Lane Bledlow Ridge: Details Approved
- 91.12. 21/06790/FUL: 8 Hillview Saunderton: Application Permitted
- 91.13. 21/06899/FUL: Bledlow Village Hall Chinnor Road Bledlow: Application Permitted
- 91.14. 21/07103/CTREE: Manor Farm Church End Bledlow: Not to make a Tree Preservation Order
- 91.15. APP/K0425/W/21/3267539: 10 Haw Lane Bledlow Ridge: Appeal Dismissed
- 91.16. 21/06274/FUL: Hunters Gate Deanfield Saunderton: Application Permitted
- 91.17. 21/06757/FUL: Kenbar Smalldean Lane Saunderton: Application Permitted
- 91.18. 21/06842/FUL: 74 Haw Lane Bledlow Ridge: Application Permitted
- 91.19. APP/P0430/W/21/3266409: Bledlow Household Recycling Centre, Wigans Lane: The appeal is dismissed, and planning permission is refused. Cllr Sage reported that the Director who had been appointed by the Parish Council to the CIC stepped down in August 2021. Clerk to contact CIC Directors to request an invitation to the Working Group. **Action: Clerk**

92. Open Enforcement Matters:

- 92.1. 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
- 92.2. 19/05576/FUL (SuDS): Santesdune Way, Smalldean Lane, Saunderton: Being progressed under outstanding actions. Cllr Blackwell and Cllr Etholen to meet onsite and define the issue.

Cllr Blackwell and Cllr Etholen

- 92.3. 20/00397/OP: Crossview Shootacre Lane: Under appeal
- 92.4. 20/00200/OP: The Old House, Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge: Clerk to chase for an update on the retrospective planning permission. **Action: Clerk**
- 92.5. Holpenny Barn Saunderton: Enforcement notice being issued, ongoing.

93. Authorisation of Payments:

The following payments were submitted for approval:

Payments for approval at September 2021 Meeting							
Date	Inv No	Chq No:	Payee	Description	Net Amount	VAT	Amount
		101056	BCSPC	Reinstate Balance on Lloyds Account	£40.78		£40.78
30/07/21	62	101052	G Spratt	July Grass Cutting	£1,245.00	£0.00	£1,245.00
11/08/2021	2205033185	101053	Buckinghamshire Council	Playground Inspection 2021	£44.50	£8.90	£53.40
30/07/2021	1026	101054	TBS Hygiene	Bin Emptying July	£26.25	£5.25	£31.50
17/08/2021	12539	101055	Princes Risborough Town C	Devolved Services Grass Cutting	£213.00	£42.60	£255.60
			Total		£1,528.75	£56.75	£1,585.50
Lloyds Bank Account Spend September 2021 Meeting							
	Invoice No:		Payee	Description	Net Amount	VAT	Amount
							£0.00
							£0.00
			Total		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Standing Orders - September Meeting							
Date	Invoice No:		Payee	Description	Net Amount	VAT	Amount
10/08/2021			Tracey Martin	Salary August	£648.96		£648.96
10/08/2021			Tracey Martin	IT Allowance	£10.00		£10.00
							£0.00
							£0.00
			Total		£658.96	£0.00	£658.96
Lloyds Direct Debits - September Meeting							
Date	Invoice No:		Payee	Description	Net Amount	VAT	Amount
04/08/2021	2030272604	83	IONOS	Monthly charge	£19.99	£4.00	£23.99
07/08/2021	203027298531		IONOS	Monthly charge	£8.99	£1.80	£10.79
15/08/2021	1628999423544		GiffGaff	Monthly top up	£5.00	£1.00	£6.00
			Total		£33.98	£6.80	£40.78

93.1. All payments were approved following a proposal by Cllr Butler and seconded by Cllr Sage.

94. Consider switching of bank accounts to include online banking: The Clerk reported that HSBC will be changing Community Accounts and these will become chargeable as of November 2021. The cost will be £6 per month however, HSBC do not offer the remote signatory access which we require for dual signatory. The Clerk had prepared a report ahead of the meeting and the recommendation was to switch our Community Account to Unity Bank along with the Parish Council reserves. Unity Charge £6 per month for the Community Account however, due to the base rate of interest we would be losing around £60 per year on interest in the savings account. It was agreed that the Clerk will explore options for a high interest account to hold the CIL funds in. Clerk to prepare application form and mandates. **Action: Clerk**

95. Consider and if thought fit approve updated Code of Conduct: Discussions were had on the updated Buckinghamshire Council Code of Conduct. A vote was taken and all Councillors were in agreement to adopt it. Clerk to update website. **Action: Clerk**

96. To consider signing up to the All-Councils Charter: The previously circulated Buckinghamshire Charter was discussed and all Councillors were in favour of signing up to it.

97. To vote on candidate for Chiltern Conservations Board: A vote was taken and all Councillors were in favour of voting for Councillor Reading. Clerk to submit vote: **Action: Clerk**

98. Correspondence, reports and issues from Councillors and Clerk

98.1. Cllr Butler provided an update on the Haw Lane Footpath link. Work will commence at the end of

September. The question was raised of the legal agreement which hasn't yet been received and it was agreed that this would be required before any works start.

- 98.2. Cllr Bird thanked Cllr Breese and the Clerk for arranging payment for Bledlow Village Hall.
- 98.3. Cllr Ingram reported that he had been approached by the Country Store for potential funding for an umbrella and repainting of a bench. It was agreed that the representative of the County Store should complete the required grant application forms and submit these to the Clerk.
- 98.4. The Clerk reported that an email had been received regarding noise from parties at a property which they believe are operating as a business in Deanfield. The Clerk reported that Cllr Etholen has responded to the residents requesting further information and will then liaise with licensing.
- 98.5. The Clerk had received an email from Buckinghamshire Council in regards to submitting views on the new draft licensing policy. It was agreed that all Councillors would respond individually.
- 98.6. The Clerk reported that she had taken on another Parish Council and would also be the Clerk for Great and Little Kimble.
- 98.7. Cllr Sage and Cllr Breese raised the issue of calling in planning application so they are heard in front of the planning committee. It was agreed that if the Parish Council needed to do this the decision should be made by all Councillors and not ward Councillors.

99. **Next meeting:** It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held on Thursday 7th October 2021 at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm

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