



BLEDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Maintenance Committee held at Bledlow Village Hall on
Monday 13th September 2021 at 7.30pm

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

37. **Apologies for absence:** None

38. **Declaration of Interest:** None

39. **Approval of Minutes:**

It was agreed by those councillors present that the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd August 2021 where a true and accurate account of the meeting and the minutes were approved.

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

41. **Review of actions from previous meeting**

- 41.1. Cllr Sage to produce draft consultation for The Crest 28.5. Draft consultation circulated.
- 41.2. Clerk to contact handyman recommended by Cllr Cox 28.9. Still outstanding however, the Clerk has been provided with contact details from a local Parish Council for a handyman.
- 41.3. Clerk to look at alternative surfacing for Meadow Styles 30.1. No alternative to Rubber Mulch or Rubber Matting.
- 41.4. Clerk to check with BT regarding underground cables where phone boxes removed at The Crest and in Bledlow by noticeboard 31.2. Reports circulated.
- 41.5. Clerk to arrange meeting with Church Warden regarding grass cutting 31.4. Meeting arranged for 4th October 2021.
- 41.6. Clerk to obtain updates on flooding 32.1 and 32.2. Update received from LAT.
- 41.7. Clerk to find contractor to clean up milestones 33.1. Carry forward.
- 41.8. Cllr Cox to produce paper for Council on possible small defibrillators 34.1. Awaiting further information.
- 41.9. Clerk to arrange for grass outside Meadow Styles to be strimmed and under hedge cleared 35.2. Requested Contractor carry out work.
- 41.10. Clerk to write a piece for magazines and FB regarding disposing of grass clippings 35.3. Article written for local magazines, Clerk still to post on Facebook. **Action: Clerk**

42. **Devolved Services: To receive an update on taking on additional areas under Devolved Services.**
Action: Clerk

- 42.1. West Lane: The LAT has informed the Parish Council that this area is more of a vegetation cut rather than a grass verge. As this area isn't getting cut Clerk to ask TfB what the schedule is.
- 42.2. Manor Close: Outside edge seems to be an issue. Clerk to request the Parish Council take on under Devolved Services.
- 42.3. Church End: Clerk to request the Parish Council take on under Devolved Services.
- 42.4. Church End / Perry Lane: The Parish Council would consider taking on this area of grass cutting however, would like to understand what traffic management would be required.
- 42.5. Perry Lane: Clerk to ask TfB what the schedule for cutting is.
- 42.6. Hillview: Clerk to clarify with Buckinghamshire Council that the Parish Council were enquiring about taking on additional grass here.
- 42.7. Slough Lane: Additional two verges could be added. Clerk to liaise with Devolved Services.
- 42.8. Chinnor Road verge on south side of S bend: Clerk to ask TfB for the schedule of cuts as this is a safety issue as walkers often use this stretch of road.
- 42.9. Chinnor Road verges on south west side within 30mph limit: Clerk to ask why this cannot be considered as The Crest is devolved why can the other side of the road not be.

43. Meadow Styles: Review of quote following RoSPA report.

43.1. The quote was reviewed and items considered. It was agreed to propose to full council the following works: Basket Swing Repairs, securing of fixings on swings, sandpit maintenance, removal of sharp fixings on seesaw and cableway repairs at a total cost of £1,230. Cllr Sage and the Clerk will visit Meadow Styles and review the recommendations for the repairs around the free-standing slide. If this is required this will be an additional £420. Councillors also discussed the re-painting of the equipment which had been recommended it was agreed that this will be deferred until the spring (if needed). **Action: Cllr Sage & Clerk**

44. Parish Maintenance:

44.1. **Review of underground cables at The Crest and Bledlow:** The Clerk had circulated reports ahead of the meeting. The Crest is for information only. Discussions were had on the Bledlow site where a Councillor had requested that the tarmac be removed and replaced with grass where previously a BT phone box had been cited. Councillors raised a concern as to who owns the land. Clerk to check on the land registry and report back. **Action: Clerk**

44.2. **Bins:** No progress from Buckinghamshire Council.

44.3. **Removal of concrete outside The Lions:** The previously circulated quote was discussed. As only one quote had been received Councillors requested another is sourced. **Action: Clerk**

44.4. **Consider and if thought fit approve quote for Crownfield Bus Shelter Repairs:** The previously circulated quote was discussed and approved at a cost of £336.44.

44.5. **Consider quotes for closed fronts of noticeboards:** The previously circulated quote was discussed. It was agreed to proceed with the quote for sliding doors at a cost of £200.98

44.6. **Management of Holy Trinity Grass Cutting:** A meeting has been scheduled for 4th October.

44.7. **Review of updated tree report for Holy Trinity church and approval of quote for recommended works:** Due to only receiving the report a week ago only one quote had been received. Clerk awaiting a further to quotes and will report back. **Action: Clerk**

44.8. **The Crest Consultation on grass and hedge works:** Cllr Sage had circulated a draft consultation. Discussions were had and some amendments proposed. It was agreed that it will be distributed through Contact magazine and posted directly to those overlooking The Crest.

45. CIL Eligible Projects:

45.1. Discussions were had on the previously discussed suggestion of a bench around the tree on Bledlow Green. The majority of Councillors felt that due to having to have a raised platform vs the height of the trees it would not be practical. It would also impact on the character of The Green so this will not be pursued at this time.

45.2. It was also agreed to remove this item from future agendas.

46. Correspondence, reports and issues: None

47. Next meeting:

47.1. The Clerk stated that meetings had only booked until November and asked whether we should stay to the same schedule. Discussions were had and it was agreed that meetings would now take place every other month with the next meeting being 15th November 2021.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

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