



BLEDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Bledlow Village Hall on
Thursday 4th November 2021 at 7.30pm

**Present: Councillors: S Breese (Chairman), S Reading (Vice Chairman), N Cox,
J Butler, S Bird, D Dobson, N Ingram,
Clerk: Tracey Martin
Buckinghamshire Councillor: S Adoh
One member of the public**

A member of the public was in attendance and raised concerns about the Lydebrook footpath. Now that the weather is getting worse the stream is flooding and the bridges on the alternative route are sometimes dangerous. Member of the public also reported that a dead tree had fallen into the brook which had been reported on FixMyStreet however, no action had been taken. Member of the public will share details with the Clerk and Cllr Adoh.

118. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Sage.
Buckinghamshire Councillors: Cllr Etholen and Cllr Carington
119. **Dispensations:** None
120. **To approve the Full Council minutes of the meeting held on 7th October 2021:** It was agreed by those councillors present that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th October 2021 were a true and accurate account of the meeting. The minutes were approved following a proposal by Cllr Butler and seconded by Cllr Bird.
121. **To receive an update from Buckinghamshire Councillor:**
- 121.1. **Lydebrook Road and Footpath Closure:** Cllr Adoh reported that the Buckinghamshire Officer has been off but is now back and that the Buckinghamshire Councillors are pushing the matter and are attempting to get a Cabinet Member involved. Cllr Breese emphasised the need for this matter to be progressed.
- 121.2. **Pot Holes:** No issues
- 121.3. **North Mill Road Sinkhole:** Discussions were had on the sinkhole and the email which had been received by the Local Area Technician who had stated that it isn't considered an urgent priority but will be monitored. The Parish Council is not content with this action and asked Cllr Adoh to follow this up. The Clerk will also look at the land registry to check the ownership of the area where the sink hole is located. **Action: Cllr Adoh / Clerk**
122. **Outstanding Actions:**
- 122.1. **Piccadilly:** Cllr Breese stated that TFB's revised costing of £26,087 was too high as the Parish Council had only been willing to contribute £6-7k approx. to the project and the Community Board are only prepared to contribute 50%. An alternative solution had been suggested by the Community Boards and the Parish Council is awaiting costing information.
- 122.2. **Rapid Rural:** Cllr Reading reported that there is no update. Rapid Rural are in discussions with the Parochial Church Council. Cllr Reading added that the Facebook group had only had two users come forward although Cllr Breese suggested there were more.
- 122.3. **HS2:** Cllr Reading had circulated an update prior to the meeting which stated that decisions had been delayed.
123. **Report from Committees and Working Groups:**
- 123.1. **Parish Maintenance Committee:** The Parish Maintenance Committee had not met in October so there was no update.
- 123.2. Cllr Butler asked for an update on the dog waste bin outside Meadow Styles which despite being covered up is still being used. Unfortunately, the current waste provider will not empty as they do not know how long the waste has been there. The Clerk has raised this with the Waste Contract Manager of Buckinghamshire Council and he has asked one of his colleagues if they can empty as a one off. Discussions were had on removing the bin and it was agreed to ask Buckinghamshire to take the bin and waste. If they will not remove the physical bin then the bin will be removed with the pole remaining in place for the time being.

- 123.3. Cllr Butler reported two overgrown hedges on in Haw Lane and the other in Chinnor Road. Cllr Butler will share photos and details with the Clerk. **Action: Cllr Butler**
- 123.4. **Definitive Map and Statement Project Working Group:** Cllr Bird reported that not all Parish Councillors had stepped forward to volunteer. It was agreed that all Councillors would be allocated an area. Cllr Butler will bring maps to the next meeting highlighting which paths have been checked and no issues have been found.
- 123.5. A dedicated email address has been set up footpaths@bcspc.org.uk
- 123.6. Cllr Butler asked Councillors what they would like to do regarding footpaths which are used but not registered. Discussions were had on writing to landowners asking if they would consider a permissive footpath however, these can't be used by cycles or horses due to being a permissive path. This will need to be discussed further.

124. **Applications for Grants:** No applications had been received.

125. **Planning Matters:** The Planning Schedule had been circulated prior to the meeting and Cllr Breese asked Councillors to ratify the comments which had been prepared for submission:

New Planning Applications:

- 21/07843/FUL: Barn at Rear of Little Acorns Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: Bledlow cum Saunderton Parish Council is concerned that the proposal is for a four-bedroom house although it is showing a bunk bed in the fifth upstairs room. This would contravene the neighbourhood plan.
- The roof elevation appears higher than the original agreed proposal and is in excess of the original barn.
- APP/K0425/D/21/3275603: Crossview Shootacre Lane Princes Risborough: An appeal has been made against refusal of planning application 21/05088/FUL
- 21/07874/FUL: Grangewood Chapel Lane Bledlow Ridge: Bledlow cum Saunderton Parish Council perceive this to be a considerable development which is in violation of the neighbourhood plan due to the 5 bedrooms and therefore would like to object to this application. The proposal states it is within the volume of the original buildings however, the floor plans include the ancillary accommodation which was the 4-bay original garage. This has been granted as an extension to temporary ancillary accommodation within the last year and this is now using that permission as a permanent agreement for the application. This would be outside the remit of permitted development. The design statement declares the roof ridge height is largely the same but plans show an increase in height on the south east and southwest aspects.
- 21/07442/REM: OS Parcel 8300 Chinnor Road Bledlow: Objection to be submitted, full details of the response to be finalised.
- 21/08019/FUL & 21/08020/LBC: The Cottage West Lane Bledlow: Objection to be submitted, full details of the response to be finalised.
- 21/08058/MINAMD: Land at Capel Farm & The Workshop Capel Farm Chinnor Road: Notification only no comment required
- 21/08030/FUL: Dove Cottage Holly Green Lane Bledlow: We have no objection to the extension but have concerns over the conversion of the garage as this is the properties only parking space. The dwelling already falls short of the Countywide Parking Guidance.
- 21/08149/ADRC: OS Parcel 8300 Chinnor Road Bledlow: Notification only no comment required
- All Councillors were in agreement and comments will be submitted.

Planning Applications which have been decided:

- 21/06853/FUL: Global Works Lee Road Saunderton: Application Permitted
- 21/07471/FUL: Vine Cottage Lee Road Saunderton: Application Refused
- 21/07591/TPO: 51 Saunderton Vale Saunderton: Application Permitted
- 21/07663/FUL: 11 The Crest Bledlow Ridge: Application Permitted
- 21/07711/CTREE: Holy Trinity Church Church End Bledlow: Not to make a Tree Preservation Order
- 21/07457/FUL: Crossview Shootacre Lane Princes Risborough: Application Refused

126. **Open Enforcement Matters:**

- 126.1.21/00344/OP: Longwood Farm, Lee Road: No update
- 126.2.20/00382/OP: 66 Haw Lane Bledlow Ridge Appellants have appealed to the First Secretary against an Enforcement Notice issued by Wycombe District Council on 01.07.2021
- 126.3.19/05576/FUL (SuDS): Santesdune Way, Smalldean Lane, Saunderton: No update
- 126.4.20/00397/OP: Crossview Shootacre Lane: Under appeal
- 126.5.20/00200/OP: The Old House, Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge: No update
- 126.6.Holpenny Barn Saunderton: No update

127. **Authorisation of Payments:**

The following payments were submitted for approval:

Payee	Description	Net Amount	VAT	Amount
BCSPC	Reinstate Balance on Lloyds Account	£930.64		£930.64
TBS Hygiene	Bin emptying September	£21.00	£4.20	£25.20
Reids	Repairs to playground	£1,230.00	£246.00	£1,476.00
G Spratt	Grounds Maintenance	£675.00		£675.00
	Total	£2,856.64	£250.20	£3,106.84

Lloyds Bank Account Spend

Payee	Description	Net Amount	VAT	Amount
Post Office	12 second class stamps	£7.92		£7.92
Amazon	Laminating Pouches	£10.95		£10.95
Poppy Shop	3 x Wreaths	£44.97	£9.00	£53.97
Insurance		£806.64		£806.64
	Total	£870.48	£9.00	£879.48

Standing Orders

Payee	Description	Net Amount	VAT	Amount
Tracey Martin	Salary October	£648.96		£648.96
Tracey Martin	IT Allowance	£10.00		£10.00
	Total	£658.96	£0.00	£658.96

Lloyds Direct Debits

Payee	Description	Net Amount	VAT	Amount
IONOS	Monthly charge	£19.99	£4.00	£23.99
IONOS	Monthly charge	£17.64	£3.53	£21.17
GiffGaff	Monthly top up	£5.00	£1.00	£6.00
	Total	£42.63	£8.53	£51.16

127.1. All payments were approved following a proposal by Cllr Reading and seconded by Cllr Butler.

128. **To Note Quarter 2 Accounts:** The quarter 2 accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting and were discussed and noted. Cllr Cox had also signed off the quarter 2 accounts.

129. **To consider and if thought fit approve budget for 2022/2023:** The draft budget had been circulated prior to the meeting. An amendment was made to the election costs for 2021/2022 and the insurance budget for 2022/2023 was increased to £810. A vote was taken and all Councillors were in agreement and the budget was approved.

The Chairman with agreement from Councillors switched agenda items 13 (131) and 14 (130) around in order for Councillor Adoh to be present when discussing Bledlow Ridge Household Waste Recycling Centre.

130. **Bledlow Ridge Household Waste Recycling Centre:** Cllr Breese reported that a meeting of the Consultation Group had taken place, however Bledlow cum Saunderton Parish Council had not been invited. This was contrary to an agreement made by email in April 2021 with Carl Etholen acting in his capacity as a Director of the CIC (who is also a Buckinghamshire Councillor) agreeing that all communications should be through the Clerk. This is a most contentious issue and councillors expressed concern that the Community Infrastructure Company was not engaging with the community most affected by the site. Cllr Adoh will follow up with Cllr Etholen.

Action: Cllr Adoh / Carl Etholen

131. **To approve appointment of Internal Auditor:** Proposals from two auditors had been circulated ahead of the meeting. Discussions were had and it was agreed to proposed with the recommendation of the Clerk and to appoint Jane Olds.

132. **Correspondence, reports and issues from Councillors and Clerk**

132.1. Cllr Bird reported that an email had been received regarding the Princes Risborough Southern Link project which looks promising. It states that they are preparing briefing materials to hold a consultation. The email indicated that it is a Princes Risborough issue but we need to ensure that Bledlow-cum-Saunderton is properly consulted as all the housing on Shootacre Lane is within the Parish.

132.2. Cllr Ingram reported he is looking at Jubilee celebration ideas. He noted that the Community Board had asked that any requests for road closures be made at the earliest opportunity so that these could be handled in bulk.

132.3. Cllr Ingram reported that he is putting 100 red teddy bears on teddy bear corner which will be raising money for the Royal British Legion in their Centenary year.

133. **Next meeting:** It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd December 2021 at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm

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