



BLEDLLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

APPENDIX A

Meeting of Councillors held via Zoom on Thursday 6th January 2022 at 6pm

Present: Councillors: S Breese (Chairman), S Reading (Vice Chairman), A Sage, N Cox, J Butler, S Bird, D Dobson,

Clerk: Tracey Martin

Buckinghamshire Councillor: C Etholen

Due to rising Covid levels the parish councillors held a meeting via Zoom ahead of the Parish Council meeting. Members of the public were welcome to attend both meetings. No decisions were made during the Zoom meeting.

1. **Update from Buckinghamshire Councillors:**

- 1.1. Cllr Etholen reported that unfortunately the meeting with the LAT regarding North Mill Road had not taken place in December but will be rescheduled.
- 1.2. Surface treatment works are scheduled to be carried out on Shootacre Lane from the 17th January and Lee Road from the 24th January.
- 1.3. Footway improvements works are scheduled for the 10th January on the Wycombe Road, Princes Risborough from Lee Road to the junction near to Woodway and Upper Icknield Way.
- 1.4. Cllr Breese asked if there was any update on Lydebrook: Cllr Etholen stated that the Officer had been off but would hope to receive the report in the next couple of weeks.
- 1.5. Cllr Bird reported that the letter they had received stated that Shootacre Lane was being resurfaced not patched.

2. **Piccadilly:** Cllr Breese reported that a meeting had taken place with a TfB Project Manager. Who had suggested that smaller projects could be batched together which would mean some of the costs could be shared, Cllr Carington is looking for a partner project. Cllr Breese will be writing to the Cabinet Member for Transport highlighting the issues including that TfB are set up for large projects and not smaller projects typical of rural areas.

3. **Saunderton Parking Restrictions:** Cllr Etholen reported that the parking restrictions will be coming into force next month. Councillors requested that Cllr Etholen share details of the scheme with the Clerk to be circulated to Councillors and also shared on the website and Facebook so residents are aware of the new scheme.

Action: Cllr Etholen

4. **New Entrance off B4009:** Cllr Cox raised a concern with the sleepers which are surrounding the VAS on the B4009 as approached from Longwick after a new entrance has been created which has left the VAS in the middle of the entrance. Cllr Etholen to look into and report back.

Action: Cllr Etholen

5. **Rapid Rural:** Cllr Reading informed Councillors that he had written to the Church before Christmas and received a holding reply that they will revert back in the New Year.

6. **HS2:** Cllr Reading reported that he had received an email prior to Christmas that 7-8 projects had been approved but unfortunately the Parish Council's had not been one off them.

7. **Parish Maintenance Committee:** No meetings have taken place.

8. **Definitive Map and Statement Working Group:** Cllr Butler reported that lots of information had been received from residents. This information takes a long time to assess but an updated map will be circulated in the next few weeks. Cllr Butler raised a concern with the amount of time it takes to report the issues through FixMyStreet. The Clerk reported that there is an alternative website to report footpath issues and will share the link. Cllr Etholen added that if no action is taken on reported issues to send him an email and he will follow up. Cllr Etholen also highlighted that there are two versions of FixMyStreet and recommended clicking on the Buckinghamshire version.

9. **Planning Responses:**

- 9.1. The schedule was reviewed, and Cllr Sage will prepare some draft wording for 21/07442/REM
- 9.2. Cllr Cox raised a concern that 21/07874/FUL was granted permission as the neighbourhood plan has not been adhered too. A draft letter is being prepared to send through to Planning on this matter.

10. **Devolution of Hillview:** Discussions were had and Councillors supportive of the Hillview Devolution. A vote will be taken at the Parish Council meeting.
11. **Precept:** The precept was discussed and opinions gathered on whether the band D tax should remain the same or decrease. This will be reviewed and voted on at the Parish Council meeting.
12. **To review and if thought fit approve Assets of Community Value Nomination for Kedai Stores:** It was highlighted that the shop is no longer called the Kedai Stores. Councillors were supportive of the nomination. A vote will be taken in the Parish Council meeting.
13. **Any Other Business:**
 - 13.1. Cllr Bird asked if there had been any responses to the leaflets which Cllr Reading had dropped looking for a new Councillor. Cllr Reading responded that there had been two replies, forms had been sent out to them so waiting replies.
14. **Bledlow Ridge Household Recycling Centre, Wigans Lane:**
 - 14.1. Cllr Etholen reported that he had been taken aback by the announcement of the reopening of the Household Recycling Centre and also the proposed renaming of the site which had been leaked information from a confidential meeting. Budgets are currently being looked at and that any decisions will be made at the Full Buckinghamshire Council meeting in February and that it is out of his hands and now with the Cabinet Portfolio Members.
 - 14.2. Cllr Reading stated that on the Buckinghamshire website there is money set aside for HRC and lorries but it doesn't specifically refer to Bledlow.
 - 14.3. Cllr Bird highlighted a report on the Buckinghamshire Council website called Draft Revenue Budget and Capital Programme which states "Additional income from the introduction of Green Waste charging in the Wycombe area (to bring this in line with the rest of the County) will generate £1.1m of extra income, which will be partly offset by the additional HRC facilities within the Princes Risborough area".
 - 14.4. Cllr Breese noted that Cllr Etholen and his two colleagues had made a manifesto to support the reopening of the recycling centre. He then asked Cllr Etholen what his approach would be to the reopening: would it simply be reopened in its previous state or would he and his colleagues press for the issues such as lack of surplus capacity identified in his letter to Martin Tett be addressed. Councillor Etholen responded that if there were any issues these would be addressed.
 - 14.5. Cllr Etholen added that he had spoken to the Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment expressing his wish to be involved and that there are aspects to be discussed. Due to the timing of the Buckinghamshire Council meeting Cllr Etholen will not have an update by the next Parish Council meeting.