



BLEDLow-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Bledlow Village Hall on
Thursday 3rd March 2022 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: S Breese (Chairman), S Reading (Vice Chairman), A Sage, N Cox, S Bird, D Dobson and L Booth
Clerk: Tracey Martin
Buckinghamshire Councillor: C Etholen
2 Members of the Public

A member of the public was in attendance to raise concerns with the speed of traffic on the B4009, Chinnor Road and what can be done for traffic calming, reducing speeds and increasing the footpath width. Discussions were had and Cllr Etholen stated that TfB had cleared the footpath in another Parish which had in turn widened the path and this could be discussed with TfB. Clerk to share details of the enquiry with Cllr Etholen and Cllr Etholen to liaise with TfB. Discussions were had on Speedwatch and the resident stated they would be happy to volunteer.
Action: Clerk / Cllr Etholen

186. **Apologies for absence:** Councillor Ingram and Cllr Butler
Buckinghamshire Councillors Cllr Adoh and Cllr Carington
187. **Declaration of Interests and Dispensations:** None received.
188. **To approve the Full Council minutes of the meeting held on 3rd February 2022:** The minutes were approved following a proposal by Cllr Dobson and Cllr Reading.
189. **To Co-opt Councillor for the Saunderton Ward:** Louise Booth had submitted an application for the Saunderton Vacancy. Cllr Reading proposed the co-option and Cllr Bird seconded and a vote was taken and all Councillors were in favour of co-opting Louise Booth. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed and Louise Booth was appointed as a Councillor for the Saunderton Ward.
190. **To receive an update from Buckinghamshire Councillors:**
- 190.1. **Lydebrook:** Cllr Breese stated that the Senior Definitive Map Officer had stated that they will put a deadline in place of the end of March for witness statements. No update had been received on the road.
- 190.2. **North Mill Road Sinkhole:** A meeting had taken place on site with the Ridgeway West Councillors, TfB and a member from the Flood Management Team. Cllr Etholen stated that the advice had been to wait until the building works had been completed at the end of North Mill Road but funding is an issue. It was agreed to remove from the agenda.
191. **Outstanding Actions:**
- 191.1. **Piccadilly:** Cllr Breese has written to the Cabinet Member for Transport asking for help with making smaller projects possible and for this to be considered when the contract is reviewed in April 2023. It was agreed to remove from the agenda until further news has been received.
- 191.2. **Rapid Rural:** Cllr Reading stated that a meeting had still not been arranged between the church and Rapid Rural but will schedule before the next Parish Council meeting.
Action: Cllr Reading
- 191.3. **HS2:** It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.
192. **Report from Committees and Working Groups:**
- Parish Maintenance Committee:**
- 192.1. Cllr Reading reported that the next meeting will take place on the 14th March 2022 and that the hedge at The Crest had now been cut, there are still some arisings to be removed.
- Definitive Map and Statement Project Working Group:**
- 192.2. Cllr Bird reported that now all footpaths have been reviewed and as requested by Rights of Way the majority of issues have been reported on the Rights of Way portal. Cllr Bird stated that a number of the works are quite minor like replacing way markers and finger pointers and asked Councillors if they would consider the Parish Council funding. It was agreed that the way markers and finger pointers could be funded from the initial £1k which had budgeted for the Working Group.

192.3. Cllr Bird asked whether the Parish Council would consider funding the replacement of stiles to kissing gates. Discussions were had on possible funding from the Community Boards and it was agreed that Cllr Bird and Cllr Butler will prepare a report detailing costings for the replacement of gates and signs for the next meeting. **Action: Cllr Bird and Cllr Butler**

193. **Applications for Grants:**

Bledlow Ridge Jubilee Celebrations:

193.1. Cllr Cox stated that a formal grant application is forthcoming.

Bledlow with Saunderton and Horsenden Parochial Church Council application for £1,500 towards Jubilee Celebrations:

193.2. Cllr Breese explained that the clerk had checked with BALC regarding funding a grant to the PCC. BALC has confirmed in this case it was allowable as it is for the benefit of the whole Parish. The grant application form and supporting papers had been circulated ahead of the meeting and the Committee Chair provided further information to Councillors. Cllr Sage proposed the application and Cllr Booth seconded and a vote was taken with all in favour of approving the grant of £1,500. To be added to the April payment schedule.

194. **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:

- Appeal: APP/K0425/W/21/3284346: Holpenny Barn Upper Icknield Way Saunderton: No further comment to make
- 22/05205/FUL: Crossview Shootacre Lane Princes Risborough: Bledlow cum Saunderton Parish Council object to this application and would like to make the following comments:
The building is large and square, out of keeping with surrounding development and will negatively impact the landscape of the AONB. The proposed amendments and reductions do little to address the observations made by the inspector with regards the dismissed appeal for the current building. By virtue of the large areas of glazing facing the property and neighbouring properties it will result in a loss of privacy of neighbouring dwellings. Furthermore, the large areas of glazing will result in significant increased light pollution with a specific impact on neighbouring properties who previously benefitted from dark open countryside to rear at night times. It is considered in this regards the application is contrary to Policy 6 of the Neighbourhood Plan.
The siting of a building of this scale at this distance from the existing building would result in a significant extension of the de facto rear building line on Shootacre Lane and consequently has a negative impact on the openness of the greenbelt.
The site lies within the archaeological notification area
- 22/05476/PNP3Q: Barns on Land Between Cuttle Brook and Jannock Cottage Chinnor Road Bledlow: No comment to make
- 22/05333/FUL: Garage Building The Residence Wycombe Road Saunderton: No objection
- 22/05145/FUL: Manor House Farm Perry Lane Bledlow: No objection
- 22/05412/FUL: Keepers House Wigans Lane Bledlow Ridge: Comment still to be decided due to the late arrival of the application
- 22/05142/FUL: The Clock House Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: Comment still to be decided due to the late arrival of the application
- 22/05439/CTREE: Manor Farm Church End Bledlow: Comment still to be decided due to the late arrival of the application
- Concerns were raised that Buckinghamshire Council do not seem to be allowing extensions to applications recently. Cllr Etholen to discuss with planning. **Action: Cllr Etholen**

Planning Applications which have been decided:

- 21/07442/REM: OS Parcel 8300 Chinnor Road Bledlow: Application permitted. Cllr Sage stated that the Parish Council had asked for this application to be called in so was surprised to see this permitted. Officers report to be reviewed.
- 21/08652/TPO: Piggotts Church End Bledlow: Application refused
- 21/08306/OUT: HL3 & HL4 Haw Lane Saunderton: Application withdrawn. Cllr Breese explained he had received a report that the land has been sold and that the new owner is looking to resurrect the commercial permissions.
- 21/08500/FUL: Winterfold Lee Road Saunderton: Application refused
- 21/08409/FUL: Holly Green House Holly Green Lane Bledlow: Application permitted
- 22/05022/TPO: 50 Saunderton Vale Saunderton: Application permitted
- 21/08592/FUL: Holly Green Farm Sandpit Lane Bledlow: Application permitted

- APP/K0425/C/21/3281580 & APP/K0425/C/21/3281581 20/00382/OP: 66 Haw Lane Bledlow Ridge: The appeal is allowed, the enforcement notice is quashed, and planning permission is granted subject to condition(s)

It was agreed to move to agenda item 12 in order for the invoice to be approved.

195. **To ratify the decision to proceed with new signage for the Haw Lane permissive footpath at a cost of £1257.04 + VAT:** A vote was taken and all Councillors were in favour and the decision was ratified.

196. **Authorisation of Payments:** The following payments were submitted for approval:

Payee	Description	Net Amount	VAT	Amount
BCSPC	Reinstate Balance on Lloyds Account	£41.30		£41.30
BRVH	PMC Meeting – March	£35.00		£35.00
TBS Hygiene	Bin Emptying January 22	£21.00	£4.20	£25.20
Royal Mail	PO Box Subscription – Annual	£236.25	£47.25	£283.50
WDALC	Subscription 22/23	£15.00		£15.00
Ringway Jacobs	Installation Pedestrian Signs by Permissive Path Haw Lane	£1,257.04	£251.41	£1,508.45
TBS Hygiene	Bin Emptying February 2022	£21.00	£4.20	£25.20
Total		£1626.59	£307.06	£1933.65

Lloyds Bank Account Spend March 2021 Meeting

Post Office Ltd	Sending 2 x letters recorded & signed	£13.70		£13.70
Post Office Ltd	Sending Letter	£2.25		£2.25
Artizian	Meeting with potential Cllr	£4.95		£4.95
Total		£20.90		£20.90

Standing Orders – March Meeting

Tracey Martin	Salary February	£648.96		£648.96
Tracey Martin	IT Allowance	£10.00		£10.00
Total		£658.96		£658.96

Lloyds Direct Debits – March Meeting

IONOS	Monthly Charge	£12.00	£2.40	£14.40
GiffGaff	Monthly top up	£5.00	£1.00	£6.00
Total		£17.00	£3.40	£20.40

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

Action: Cllr Dobson and Cllr Breese will approve the payments online

197. **Bledlow Ridge Household Waste Recycling Centre:** Cllr Etholen reported that at this stage there is no news on the future of the site. The Full Buckinghamshire Council met last week and a budget has been allocated to improve Household Recycling Centre provisions in the Princes Risborough area. Cllr Etholen has spoken with the Cabinet Portfolio Member for Waste and Environment and it has been agreed that as soon as there is some news, he will engage and report back to the Parish Council. Cllr Breese stated that once any news is received a sub-committee will be set up with a representative from each ward.

198. **To consider whether to write a response to the Luton Airport Consultation:** Cllr Breese asked Councillors whether a response should be submitted as it will mean there will be flights over the Parish. It was agreed that Cllr Reading will draft a response and circulate to Councillors for approval.

199. **Correspondence, reports and issues from Councillors and Clerk:**

- 199.1. The Clerk reported that the nomination for Community Asset status for The Country Store has been accepted.
- 199.2. Cllr Cox reported that Thames Water will be laying new water mains pipes from The Boot to the Village Hall and the works will take around 20 weeks commencing in May 22.
- 199.3. Cllr Cox raised a concern with a trackway that has been laid in Scrubbs Lane. Cllr Cox to obtain photos and send to the Clerk to report to enforcement. **Action: Cllr Cox / Clerk**
- 199.4. Cllr Cox stated that a Manège had been erected by Molins site which has no planning permission. As above Cllr Cox obtain pictures and send to Clerk. **Action: Cllr Cox / Clerk**
- 199.5. Cllr Sage asked whether the fence adjacent to the common land pond had been reported to enforcement. It has not, Clerk to report. **Action: Clerk**

- 199.6. Cllr Dobson reported that Bledlow Choir are looking to put on a concert to support Ukraine. All Councillors in principle were supportive.
- 199.7. Cllr Reading reported that Bledlow Ridge School is looking to replace the awning which has deteriorated and will be submitting a grant application in due course.
- 199.8. Cllr Reading raised a concern that had been received from a resident who lives on the A4010 by The Golden Cross who has requested that the footpath be extended to the front of his property. Discussions were had and it was agreed that the Parish Council will not proceed on this matter due to the direct benefit only being one resident and there being a footpath on the opposite side of the road which can be used.
- 199.9. Cllr Reading had received correspondence from a Bledlow Ridge resident regarding speeding traffic in Bledlow Ridge. Discussions were had and Cllr Etholen stated that a feasibility study could be carried out at a cost of around £5K. Cllr Etholen to check what Buckinghamshire Council's Policy is on the lighting requirements due to the Parish Council having a dark skies policy and lighting being required for Chicanes and speedbumps. Cllr Reading to prepare a proposal and report back to full council. **Action: Cllr Reading**
- 199.10. Cllr Etholen welcomed Cllr Booth to the Parish Council.
- 199.11. Cllr Etholen stated that the parking lines in Slough Lane, Saunderton have been completed and the parking restrictions in Deanfield Close implemented.
- 199.12. Introductions were made by Councillors for the benefit of new co-opted Councillor Louise Booth.

200. **Next meeting:** It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held on Thursday 7th April 2022 at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall with the Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7pm followed by the Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.22pm

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