



BLEDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Maintenance Committee held at Bledlow Ridge Village
Hall on Monday 14th March 2022 at 7.30pm

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

58. **Apologies for absence:** As the meeting with quorate Cllr Breese was not required to attend.
59. **Declaration of Interest:** None
60. **Approval of Minutes:** It was agreed by those councillors present that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th November 2021 where a true and accurate account of the meeting and the minutes were approved.
61. **Members of the Public Invited to Speak:** No members of public present.
62. **Review of actions from previous meeting**
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| 62.1. | Devolved Services Additional Areas
To be discussed under item 63 | Clerk |
| 62.2. | Quote for removal of concrete outside The Lions:
Quote received to be discussed under item 65.3 | Clerk |
| 62.3. | Holy Trinity Grass – Liaise with Contractor to see if have relevant equipment:
To be discussed under item 65.4 | Clerk |
| 62.4. | The Crest Hedge arrange quotes
The Crest quotes had been reviewed and the works now complete | Clerk |
| 62.5. | The Crest BT cable – Contact OpenReach
To be discussed under item 65.6 | Clerk |
| 62.6. | Quote for repairing headstones – amended | Clerk |
| 62.7. | Community Board Benches – 4 requested
Requested | Clerk |
| 62.8. | Field Entrance B4009 drainage / soak away – liaise with TfB
Reported and Highways have confirmed that this is an illegal installation and will be dealt with by the Streetworks licensing team. | Clerk |
63. **Devolved Services:** Unfortunately, despite emails requesting an update no progress has been made. Cllr Reading to raise at the Parish Council meeting and ask Cllr Breese to consider writing to the Cabinet Member responsible for Devolved Services. **Action: Cllr Reading**
64. **Meadow Styles: To consider quote for works at Meadow Styles including Rubber Mulch and changing the orientation of the slide.** It was agreed to proceed with rubber mulch as agreed at the December 2021 Parish Council meeting. Clerk to arrange but request that the work is not carried out during school holidays. **Action: Clerk**
65. **Parish Maintenance:**
- 65.1. **Bins:** The Clerk reported she had made contact with the Contract Monitoring Officer of Buckinghamshire Council / Veolia Services who has requested locations of the bins and in turn will advise on feasibility and costs. Discussions were had and it was agreed to proceed with the following bins: Start of bridle path on Haw Lane in the direction of Lodge Hill farm and on Wigan's Lane by the footpath towards Lodge Hill. There had been three other bins requests which were not approved by the committee: Adjacent to the stile at The Lions of Bledlow, outside The Country Store and outside Meadow Styles.
- 65.2. **Consider request for the bin at the top of Haw Lane / Chinnor Road to be relocated closer to Meadow Styles:** Discussions were had and it was agreed by all those present that the bin should not be moved.
- 65.3. **Consider quote for the removal of concrete outside The Lions:** Two quotes had been circulated ahead of the meeting. Discussions were had and it was agreed to proceed with the quote from Grafham Construction at a cost of £180.

- 65.4. **Management of Holy Trinity Grass Cutting:** The Church Warden has requested that the grass be mown twice per year in July and the second cut in October / November and for behind the church to receive a third cut which would be after the primroses have flowered so April or May. They have requested a reticulated mower or similar and that grass cuttings are collected. Clerk to obtain quote from G Spratt to cut with this machinery. Current cost of cutting the grass at Bledlow Churchyard is £100 and it is cut six times per year. Assuming the quote comes within this the Parish Council will proceed.
- 65.5. **The Crest Consultation on grass and hedge works:** Cllr Sage stated that he is working on the consultation and online form and would hope that it would be ready for distribution in Spring / Summer.
- 65.6. **The Crest Tree / BT Issue:** The Clerk had discussed this with the Local Area Technician and he has confirmed that this would be the responsibility of BT to cut back if it is causing issues on their lines. Remove from agenda.
- 65.7. **Review quote for repairing of headstones at Bledlow and Saunderton Burial Ground:** The quote was discussed and it was agreed to proceed with the below works at a cost of £1,490 through Creative Memorials:
Saunderton Burial Ground: Stand up four headstones which have been laid down.
Bledlow Burial Ground: Tidy up the three headstones which have been laid down ensuring inscription is facing up and headstone is laid straight and to make safe the headstone for Clarke which is currently unsafe but too large to move.
For the work to be carried out a faculty will need to be completed. **Action: Clerk**

66. Correspondence, reports and issues:

- 66.1. The Clerk reported that she had received an email from Princes Risborough Town Council asking if we wish to proceed with them carrying out Devolved Service cuts in the next financial year. All approved as this has been budgeted for.
- 66.2. Discussions were had regarding the resident which disposes of clippings at The Crest within the hedge. Although the Parish Council is grateful that they cut an area of the grass the clippings encourage bramble growth. Clerk to write to the resident asking them not to dispose of the clippings into the hedge. **Action: Clerk**
- 66.3. The Clerk reported that during the storms a Veolia refuse lorry drove across The Crest damaging the grass. This has been reported to Veolia who are liaising with their insurance company.

67. **Next meeting:** Discussions were had on future meeting dates. The next meeting of the Parish Maintenance Committee will be on Monday 16th May 2022 following this the Committee meetings will be moved to the 2nd Thursday after the Parish Council meeting starting at 8pm.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

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