



BLEDLow-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall on
Thursday 7th April 2022 at 7.30pm

**Present: Councillors: S Breese (Chairman), S Reading (Vice Chairman), A Sage,
N Cox, D Dobson and J Butler**
Clerk: Tracey Martin
Buckinghamshire Councillor: Robert Carington
2 Members of the Public

1. **Apologies for absence:** Councillor Ingram, Cllr Booth and Cllr Bird
Buckinghamshire Councillors Cllr Adoh and Cllr Etholen
2. **Declaration of Interests and Dispensations:** None received.
3. **To approve the Full Council minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2022:** The minutes were approved following a proposal by Cllr Ingram and Cllr Cox.

Due to representatives for the grant application attending the meeting the Chairman proposed moving to agenda item 7. All Councillors were in favour

4. **Application for Grants:**
Platinum Jubilee Celebrations: An application had been received for £2,500 from a member of the public looking to arrange a jubilee celebration at the Cricket Club in Bledlow Ridge. The original application had involved the funds being held by Bledlow Ridge Village Hall in which Cllr Reading declared an interest however, after discussions and with the Chairman of the Cricket Club present it was agreed that Bledlow Ridge Cricket Club would hold the funds. The Chairman of the Cricket Club to write to the Clerk confirming this. It was agreed that the event should be advertised in Contact and Messenger so that it covers the whole Parish. A vote was taken and all Councillors were in favour of approving the grant subject to the email being received from Bledlow Ridge Cricket Club and that a statement of how the funds were spent submitted to the Clerk following the event.
5. **To receive an update from Buckinghamshire Councillors:**
 - 5.1. **Lydebrook:** Cllr Carington reported that the Officer working on Lydebrook is currently on holiday however, an interview took place last week with the landowner and the decision report is being finalised.
 - 5.2. **Community Boards:** The new funding year is now available for applications.
 - 5.3. **Ukraine:** Cllr Carington stated that Buckinghamshire Council have a page on their website which shows sources of support and information. Cllr Carington to share link with Clerk.
 - 5.4. **Piccadilly:** A reply had been received to a letter sent by the Chairman of the Parish Council regarding the funding of small projects. Cllr Carington reported the Cabinet Member for Transport is supportive of pushing for smaller projects to be more cost effective and that he will be pushing for this when the next contract is agreed.
 - 5.5. **Household Recycling Centre:** There is a budget line provision for a site within the Princes Risborough area and further news is expected in the Summer. Cllr Carington confirmed that they are in contact with the Cabinet Member for Climate Change & Environment on this matter.
6. **Outstanding Actions:**
 - 6.1. **Rapid Rural:** Cllr Reading reported that a meeting had taken place with the Church and unfortunately, they are not going to change their mind and that the equipment will need to be removed by September. This information has been shared with Rapid Rural and now discussions are required on alternative solutions.

Due to Cllr Carington having to leave the meeting early the Chairman proposed moving to agenda item 9. All Councillors were in favour.

7. **To consider the Calling in Process**
 - 7.1. Cllr Breese stated that when requesting an application be called in the comment must include that the Parish Council will send a representative. All Councillors were in favour of this and should a suitable Councillor not be able on the given date a statement can be prepared and read out at the meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Planning Officer for 21/08708/FUL: Tudor Stud Farm House & Tudor Stud Cottage Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge stating a representative will

be made available.

Action: Clerk

8. **Report from Committees and Working Groups:**

Parish Maintenance Committee:

- 8.1. Cllr Reading reported the Rubber Mulch had been laid at the playground which had received positive feedback, a Contractor has been appointed to remove the concrete outside The Lions in Bledlow and a rota for sign cleaning is being prepared. If Councillors are aware of any signs which are in need of cleaning to inform the Clerk. Draft minutes have been circulated and are available on the website.
- 8.2. Cllr Reading stated that syringes had been found again in the bus shelter by the Golden Cross. The contractor who was repairing the bus shelter has removed them but suggested maybe a sharps box is installed. Discussions were had on whether to install a Sharps box and it was agreed that the Parish Maintenance Committee would look into costs to purchase and have emptied and report back to Council.

9. **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/21/3286236: Crossview Shootacre Lane Princes Risborough: The Parish Council stand by original objection.
- APP/K0425/D/21/3286898: Vine Cottage Lee Road Saunderton: No objection as per previous comment
- 22/05340/CLE: Southfield Farm Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: No objection
- 22/05445/FUL: Land South of Coram House Sandpit Lane Bledlow: No objection
- 22/05659/ADRC: The Jays Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: Notification only no comment required
- Appeal: APP/K0425/D/22/3294113: Cedar House Oddley Lane Saunderton: Objection see planning portal for full details.
- 22/05657/FUL: Holly Green House Holly Green Lane Bledlow: No objection
- The above comments were ratified

Planning Applications which have been decided:

- 22/05035/CLP: Waverley Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: Refuse Certificate of Proposed Use
- 20/06665/FUL: Wigans Farm Wigans Lane Bledlow Ridge: Application Permitted
- 21/08424/MINAMD: Routs Green Farm Routs Green Bledlow Ridge: Application Withdrawn.

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

Payee	Description	Net Amount	VAT	Amount
BCSPC	Reinstate Balance on Lloyds Account	£90.39		£90.39
Holy Trinity PCC	Grant for Jubilee Approved March 22	£1,500		£1,500
G Spratt	The Crest Cutting (Approved Dec 21)	£3,000		£3,000
D A Fane	Prep of wages 2021/2022	£130		£130
TBS Hygiene	Bin Emptying March	£21.00	£4.20	£25.20
G Spratt	Footpaths 75908 & BCS62/3	£163.00		£163.00
Reid's	Rubber Mulch	£3,250	£650	£3,900.00
G Spratt	Cutting grass M/S & S'ton Churchyard x 2	£190.00		£190.00
Ian Darkins	Bus shelter hearing dogs	£281.56		£281.56
	Total	£8,625.95	£654.20	£9,280.15

Lloyds Bank Account Spend

McAfee	Antivirus Renewal	£69.99		£69.99
	Total	£69.99		£69.99

Standing Orders

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

Lloyds Direct Debits

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 Breese.

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

11. **To note 1.75% Increase in Clerk's Salary set by the NJC backdated to April 2021:** Noted
12. **Bledlow Ridge Household Waste Recycling Centre:** Discussed under item 5.5.
13. **Ukraine: Consider how the Parish Council can show support:** Discussions were had on how best the Parish Council could get involved and show support. All Councillors were in agreement that whatever the Parish Council does it must have a community aspect for instance a grant for an event to raise funds for Ukraine. It was also discussed that the Parish Council could consider providing funds to Bledlow Consolidated Charities should the charities find they were inadequately funded to address local needs.
14. **To consider and approve the following policies:**
 - 14.1. Document retention policy
 - 14.2. Parish Council Risk AssessmentAs amendments had been made to the documents which had not been shared with Councillors it was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting. Councillors to send through comments to the Clerk.
15. **Correspondence, reports and issues from Councillors and Clerk:**
 - 15.1. Cllr Cox raised the issue that free parking has been removed in Princes Risborough due to the cost to residents in their Council Tax. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to Princes Risborough and surrounding parishes stating that we understand the financial burden however, to support local business and local's we would like to see free parking reintroduced. Cllr Sage to draft a letter. **Action: Cllr Sage / Clerk**
 - 15.2. HS2: Cllr Reading reported that the proposal from the Traffic Engineer had been road markings on the A4010 and a decision is expected early April.
 - 15.3. Cllr Reading had liaised with a former Head of Transport for Buckinghamshire County Council regarding speed limits which had been discussed at the last meeting. Cllr Reading had circulated a paper to Councillors which will be reviewed and a decision taken how to proceed.
 - 15.4. Cllr Reading reported that a resident had made contact with the Parish Council regarding The White House in Lee Road as they were concerned it was not secured. The PCSO has liaised with the resident who informed the PCSO that they will be sending somebody to secure the property.
 - 15.5. Cllr Reading stated that reporting pot holes through FixMyStreet had been successful recently and urged others to report in this way.
 - 15.6. Discussions were had as to whether the Parish Council would continue to be a member of Wycombe Association of Local Councils. The consensus of Councillors was that information was possibly duplicated in other meetings. Clerk to feedback. **Action: Clerk**
 - 15.7. NALC correspondence was discussed and there were no items which the Parish Council wished to raise however, it was agreed to raise at the Parish Liaison Meeting the fact that Parish Councils have no stage two complaints process.
16. **Next meeting:** It was confirmed that the next meeting which will be the Annual Meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 5th May 2022 at Bledlow Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm

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