



# BLEDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Bledlow Village Hall on  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7.30pm

**Present: Councillors:** D Dobson (Vice Chairman), A Sage, S Reading, N Cox, P Davidson. S Bird and J Butler.

**Clerk:** Tracey Martin

**Buckinghamshire Councillor:** R Carington

**Three members of the public**

**Representative for Aylesbury Opera**

Two residents from Trout Hollow were in attendance to raise concerns with planning application 22/06285/FUL: Cherry Tree Nursing Home, Bledlow Road, Saunderton. These concerns included: The phased development and no indication of dates or timescales. Busier nursing home which will affect the residents. What measures are in place to reduce dust, light and noise pollution. Assurance that the private entrance will not be used as a turning space for heavy traffic. Concerns over sewage, privacy and amenities. It was stated that they are not against the application however, they will object in its current form as they believe the application is unlawful on a number of accounts including that the daylight assessment is not correct and the Wycombe District Local Plan has not been adhered to as a flood assessment not completed.

The residents will be submitting their comments to Buckinghamshire Council and will share a copy with the Clerk who will circulate to Councillors including Buckinghamshire Councillors.

- 56. To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr Breese. Buckinghamshire Councillors: Cllr Etholen and Cllr Adoh. In the absence of Cllr Breese Cllr Dobson Chaired the meeting.
- 57. Declaration of Interests and Dispensations:** None declared.
- 58. To approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022:** The minutes were approved following a proposal by Cllr Sage and Cllr Davidson.
- 59. To receive an update from Buckinghamshire Councillors, responses to outstanding actions and to receive questions from Parish Councillors:**
- 59.1. **Lydebrook Road and Footpath Update:** Cllr Carington reported that he has requested an urgent update from the Buckinghamshire Officer.
- 59.2. **Bledlow Ridge Household Recycling Centre, Wigans Lane, Bledlow Ridge:** Cllr Carington stated that there has been no update since they had met with the Cabinet Member for Environment.
- 59.3. **Princes Risborough Relief Road:** Cllr Carington reported that the Consultation commenced today and urged all to respond. Trial holes will be carried out in the following phases:  
Phases 1 to 4 - Picts Lane between Goodearl Place and Station Road (25 - 29 July) 2-way lights and footway diversion  
Phases 5 to 8 - Station Approach Junction with Summerleys Road (1 - 5 August) 3-way lights and footway diversion to maintain access to the railway station  
Phases 9 to 15 - Summerleys Road from the railway bridges to Station Approach (8 - 22 August) 2-way lights and footway diversions  
They have tried to minimise disruptions by carrying out the works in the school holidays. Cllr Reading raised concerns with the number of temporary traffic lights around the Parish and whether somebody is coordinating these. Cllr Carington stated that these are coordinated however, Utility companies have wider powers for urgent works and suggested writing to Cabinet Members with any concerns.
- 59.4. **Molins:** Buckinghamshire Council planning and TfB are aware of residents' concerns however, the contractors are following the requirements to the letter and there is nothing enforcement can do. TfB are consulting legal regarding the dust left on the highways but this is a long process which can take around three months and have also requested a traffic management plan be put in place as soon as possible. TfB are also looking at other options. Cllr Sage raised a concern that there are no supporting documents on the planning portal as they should be publicly available including the traffic and demolition agreement. Some Councillors had attended the Molins site and provided an update. The site is run well. It is a big site with a lot of contaminated materials. If the weather remains favourable then they would aim to have the demolition and clearance completed by mid-October with 90% of the traffic movement completed by the end of July. The contractor has dropped car wash tokens to

the Boot and Bledlow Ridge shop for residents to use.

- 59.5. **Bins:** Concerns were raised that once again some bins had not been collected today. Cllr Carington has raised the issue with the waste team.

- 59.6. **Traffic Calming:** Cllr Reading reported that he had approached the Senior Traffic Data Officer at Buckinghamshire Council to enquire on the cost of installing temporary automatic traffic counts across the Parish. The cost for installing five would be £1771.60 + VAT. Unfortunately, this information was received after the agenda had been circulated so this motion will be added to the August agenda for discussion. The earliest the surveys could commence is September after the school holidays.

**60. Outstanding Actions:**

- 60.1. **Rapid Rural:** Cllr Dobson read out an email that Cllr Breese has shared which in summary stated that Rapid Rural are still looking into a legal solution to allowing their equipment to continue transmitting from the church roof. Alternative solutions are being looked at including 4G, Starlink, other low earth orbit systems and 5G routers. Currently the Parish Council have to assume that the service will be discontinued in September thus will almost certainly need to call on the allocated budget.

**61. Reports from Committees and Working Groups:**

- 61.1. **Parish Maintenance Committee:** Cllr Reading reported that after numerous discussions with the Church Warden the Parish Maintenance Committee had agreed to revert to the original grass schedule of works at Holy Trinity. Following the first cut the Parish Council received emails that they had cut down protected species of plants. Cllr Reading has left a voicemail for the Church Warden to find out why they think the Parish Council has acted illegally. Cllr Sage added that the brief to the contractor had been to cut around the orchids however, it is not an offence to cut them whilst carrying out works only an offence to dig them up. Cllr Reading stated that the Parish Maintenance Committee will be looking at a revised schedule for next years grass cutting.

Cllr Cox raised concerns with TfB's grass cutting around the Village Green in Bledlow and on Chinnor Road. The Clerk asked Cllr Cox to report these in the first instance on FixMyStreet and if no action is taken, she will follow up with the Local Area Technician.

- 61.2. **Definitive Map and Statement Project Working Group:** Cllr Bird stated that there is nothing to report however, will have an update for the next meeting. Cllr Butler asked Cllr Carington for an update on the permissive footpath on the Carington Estate. This is waiting on Central Government and asked Cllr Butler to liaise with the Managing Agent for Carington Estates.

**62. Grant Applications:**

- 62.1. **Aylesbury Opera:** A grant had been requested for £1,500. Concerns were raised that the accounts that had been submitted were to July 2021 so not current and it was agreed that this would be deferred until the next meeting in order to get up to date accounts or the latest 3 months bank statements.

Cllr Sage asked why the previous opera that had taken place had not been published in Contact magazine which had been agreed when the previous grant had been approved. The representative for Aylesbury Opera apologised he had not realised what Contact was but had displayed posters on the noticeboards in Bledlow Ridge.

**63. Planning Matters:**

New Planning Applications:

APP/K0425/W/22/3294468: Hunters Gate Deanfield Saunderton: No further comment to add to appeal 22/06289/FUL: Puddle Barn Sandpit Lane: No objection

22/06285/FUL: Cherry Tree Nursing Home Bledlow Road: Objection for the following reasons:

Neighbouring amenities including overlooking properties, Character of Church Lane, impact of overflow parking, flood risk, construction traffic and drainage / waste water concerns as should be on main drains.

22/06512/ADRC: OS Parcel 8300 Chinnor Road: For information only, no comment required

22/06516/VCDN: OS Parcel 8300 Chinnor Road: Objection due to the impact on the street scene.

22/06518/VCDN: Land at Capel Farm & The Workshop Capel Farm Chinnor Road: No comment

21/08708/FUL: Tudor Stud Farm House & Tudor Stud Cottage Chinnor Road: Objection, previously concerns have not been addressed and also concerns over the design and the impacted on the character of the street scene.

22/06564/FUL: 19 Hillview Saunderton: No objection

Following a proposal by Cllr Butler and seconded by Cllr Bird a vote was taken and all Councillors were in favour and the comments were approved.

Planning Applications which have been decided:

APP/K0425/D/22/3294113: Cedar House Oddley Lane: Appeal dismissed

22/05899/FUL: Windermere Chinnor Road: Application Refused. Cllr Sage will look at why this was refused as the Parish Council had no objections and report back. **Action: Cllr Sage**

22/05911/FUL: Maplefox Cottage the Residence Wycombe Road: Application Permitted

22/05877/FUL: Beaverton Chinnor Road Bledlow: Application Permitted

22/06016/VCDN: Grangewood Chapel Lane: Application Permitted

22/05958/LBC: The Old House Forty Green: Application Withdrawn

22/05957/FUL: The Old House Forty Green: Application Permitted

22/06142/FUL: Craymer Haw Lane: Application Permitted

22/05445/FUL: Land South of Coram House Sandpit Lane: Application Permitted

22/05340/CLE: Southfield Farm Chinnor Road: Grant Certificate of Lawful Use

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

**Unity Payments:**

Payee	Description	Net	VAT	Total
BCSPC	Reinstate Balance on Lloyds Account	£6.00		£6.00
Tracey Martin	Salary - Difference between Standing Order	£9.04		£9.04
HMRC	PAYE	£2.40		£2.40
First Steps	Grant approved June 22	£150.00		£150.00
Family Hub				
PRTC	Devolved Services Grass Cutting	£325.95	£65.19	£391.14
G Spratt	Grass cutting MS x 2, Saunderton x 2, Footpaths 9/4 & 9/3, Bledlow back and front	£1,015.00		£1,015.00
TBS Hygiene	Bin Emptying	£21.00	£4.20	£25.20
Scribe	Accounts Software Annual Subscription (Starboard Systems)	£288.00	£57.60	£345.60
<b>Total:</b>		<b>£1,817.39</b>	<b>£126.99</b>	<b>£1,944.38</b>

**Lloyds Standing Orders and Direct Debits – July Meeting**

GiffGaff	Monthly mobile Top Up	£5.00	£1.00	£6.00
Tracey Martin	Salary	£648.96		£648.96
Tracey Martin	IT Allowance	£10.00		£10.00
Unity	Quarterly Bank Charge	£18.00		£18.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>£681.96</b>	<b>£1.00</b>	<b>£682.96</b>

Following a proposal by Cllr Butler seconded by Cllr Davidson all payments were approved. Cllr Bird and Cllr Dobson will approve the payments on Unity.

**65. To note Quarter 1 accounts:** Quarter 1 accounts were noted. Cllr Cox will report back at the next meeting once he has inspected the accounts.

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

- 66.1. Cllr Reading reported that a Ukrainian family that has come to the Parish is having an issue with getting their children into Risborough school as its academy controlled. Cllr Reading was going to raise this with Cllr Carington but he had left the meeting. The Clerk reported she had been contacted by a resident regarding a Ukrainian family needing funding for clothing, she had directed them to Bledlow Consolidated Charities. Cllr Sage confirmed that the Charity had received the request and subject to final approval would be granting £100 to each individual.
- 66.2. Cllr Sage reported an overgrown hedge at the top of Radnage Lane / Chinnor Clerk. Clerk to write to landowner requesting that it is cut back. **Action: Clerk**
- 66.3. Cllr Cox raised concerns with the grass cutting on the county boundary and also by the Bledlow gates as only one side has been cut. The Clerk requested this be reported through FixMyStreet in the first instance and if no action is taken the Clerk will follow up with the Local Area Technician.
- 66.4. An update was requested on the B4009 entrance which has no soakaway. The Clerk confirmed that a Buckinghamshire Officer had spoken with the landowner and they will be putting in a soakaway and applying for permission for the entrance. The Clerk raised a concern with the VAS which now seems to stay illuminated at all times. Clerk to follow up with Buckinghamshire Officer as he was going to request that the Local Area Technician take a look.
- 66.5. Cllr Davidson asked how the Parish Council will respond to the Princes Risborough relief road consultation. It was agreed that it would be added to the agenda for the August meeting.

- 66.6. Cllr Davidson requested an update for the Bledlow Ridge ward vacancy. The Clerk reported that an election had not been called and that she would be advertising the vacancy over the next few days but currently has two residents interested. The co-option will be on the agenda for August.
- 66.7. Cllr Dobson raised concerns with the mowing around Lee Road and Upper Icknield and also some hedges. The Clerk requested that if the issues are on Buckinghamshire Council land to report through FixMyStreet in the first instance. If the issue is an overgrown hedge on private land the Clerk requested that Councillors send a photo through to the Clerk along with details and she will write to them under the Devolved Services agreement.

**67. Next meeting:** It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.18pm

**Signed**.....

**Date**.....