



BLEDLow-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall on
Monday 8th August 2022 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: S Breese (Chairman), D Dobson (Vice Chairman), A Sage, S Reading, N Cox, P Davidson. S Bird, J Butler and D Freeman from item 71.

Clerk: Tracey Martin

Buckinghamshire Councillor: S Adoh

Two members of the public

68. **To receive apologies for absence:** Buckinghamshire Councillors: Cllr Etholen and Cllr Carington.
69. **Declaration of Interests and Dispensations:** None declared.
70. **To approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 11th July 2022:** The minutes were approved following a proposal by Cllr Butler and Cllr Bird.
71. **Co-option of Bledlow Ridge Ward Councillor:** Cllr Breese introduced Dawn Freeman who had applied to be co-opted. Discussions were had a vote taken with seven Councillors in favour. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.
72. **To receive an update from Buckinghamshire Councillors, responses to outstanding actions and to receive questions from Parish Councillors:**
- 72.1. **Lydebrook Road and Footpath Update:** An email had been received from the Buckinghamshire Council Officer stating that the report is expected by the end of the Summer, this will then need to be shared with various parties including the land owner. Cllr Adoh confirmed that the Buckinghamshire Ward Councillors are chasing. Cllr Breese asked Cllr Adoh to confirm whether the Parish Council will receive a copy of the report. **Action: Cllr Adoh**
- 72.2. **Bledlow Ridge Household Recycling Centre, Wigans Lane, Bledlow Ridge:** No progress
- 72.3. **Bins:** Councillors raised concerns that the guidance for reporting issues is flawed and that links on the website are broken.
- 72.4. Cllr Reading thanked Cllr Adoh and Carington for their intervention in obtaining the Ukrainian child a school place.
- 72.5. **Molins:** Cllr Davidson reported that there should not be many more lorries as the majority of the clearance has taken place with approximately a further nine hundred loads to be moved in September when the bird nesting season has ended. The next phase is the substation / electrical phase and the Manager for this phase has offered to come along to a Parish Council meeting. Cllr Adoh confirmed that they will be receiving briefings with Contractors prior to each stage commencing. Cllrs requested that Cllr Adoh find out the contact information for the overall Site Manager so the Parish Council has their contact details. Members of the public had raised concerns as to why the planning permission is still valid after being granted in 2008. This was discussed and it is believed that permission was still valid as they had commenced work albeit many years ago by knocking down the existing building which activated the planning permission.
73. **Outstanding Actions: Rapid Rural:** No change.
74. **Reports from Committees and Working Groups:**
- 74.1. **Parish Maintenance Committee:** Cllr Reading proposed that the Parish Maintenance Committee could be reconstituted to a Working Group allowing for more flexibility. After discussions it was resolved to move to a Working Group with the Terms of Reference being approved at the next Parish Council meeting.
- Cllr Reading and Cllr Breese provided an update on the Holy Trinity Churchyard Grass Cutting. This is halted until the Church Warden provides further information on how they believe the Parish Council may have acted illegally as it is the Parish Council's view that it has not acted illegally with the legislation stating that you are not permitted to dig up the protected species but are permitted to cut back. Once confirmation has been received from the Church Warden the grass cutting plan going forward will be readdressed.
- The Parish Maintenance Committee have also been looking at fencing of The Dell and arranging Tree Surveys.
- 74.2. **Definitive Map and Statement Project Working Group:** Cllr Bird and Cllr Butler reported that they are working through the list and will have a report for the next meeting.

75. To Review the Future of the Parish Maintenance Committee: Discussed under item 74.1.

76. Grant Applications:

76.1. **Aylesbury Opera:** A grant had been requested for £1,500. Discussions were had and the consensus of Councillors was that Aylesbury Opera has a healthy bank balance and questioned whether funding was required. After consideration, a proposal was made to support the event should the event run at a loss the Council will make a contribution of up to £500. A vote was taken and all Councillors were in favour.

77. Planning Matters: Discussions were had on whether Cllr Davidson and Cllr Freeman should be commenting on the applications within the wards they live or the wards appointed. It was agreed for the time being to remain within wards but for Cllr Davidson and Cllr Freeman to ask for comments and vice versa. This will be reviewed going forward.

New Planning Applications:

22/06652/LBC: Bakehouse Farm West Lane: No objection subject to the Conservation Officers advice.

22/06595/FUL: Rooftops 18 Haw Lane: No objection

22/06678/FUL: 1 Chiltern View Saunderton: No objection

22/06778/FUL: The Old House Farm Oddley Lane: No objection

22/06800/ADRC: The Jays Chinnor Road: Notification only no comment required

22/06808/FUL: Hemley Hill Farm Upper Icknield Way: No objection

22/06810/FUL: Hemley Hill Farm Upper Icknield Way: No objection

22/06809/FUL: Hemley Hill Farm Upper Icknield Way: No objection

22/06846/FUL: Logsborough West Lane: Comment to be decided under delegated authority

A vote was taken and all Councillors approved the above comments.

Planning Applications which have been decided:

22/06324/FUL: 39 Haw Lane Bledlow Ridge: Application permitted

22/05842/FUL: Ridgeway Barn West Lane Bledlow: Application permitted

22/05205/FUL: Crossview Shootacre Lane Princes Risborough: Application refused

22/05880/FUL: Little Acorns Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: Application permitted

22/06131/FUL: Inanda 36 Haw Lane Bledlow Ridge: Application permitted

22/06512/ADRC: OS Parcel 8300 Chinnor Road Bledlow: Application withdrawn

22/06289/FUL: Puddle Barn Sandpit Lane Bledlow: Application permitted

22/06438/CLP: Yewden House Chinnor Road: Grant Certificate - Proposed Development

APP/K0425/D/22/3295149: Winterfold Lee Road Saunderton: Appeal dismissed

APP/K0425/D/21/3286898: Vine Cottage Lee Road Saunderton: Appeal dismissed

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

Unity Payments:

Payee	Description	Net	VAT	Total
BCSPC	Reinstate Balance on Lloyds Account	£39.53		£39.53
Tracey Martin	Salary - Difference between Standing Order	£9.24		£9.24
HMRC	PAYE	£2.20		£2.20
Bucks Council	Annual Playground Inspection	£48.50	£9.70	£58.20
PKF Littlejohn	Audit 21-22	£300.00	£60.00	£360.00
Nigel Cox	Mileage attending Rural Forum Farm Tour	£36.90		£36.90
	82 Miles Total			
G Spratt	Grass cutting - Saunderton Cyard,	£305.00		£305.00
	Meadow Styles + verge, footpath 28/1 and The Dell			
James Glasgow	Sign and Gate Cleaning	£165.00		£165.00
TBS Hygiene	Bin Emptying July	£26.25	£5.25	£31.50
Total		£932.62	£74.95	£1,007.57

Lloyds Standing Orders and Direct Debits – July Meeting

GiffGaff	Monthly mobile Top Up	£5.00	£1.00	£6.00
IONOS	Monthly Charge and Domain Renewal	27.94	£5.59	£33.53
Tracey Martin	Salary	£648.96		£648.96
Tracey Martin	IT Allowance	£10.00		£10.00
Total		£691.90	£6.59	£698.49

An update was requested from Cllr Cox following his Rural Forum Farm Tour. It was discussed that as Cllr Cox is able to attend in another capacity that another Councillor may like to attend in the future.

Following a proposal by Cllr Reading and seconded by Cllr Sage all payments were approved.

Cllr Sage asked whether quarterly checks of the accounts had been carried out. Cllr Cox confirmed that he had not checked the accounts yet.

- 79. Annual Governance and Accountability Return:** The auditor's report was noted and the Clerk confirmed the Notice of Completion of Audit has been published.
- 80. Consider and Approve Speed Survey Costings:** Discussions were had and a vote taken and all Councillors were in favour of approving five automatic traffic counts at a total cost of £1771.60 + VAT. Exact locations to be confirmed but there will be two in Bledlow, two in Bledlow Ridge and one in Saunderton.
- 81. Consider and Approve the Appointment of the Internal Auditor:** Discussions were had and a vote taken: all Councillors were in favour of appointing Jane Olds for the Internal Audit for 2022-2023.
- 82. Consider and Approve Response to the Princes Risborough Relief Road Consultation:** Cllr Bird had circulated a draft response to Councillors which was discussed. It was agreed that any amendments would need to be sent through to Cllr Bird by close of play Tuesday for submission before the deadline for comment.
- 83. To consider moving from.org.uk domain to.gov.uk:** Cllr Breese reported that the Parish Council had been invited to move to a.gov.uk domain however, this would come with additional costs. In principle Councillors were in favour. Clerk to look into costings. **Action: Clerk**
- 84. Correspondence, reports and issues from Councillors and Clerk:**
- 84.1. Cllr Bird reported that the Bledlow Village Hall Committee have suggested that Bledlow could benefit from another defibrillator possibly located at a central place in the village. Cllr Reading to share details of the Defibrillator charity with Cllr Bird.
- 84.2. Cllr Bird reported that the playground at Bledlow Village Hall is in need of some repairs and the Committee have asked the Parish Council if they would be willing to provide funding. Councillors agreed that an official grant application would be required.
- 84.3. Cllr Reading reported that the road marking in Saunderton under the HS2 traffic improvements have been finalised and design drawings have been circulated to Councillors.
- 84.4. Cllr Davidson reported that Enterprise had confirmed that they will reinstate the verges around Molins when their part of the work is complete which will be around November time.
- 84.5. Cllr Cox asked for an update on Speedwatch. The Clerk confirmed that the equipment had been handed over to the previous operator who is going to get the group up and running.
- 84.6. Cllr Breese reported that he had attended a recent Community Board meeting where the Cabinet Member for Transport had asked for potential EV sites. It was agreed that The Boot, The Lions and The Golden Cross would be good locations. **Action: Cllr Breese to follow up.** The Community Boards have a lot of funding available and are asking for groups to apply. At the Community Board meeting there was a lot of talk about The Molins site.
- 85. Next meeting:** It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held on Monday 12th September at Bledlow Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.13pm

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