



BLEDLLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Bledlow Village Hall on
Monday 14th November 2022 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: S Breese (Chairman), D Dobson (Vice Chairman), N Cox, P Davidson, S Bird, J Butler and D Freeman

Clerk: Tracey Martin

Buckinghamshire Councillor: S Adoh

Two members of the public representing Bledlow Ridge Village Hall

Public Participation: A member of the public raised a concern with traffic calming measures on Haw Lane at the Brow of the hill following the recent accident. Repeater signs were suggested. Cllr Adoh to discuss with the Local Area Technician.
Action: Cllr Adoh

- 106. To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr Reading.
Buckinghamshire Councillors: Cllr Carington and Cllr Etholen.
- 107. Declaration of Interests and Dispensations:** None declared.
- 108. To approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 10th October 2022:** The minutes were approved following a proposal by Cllr Dobson and Cllr Davidson.
It was agreed to move to agenda item 115: Bledlow Ridge Village Hall Grant Application
- 109. Grant Application: Bledlow Ridge Village Hall:** An application had been received from Bledlow Ridge Village Hall for £11k towards redecorating of the Village Hall. The representatives explained how the costs had increased from the previous application which had been made which was due to additional work and also an increase in material costs. The preferred contractor had been selected as he was able to complete the work in the least amount of time. Discussions were had on how much the Village Hall has in reserves and it was identified that this money was being put aside for repairs the roof which is leaking. A vote was taken and all Councillors were in favour of approving the grant application from Bledlow Ridge Village Hall for £11k. Cllrs informed Bledlow Ridge Village Hall that the Community Boards would be an option for future funding.
- 110. To receive an update from Buckinghamshire Councillors, responses to outstanding actions and to receive questions from Parish Councillors:**
- 110.1. Lydebrook:** Cllr Adoh stated that the report had been written and is now under legal review. Cllr Adoh has not seen the report. A response from Legal is expected in a couple of weeks.
- 110.2. Bledlow Ridge Household Recycling Centre, Wigans Lane, Bledlow Ridge:** Concerns were raised that the Parish Council's concerns had still not been addressed. Cllr Adoh confirmed that there is no confirmed opening date yet. The issues with the site were discussed which included the dangerous site entrance, that it is an interim solution but it was indicated by council officers that it would take 5-10 years to open a new site which does not seem interim, congestion issues and other concerns which have been raised in correspondence.
A detailed site plan was requested. Cllr Adoh to try and obtain. **Action: Cllr Adoh**
- 110.3.** Cllr Cox requested an update on the action which Cllr Etholen has received at the last meeting for planning application 20/07324/FUL: Walnut Tree House for which the neighbouring properties had not been notified.
Action: Cllr Adoh / Cllr Etholen
- 111. Outstanding Actions: Rapid Rural:** Position remains unchanged from the last meeting.
- 112. To ratify Councillors responses to Planning Consultations:**
New Planning Applications:
22/07546/LBC: Waltons Farm Holly Green Lane Bledlow: No objection
22/07545/FUL: Waltons Farm Holly Green Lane Bledlow: No objection
22/07311/FUL: Wigans Farm Wigans Lane Bledlow Ridge: Comment to be decided
22/06872/VCDN: Former Molins Site Haw Lane Saunderton: No further comment to add to previous objections and concerns raised.
22/07662/FUL: The Gables Skittle Green Bledlow: No objection
22/07825/FUL: Little Acorns Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: Bledlow cum Saunderton Parish Council object to this application due to overdevelopment of the site. The replacement 4 bedroomed house which was built in 2022, now known as The Farriers was conditionally permitted with the original barn and two outbuildings being demolished.

This application is now being requested as a replacement for the two outbuildings that should already have previously been demolished.

22/07324/FUL: Walnut Tree House Chinnor Road: Bledlow cum Saunderton Parish Council stand by the comments made in the original objection.

22/07740/FUL: Land Adjacent Pitch Green Cottage Chapel Lane: Comment to be decided

22/07907/FUL: Holly Green House Holly Green Lane Bledlow: No objection

22/07889/FUL: Corham Stables Sandpit Lane Bledlow: No objection however, the Parish Council would expect the main house to have sufficient accommodation.

Cllr Butler proposed and Cllr Bird seconded and a vote taken and all comments were approved.

Planning Applications which have been decided:

APP/K0425/D/21/3286898 / 21/07471/FUL: Vine Cottage Lee Road Saunderton: Appeal dismissed

22/07185/ADRC: Little Acorns Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: Permit - detail Reserved by Condition

22/06961/FUL: Foresters Cottage Hill Top Lane Chinnor: Application Permitted

22/06984/FUL: Chawley Green Farm Bottom Road West Wycombe: Application Withdrawn

22/06985/LBC: Chawley Green Farm Bottom Road West Wycombe: Application Withdrawn

22/06518/VCDN: Land at Capel Farm & The Workshop Capel Farm: Application Permitted

22/06060/FUL: Crofters Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: Application Permitted

22/07184/ADRC: Phoenix Cottage Sandpit Lane Bledlow: Permit - detail Reserved by Condition

22/07115/FUL: Bakehouse Farm West Lane Bledlow: Application Permitted

22/07116/LBC: Bakehouse Farm West Lane Bledlow: Application Permitted

22/07325/FUL: Bank Cottage 2 Colliers Row Church Lane Bledlow Ridge: Application Permitted

22/06285/FUL: Cherry Tree Nursing Home Bledlow Road Saunderton: Application Withdrawn

22/07487/TPO: Lyde House Perry Lane Bledlow: Split decision TPO Application

Concerns were raised about Crossview Shootacre Lane and the building in the garden which was refused but is still in situ and that the house has been demolished with a couple of walls remaining. Clerk to send details to Cllr Adoh to discuss with enforcement.

Action: Clerk / Cllr Adoh

Concerns were raised about the VAS which was concreted into the middle of the Brew House entrance and posed a possible safety issue. The Clerk stated that a license was required for the entrance but unsure about the VAS. Clerk to liaise with Buckinghamshire Council Officer she had spoken to previously copying in the Buckinghamshire Ward Councillors.

Action:

Clerk

113. To note National Joint Council, Pay Scale Increase: Noted.

It was agreed to move to agenda item 117 so that the payment could be approved.

114. To ratify the quote for urgent works at Meadow Styles: The Clerk reported that a resident had raised concerns with trees bordering Meadow Styles. The arboriculturalist had visited and recommend that the deadwood be removed. As the trees were overhanging the swings in the playground the Clerk in conjunction with the Chairman and Vice Chairman approved the works at a total cost of £840.

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

Unity Payments:

Payee	Description	Net	VAT	Total
BCSPC - Lloyds	Reinstate Balance on Lloyds Account	£26.39		£26.39
Tracey Martin	Salary - Difference between S/O	£9.24		£9.24
Tracey Martin	Expenses - Printer Cartridge & Mileage	£26.77		£26.77
HMRC	PAYE	£2.20		£2.20
Ian Darkins	Painting noticeboard Bledlow	£117.99		£117.99
Bledlow VH	Hall Hire March 22 to Sept 22	£150.00		£150.00
JSG Handyman	Replacing felt bus shelter Saunderton	£250.00		£250.00
TBS Hygiene	Bin Emptying October	£21.00	£4.20	£25.20
Aylesbury Opera	Grant for deficit agreed Aug 22 (76.1)	£500.00		£500.00
G Spratt	Saunderton & Mstyles Grass Cutting	£95.00		£95.00
Oxford Oak	The Dell Tree Works	£500.00	£100.00	£600.00
Oxford Oak	Tree Works Meadow Styles	£700.00	£140.00	£840.00
Reids	Works following RoSPA	£1,510.00	£302.00	£1,812.00
Total		£3,908.59	£546.20	£4,454.79

Lloyds bank account spend

IONOS	Web Hosting + Virus scan	£17.94	£3.59	£21.53
GiffGaff	Mobile Phone Top Up	£5.00	£1.00	£6.00
Zoom	Subscription - Now cancelled	£11.99	£2.40	£14.39
IONOS	Monthly subscription	£12.00	£2.40	£14.40

Total		£46.93	£9.39	£56.32
Standing Orders and Direct Debits				
Tracey Martin	Salary October	£648.96		£648.96
Tracey Martin	IT Allowance	£10.00		£10.00
	Total	£658.96	£0.00	£658.96

Following a proposal by Cllr Dobson and seconded by Cllr Bird all payments were approved.

- 116. To Note Quarter 2 Accounts:** Accounts were noted and quarterly checks carried out.
- 117. Parish Maintenance Working Group:**
- 117.1. Approval of grass cutting schedule and associated:** It was agreed to defer this item until the December meeting due to the late arrival of the quote. Cllr Cox stated another member is required to join the Working Group and following discussions Cllr Dobson agreed to join.
- 117.2. Definitive Map and Statement Project Working Group:** Cllr Butler provided Councillors with an update. All issues have been highlighted to Rights of Way, Hilltop Lane is in progress and Cllr Bird is writing to Lodge Hill. Clerk is following up with signage on the footpath by The Lions. Cllr Butler asked Councillors to report any issues with overgrowth or signage to Cllr Bird and Cllr Butler.
- 118. To Consider Budget for 2023-2024:** The draft budget had been circulated. Discussions were had but as one Councillor had not had time to review the budget it was agreed to defer approval to the next meeting.
- 119. To consider adding additional signatories onto the bank mandate:** It was agreed that Cllr Davidson and Cllr Freeman would be added to the mandate for Unity bank. Cllr Bird has experienced problems with the site and asked to be removed.
- 120. Pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, a resolution is required to exclude the public and press to protect the confidential nature of the business to be transacted during consideration of item 121 and 122 on the agenda.** Cllr Cox proposed and Cllr Dobson seconded and a vote was taken to move into a closed session.
- 121. Meadow Styles: To consider legal fees and propose increase in rent:** Cllr Dobson updated Councillors on the current situation. Recommendations have been made to the Trustees of Meadow Styles who are now drafting a lease for approval by the Parish Council.
- 122. Consider possible Social Contribution from Developers of the Data Centre:** Cllr Davidson and Cllr Breese proposed to Councillors potential sites and the benefits and drawbacks of each. As yet the site sale has not been completed but discussions will be had with the developers and future owners.
- 123. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960: To resolve that the public and press be re-admitted to the meeting:** The motion was proposed by Cllr Bird and seconded by Cllr Dobson and it was resolved to readmit the press and public although none were present to readmit.
- 124. Correspondence, reports and issues from Councillors and Clerk:**
- 124.1.** Cllr Cox asked Councillors if they would be in support of funding Teddy Bear Corner. Discussions were had and in principle Councillors were in favour. It was agreed that Cllr Cox would put together a proposal.
- 124.2.** Cllr Davidson asked for details of Speedwatch. Clerk to share. **Action: Clerk**
- 124.3.** Cllr Freeman raised a concern that a sign for Loosely Row within our Parish Boundary. Agreed this should be reported through FixMyStreet.
- 124.4.** Cllr Butler raised concerns with pot holes on Haw Lane. It was agreed that Cllr Butler would send photos to the Clerk and the Clerk would report on FixMyStreet. Cllr Davidson will also discuss with the developers of Molins. **Action: Clerk / Cllr Davidson**
- 125. Next meeting:** It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held on Monday 12th December 2022 at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm

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