



# BLEDLLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Bledlow Village Hall on  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7.30pm

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

- 126. To receive apologies for absence:** Buckinghamshire Councillors: R Carington, C Etholen and S Adoh.
- 127. Declaration of Interests and Dispensations:** None declared.
- 128. To approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022:** The minutes were approved following a proposal by Cllr Dobson and Cllr Davidson.
- 129. To ratify Councillors responses to Planning Consultations:**  
New Planning Applications:  
22/07929/FUL and 22/07930/LBC: Chawley Green Farm Bottom Road West Wycombe: Bledlow cum Saunderton Parish Council object to this application as it would appear to be a raised ridge height although no dimensions have been given in the plans. If this is the case it would alter the street scene and the heritage nature of the bar.  
22/08098/CTREE: The Lyde Church End Bledlow: No objection  
22/08052/FUL: Little Acorns Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: No objection  
22/08136/ADRC: The Jays Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: For information only, no comment required  
22/07954/FUL: Badgers View Red Lane Chinnor: Bledlow cum Saunderton Parish Council object to this application as it is overdevelopment of the site and feel that the density of houses compared to neighbouring properties is unacceptable. The Parish Council also have reservations about access on such a dangerous corner.  
22/07765/FUL: 9 The Crest Bledlow Ridge: Bledlow cum Saunderton Parish Council object to this application for the following reasons:  
\* Car parking an issue as current occupants already pavement park.  
\* Ridge height excessive and overbearing.  
\* Over development of the site and not in keeping with the street scene.  
\* No requirement for 4-bedroom house  
\* Doesn't constitute "infilling"  
\* Doesn't conform to the principles of the Neighbourhood Plan  
22/08151/CLP: Loxboro Cottage Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: No objection  
APP/K0425/D/22/3304707: Windermere Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: Parish Council had no objections to original planning application 22/05899/FUL

All comments were approved.

Planning Applications which have been decided:

APP/K0425/W/21/3284346 / 20/07685/FUL: Holpenny Barn Upper Icknield Way: Appeal dismissed  
APP/K0425/C/21/3284343: Holpenny Barn Upper Icknield Way: Appeal dismissed, Enforcement Notice Upheld  
22/07191/FUL / 22/07192/LBC: Morlands Farm Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: Application permitted  
22/07324/FUL: Walnut Tree House Chinnor Road: Application permitted  
22/07825/FUL: Little Acorns Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: Application permitted

Discussions were had on the TTRO which has been received for Wigans Lane. It was agreed that the Parish Council would object to this application for the following reasons: Bledlow cum Saunderton Parish Council object to this TTRO application as the suggested turning point at Upper Icknield Way is too constricted for drivers to perform a U-turn easily which, will result in the grass on the island being damaged and the proposed turning junction is not safe owing to very limited visibility of approaching traffic.

Cllr Breese reported that a focus group for the HRC has been scheduled for Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December with Buckinghamshire Councillors S Adoh and R Carington, Parish Councillors S Breese and S Reading and some residents in the neighbouring properties invited. It was reported that the CCTV poles have been erected and due to the colour, they are completely inappropriate. Concern to be raised at the focus group.

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

**Unity Payments:**

Payee	Description	Net	VAT	Total
BCSPC - Lloyds	Reinstate Balance on Lloyds Account	£65.31		£65.31
Tracey Martin		£435.87		£435.87
Tracey Martin	Expenses Mileage and H/A	£164.28		£164.28
HMRC	Tax and NI	£134.57		£134.57
BRVH	Grant Application - Decorating 109	£11,000.00		£11,000.00
TBS Hygiene	Bin Emptying November	£21.00	£4.20	£25.20
BMKALC	Cemetery Training - Cllr Reading	£45.00		£45.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>£11,866.03</b>	<b>£4.20</b>	<b>£11,870.23</b>

**Lloyds bank account spend**

Post Office	A4 Paper	£5.99		£5.99
Amazon	Laminating Pouches	£8.99		£8.99
<b>Total</b>		<b>£14.98</b>		<b>£14.98</b>

**Standing Orders and Direct Debits**

Tracey Martin	Salary November	£648.96		£648.96
Tracey Martin	Home Working Allowance	£26.00		£26.00
GiffGaff	Mobile Phone Top Up	£5.00	£1.00	£6.00
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<b>Total</b>		<b>£684.96</b>	<b>£2.00</b>	<b>£686.96</b>

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

**131. To Consider Working Group Updates / Recommendations:**

**131.1. Parish Maintenance Working Group: Bledlow Church Grass Cutting:** The recommendation had been circulated to Councillors ahead of the meeting. Cllr Reading explained that the costs would be around the same as they were in 2022. Discussions were had a vote was taken with all councillors in favour of approving the schedule of works.

**132. To Consider Budget for 2023-2024:** The draft budget had been circulated ahead of the meeting. Discussions were had on whether the precept should be increased as the Parish Council is the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest in the district. Currently the Parish Council has 2.5 years reserves which are not CIL funds so it was felt by a number of Councillors that the precept should not be raised at this time. Cllr Butler proposed the budget and Cllr Davidson seconded and a vote was taken with the majority in favour and the budget was approved.

**133. 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 134 on the agenda.:** It was agreed that as item 134 was to be deferred there was no requirement to exclude the press and public.

**134. Meadow Styles: To consider lease:** Item deferred to next meeting.

**135. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960: To resolve that the public and press be re-admitted to the meeting:** Motion was not required as the press and public were not excluded.

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

**136.1.** Cllr Reading reported on the speed data which had been received following the recent survey. A speeding issue has been identified on Chinnor Road by Meadow Styles in both directions. No issues were identified in Bledlow. Cllr Reading to look into data further and discuss with the Chairman of the Transport and Road Issues Action group as to what options there are based on the data and then feed this back through to Buckinghamshire Councillors.

**136.2.** Cllr Cox stated that previously signs had been donated by a Buckinghamshire Councillor for outside the school on Chinnor Road to allow a space to remain vacant for parents and carers to use to drop off however, these have been stolen and asked if the Parish Council would consider purchasing new signs. Discussions were had and it was agreed that Cllr Cox and the Clerk would look at costings and bring a proposal to the next council meeting.

**Action: Cllr Cox / Clerk**

**136.3.** Cllr Butler raised a concern with the ditch at the car park at The Boot. Cllr Cox stated that The Boot is waiting for TfB to carry out works to the kerb.

**136.4.** Cllr Bird had been contacted by a resident to raise concerns with the appeal process which has not yet started at Crossview. Cllr Bird to send details through to Clerk to discuss with enforcement.

**Action: Cllr Bird / Clerk**

**136.5.** Cllr Dobson raised concerns with Longwood Farm and the haulage vehicles going over the ridge along with the yoga studio which is being operated under agricultural use. Cllr Dobson to send

details through to the Clerk to raise with Buckinghamshire Councils Enforcement Team.

**Action: Cllr Dobson / Clerk**

- 136.6.** The Clerk reported that Bledlow Village Hall are raising their charges but they have stated that to minimise the effect they are offering long term hirers a reduced fee if payment is made up front. All Councillors were happy with this approach.

- 137. Next meeting:** It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at Bledlow Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm

**Signed**.....

**Date**.....