



# BLEDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Bledlow Village Hall on  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.30pm

**Present: Councillors:** D Dobson (Vice Chairman), P Davidson, S Bird, J Butler, and D Freeman. N Cox and S Reading from agenda item 141  
**Buckinghamshire Councillor:** C Etholen  
**Clerk:** Tracey Martin  
**Two members of the public**

- 138. To receive apologies for absence:** S Breese. Buckinghamshire Councillors: R Carington and S Adoh.  
In the absence of Cllr Breese, Cllr Dobson chaired the meeting

- 139. Declaration of Interests and Dispensations:** None declared.

- 140. To approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022:** The minutes were approved following a proposal by Cllr Bird and Cllr Freeman and all Councillors were in favour.

A member of the public who lives next to The Dell arrived and wished to speak which the Vice Chairman permitted. Following the recommendations from the Parish Maintenance Working Group the resident wanted to address some of the recommendations.

Russian Vine: Resident asked whether it will be killed at the root.

Oak tree overhanging property – the resident asked if they would be permitted to cut back the overhang.

Fencing – the resident asked whether the Parish Council would consider the neighbouring property making up the difference in costs for post and wire fencing to the more expensive fencing which would match the fencing bordering the other side of the property. Discussions and a vote will take place later in the meeting under agenda item 146.

- 141. To receive an update from Buckinghamshire Councillors, responses to outstanding actions and to receive questions from Parish Councillors:**

141.1. **Lydebrook:** Cllr Etholen reported that the decision report is still with Buckinghamshire Council legal team.

141.2. **Household Waste Recycling Centre:** Cllr Etholen stated that a press release was circulated today and that the site will open on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 23. There have been two focus group meetings with both local residents and Councillors present. These will continue to take place once the site is open. There is a temporary traffic regulation order in place which will monitor traffic.

A resident in attendance stated that there are still some outstanding issues which include: vision splays, planting, CCTV poles, clearing of verges and that the site is said to be interim but when will the alternative be opened.

At this stage there is no timescales for the above actions.

Cllr Reading asked Cllr Etholen whether there would be any sort of formal re-opening ceremony or event for the HRC. Cllr Etholen indicated that there were no plans to do so.

141.3. **Princes Risborough Relief Road Culverton Link:** Cllr Etholen reported that he has spoken to the Senior Project Manager and planning permission has not been issued yet and it is expected once further reports are received from the Environment Agency around February time. A question was raised as to whether the £12 million funding would be lost if work was not started by April. Cllr Etholen was not aware of this condition and will look into and report back. **Action: Cllr Etholen**

141.4. **Questions to Buckinghamshire Councillors:** Cllr Cox asked why the planning application for the proposed garage conversion to living accommodation which is cited on the grounds of Walnut Tree House was refused back in 2014 but has now been permitted. Cllr Etholen to make enquiries with planning. **Action: Cllr Etholen**

- 142. Outstanding Actions:** Rapid Rural: In the absence of Cllr Breese, it was agreed to defer this item. Cllr Cox stated that another Parish Council had applied for a grant for the whole village to have fibre and whether the Parish Council could look into this. Cllr Reading stated that options were looked into previously but he would look at what the Parish Council mentioned had done and report back. **Action: Cllr Reading**

- 143. To ratify Councillors responses to Planning Consultations:**  
New Planning Applications:

22/08179/FUL: Maplefox Cottage The Residence: Bledlow cum Saunderton Parish Council object to this application due to over development of the site  
 APP/K0425/D/22/3304611: Crossview Shootacre Lane Princes Risborough: Parish Council stand by original objection and no further comments are required.  
 22/08353/ADRC: Bakehouse Farm West Lane Bledlow: No comment required information only

Following a proposal by Davidson and Cllr Freeman a vote was taken and all comments were approved.

Planning Applications which have been decided:

22/07545/FUL: Waltons Farm Holly Green Lane Bledlow: Application permitted  
 22/07546/LBC: Waltons Farm Holly Green Lane Bledlow: Application permitted  
 22/08098/CTREE: The Lyde Church End Bledlow: Not to make a tree preservation order  
 22/07889/FUL: Corham Stables Sandpit Lane Bledlow: Application permitted  
 22/06846/FUL: Logsborough West Lane: Application permitted

Discussions were had regarding the Molins site development. Cllr Etholen reported that the Community Board Coordinator had received emails from a couple of Parish Councils where they had started digging trenches but the effected Parish Council had not been informed. Cllr Etholen / Community Board Coordinator to find out why all Parish Councils have not been notified and request that all Parish Councils receive such notifications.  
**Action: Cllr Etholen**

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

**Unity Payments:**

Payee	Description	Net	VAT	Total
BCSPC - Lloyds	Reinstate Balance on Lloyds Account	£34.79		£34.79
Tracey Martin	Difference in Standing Order	£61.04		£61.04
HMRC	Tax and NI	£15.40		£15.40
BMKALC	Planning Training Cllr Freeman	£45.00		£45.00
TBS Hygiene	Bin Emptying December	£26.25	£5.25	£31.50
BVH	Hall Hire Advance Payment	£195.00		£195.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>£377.48</b>	<b>£5.25</b>	<b>£382.73</b>

**Lloyds bank account spend**

Zoom	Monthly subscription	£11.99	£2.40	£14.39
IONOS	Monthly hosting charge	£12.00	£2.40	£14.40
<b>Total</b>		<b>£23.99</b>	<b>£4.80</b>	<b>£28.79</b>

**Standing Orders and Direct Debits**

Tracey Martin	Salary	£648.96		£648.96
Tracey Martin	Home Working Allowance	£26.00		£26.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>£674.96</b>		<b>£674.96</b>

Following a proposal by Cllr Butler and seconded by Cllr Bird a vote was taken and all Councillors were in favour of approving the payments and the payments were approved.  
 It was agreed that Cllr Davidson and Cllr Dobson will approve the payments online.

**145. Grant Applications:** None received

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

**Parish Maintenance Working Group: The Dell:** Cllr Reading provided Councillors with an update and a report had been circulated ahead of the meeting to all Councillors. Following the comments made by the neighbouring property each of the items was discussed and voted on individually:

- 146.1. Russian Vine: It was agreed that this would be killed at source.
- 146.2. Tree close to electricity line: As the arboriculturist raised no concerns it was agreed no action is required
- 146.3. Oak Tree overhanging boundary: It was agreed that the resident could cut back to their boundary at their cost.
- 146.4. Fencing: It was agreed in principle that the Parish Council would obtain quotes for post and wire fencing and that we would be happy for the resident to make up the difference to get the fencing which matches other fences on the property.
- 146.5. It was reported that The Crest is looking overgrown. The Clerk reported that she had requested it be cut back and Cllr Cox added that it hasn't taken place due to the ground being so wet which will leave track marks.

**147. To Consider Precept for 2023-2024:** The precept calculations had been circulated to Councillors ahead of the meeting. Discussions were had and it was agreed to vote upon keeping the band d rate at £15.02 which

would result in the Parish Council receiving £20,163.30 which would be an increase of £30.64 overall. A vote was taken and with the majority in favour and the precept was approved.

- 148. To consider results of speed survey:** Cllr Reading asked for this to be deferred until the February meeting. Cllr Etholen stated that there is a meeting of the Transport and Road Action Group on the 25<sup>th</sup> January and Cllr Reading agreed that he would attend. Cllr Cox asked Cllr Etholen if any funding for no parking bollards outside the school. Cllr Etholen stated that the Parish Council could apply to the Community Boards and questioned whether the school could claim for the signs through their insurance as they had been stolen. Another suggestion was whether the PTA could help. Cllr Reading to discuss with the school. **Action: Cllr Reading**
- 149. 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 150 and 151 on the agenda.:** Cllr Reading proposed the motion and Cllr Davidson seconded and a vote was taken and all Councillors were in favour. Cllr Etholen and a resident left the meeting.
- 150. Meadow Styles: To consider lease:** Cllr Dobson provided an update to Councillors. Further information is still required and the lease will then be brought to the Parish Council for approval.
- 151. Consider possible social contribution from the developers of the date centre:** Cllr Davidson reported that there is no progress and that the item will be deferred until the new owners are in place.
- 152. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960: To resolve that the public and press be re-admitted to the meeting:** Cllr Davidson proposed the motion and Cllr Reading seconded and the meeting was reopened to the press and public.
- 153. Correspondence, reports and issues from Councillors and Clerk:**
- 153.1. Cllr Reading stated that he had received no invitations to meetings or information on Bledlow Consolidated Charities. Clerk to discuss with the Charity. **Action: Clerk**
  - 153.2. Cllr Reading raised a concern with the traffic chaos on the West Wycombe Road which had affected Bledlow Ridge.
  - 153.3. Cllr Cox stated that Thames Water are putting in a new mains supply through Bledlow Ridge which is expected to take around 9 weeks to complete.
  - 153.4. Cllr Cox had received a complaint from a resident regarding a lady using a footpath to ride horses on and asked whether a kissing gate could be considered. Clerk to make enquiries. **Action: Clerk**
  - 153.5. Cllr Cox raised frustrations as to what is happening with Speedwatch. The Clerk informed Cllr Cox and all those present that if anybody wishes to volunteer, they can register and the equipment can be passed to them.
  - 153.6. Cllr Cox suggested that the book shelter in Bledlow Ridge needs somebody to maintain it. It was agreed to put a notice on Facebook and newsletters asking residents to tidy and clear books as necessary.
  - 153.7. Discussions were had on Longwood Farm and the fact that a business may be operating without permission. This has been reported to enforcement.
- 154. Next meeting:** It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm

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