



BLEDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall on
Monday 13th February 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: S Breese (Chairman), D Dobson (Vice Chairman), P Davidson, S Bird, J Butler, and D Freeman. S Reading and N Cox from agenda item 157
Clerk: Tracey Martin

- 155. To receive apologies for absence:** Buckinghamshire Councillors: R Carington, C Etholen and S Adoh.
- 156. Declaration of Interests and Dispensations:** None declared.
- 157. To approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 9th January 2023:** A couple of typing errors were amended and the minutes were approved following a proposal by Cllr Butler and Cllr Bird and all Councillors were in favour.
- 158. To receive an update from Buckinghamshire Councillors, responses to outstanding actions and to receive questions from Parish Councillors:** There were no Buckinghamshire Councillors in attendance but a report had been submitted ahead of the meeting.
- 158.1. Lydebrook:** Still with Counsel but a response is expected shortly. The hope is that when it is returned it will be signed off and released for the start of the 28-day review/comment period.
 - 158.2. Household Waste Recycling Centre:** Following a productive meeting with Chiltern Rangers, Buckinghamshire Council Officers and Councillors, a Parish Councillor and local resident the screening plan was discussed and some helpful suggestions were made which are being considered by the Rangers. As raised during discussion in the focus group, visitor numbers are staying low for the time being, with no concerns being raised currently. If Councillors have any information or concerns they wish raised please send these through to the Buckinghamshire Councillors. .
 - 158.3. Princes Risborough Relief Road Culverton Link:** Planning permission has still not been issued with the determination date extended to 28th February 2023 as they are still awaiting a response from the Environmental Agency. In response to the action Cllr Etholen had from the last meeting regarding funds being lost if work does not commence by April which Cllr Etholen felt was unlikely but is still awaiting an official response on this.
 - 158.4. The White House (former Rose and Crown Pub), Lee Road/A4010 junction:** Concerns have been raised over the site in particular over the security lighting, gates and Fly-tipping. Cllr Etholen has raised this with officers and it is being investigated. In terms of the lighting if they are causing a nuisance this matter can be reported to environmental health.
 - 158.5. Update to way Council Tax can be paid:** Residents in Buckinghamshire can choose to pay their 2023-2024 Council Tax in 12 monthly instalments, instead of the standard 10 instalments. To take advantage of this option, all residents need to do is complete and submit the online form which can be found on the Buckinghamshire Council website.
 - 158.6. Former Molins Site:** Various Parish Councils had reported to the North West Chilterns Community Board that the Contractor had not notified them of works being undertaken in advance. This has now been rectified and weekly reports are being sent out. Works can also be found on the one network website.
 - 158.7. Garage conversion at Walnut Tree House in Bledlow Ridge:** Cllr Cox questioned why the garage conversion at Walnut Tree House in Bledlow Ridge was refused in 2014 and permitted now? Cllr Etholen reported that this was a new application where there was a consultation period up to 29/11/22 and it was permitted. Cllr Cox stated at the meeting that the planning application has gone to Judicial review.
- 159. Outstanding Actions:** Cllr Breese reported that legal negotiations are continuing between Rapid Rural and Church Parochial Council.
Following on from the previous meeting Cllr Reading stated that he had followed up on the action to make enquiries about another Parish Council who had applied for a grant for the whole village to have fibre. Enquiries are ongoing.
Action: Cllr Reading
- 160. To ratify Councillors responses to Planning Consultations:**
New Planning Applications:
22/08270/FUL: Barns on Land Between Cuttle Brook And Jannock Cottage Chinnor Road: Objection see planning portal for full details.
22/08264/FUL: Land Adjacent Juniper Wigans Lane Bledlow Ridge: No objection

22/08342/FUL and 22/08343/LBC: The Old House Forty Green Bledlow: Objection see planning portal for full details.

23/05128/CTREE: Bledlow House Church End Bledlow: No objection

22/08370/CLP: Higher Croft the City Bledlow Ridge: No objection

23/05046/FUL: Ashridge House Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: No objection

23/05077/FUL: Crofters Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: Objection see planning portal for full details.

23/05271/CTREE: 7 Manor Close Church End Bledlow: No objection

23/05108/FUL: 8 Woodland View Saunderton: Objection see planning portal for full details

Following a proposal by Cllr Bird and Cllr Butler a vote was taken and all comments were approved.

Planning Applications which have been decided:

22/08052/FUL: Little Acorns Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: Application withdrawn

22/07043/ADRC: Grangewood Chapel Lane Bledlow Ridge: Split- detail reserved by condition

22/07907/FUL: Holly Green House Holly Green Lane Bledlow: Application permitted

22/07405/FUL: Juniper Wigans Lane Bledlow Ridge: Application permitted

22/08136/ADRC: The Jays Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: Permit - detail reserved by condition

22/07472/CLP: The Old Rectory Upper Icknield Way Saunderton: Grant certificate - proposed development

22/07026/FUL: Wigans Farm Wigans Lane Bledlow Ridge: Application permitted

Cllr Davidson gave an update on the former Molins site as he had spoken with the Planning Officer. The section 73 substitution change of layout application is close to a decision as they are just waiting on Environment Agency.

There was a section 106 clause in the original planning which allowed the council to serve notice on developers for a footpath to the new houses at Saunderton – only in place for 10 years so long since expired.

The plans appear to show priority signs and not traffic lights under the Haw Lane bridge so this should not cause backup onto A4010 or other problems. Cllr Davidson to check plans. **Action: Cllr Davidson**

A meeting is being arranged with the prospective owners, Cllr Davidson and Cllr Breese.

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

Unity Payments:

Payee	Description	Net	VAT	Total
BCSPC - Lloyds	Reinstate Balance on Lloyds Account	£33.53		£33.53
Tracey Martin	Salary - Difference between S/O	£61.24		£61.24
HMRC	PAYE	£15.20		£15.20
TBS Hygiene	Bin Emptying	£21.00	£4.20	£25.20
G Spratt	Hedge cutting	£960.00		£960.00
PRTC	Sign cleaning D/S	£86.92	£17.38	£104.30
Bucks Council	Speed data and traffic count	£1,771.60	£354.32	£2,125.92
Oxford Oak	The Dell Urgent Tree Works	£950.00	£190.00	£1,140.00
Total		£3,899.49	£565.90	£4,465.39

Lloyds bank account spend

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

Standing Orders and Direct Debits

Tracey Martin	Salary	£648.96		£648.96
Tracey Martin	Home Working Allowance	£26.00		£26.00
Total		£674.96		£674.96

The Clerk stated that the Oxford Oak invoice was a late invoice received due to the urgent works and confirmed that the arboriculturalist was going to attend the site to check the surrounding trees.

Following a proposal by Cllr Davidson and seconded by Cllr Butler 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.

162. To Consider Working Group Updates / Recommendations:

162.1. Parish Maintenance Working Group: The Dell Approve Fencing Quotes: Cllr Reading provided Councillors with an update and the quotes had been circulated ahead of the meeting. Discussions were had and following a proposal by Cllr Freeman which was seconded by Cllr Bird a vote was taken and it was agreed that the Parish Council would commit to paying £825+ Vat for standard stock fencing and should the neighbouring property wish to have the fencing matching to their other fencing they will pay the additional £495. Clerk to arrange works. **Action: Clerk**

162.2. **Parish Maintenance Working Group: The Dell Ratify Urgent Works:** Ratified under agenda item 161.

- 163. To Consider Traffic Calming Measures and Follow up Actions:** Cllr Reading had made a presentation to the Community Boards which had been well received and complemented on. The issue at the moment is due to Buckinghamshire Council changing contractors no works are being approved and until the new contractor's process has been implemented. Cllr Reading stated that the Parish Council can improve its case by organising a petition. It was agreed that this was a good idea and to have an online petition for Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge. Councillor Reading to coordinate. **Action: Cllr Reading**
Cllr Reading stated that other things which can be done now are reporting worn out speed roundels on FixMyStreet as suggested by the Local Area Technician.
Discussions were had on chicanes and lighting and it was agreed that Councillors would look for evidence of unlit chicanes in the Buckinghamshire Council area.
Speedwatch was discussed and the Clerk reported that the previous Coordinator is trying to hand over and get this up and running again. Cllr Davidson stated he had somebody who may be interested and will share details with the Clerk.
- 164. To note Quarter 3 Accounts:** Accounts were noted and the Clerk confirmed that they had been checked and signed off by Cllr Cox.
- 165. To note Increase in Devolved Services Hourly Rate:** Discussions were had and it was agreed to accept the increase this year, however, the Clerk to make enquiries into costs from other contractors for next year.
- 166. Walking and Cycling Improvements in the North West Chilterns Area:** Discussions were had on cycle routes. Clerk to respond with comments submitted by Councillors via email. **Action: Clerk**
- 167. To consider whether to change the Parish Council meeting dates in April and May due to Bank Holidays:** Discussions were had and it was agreed that the meetings would be postponed by a week with the April meeting now taking place on the 17th April and the May meeting 15th May.
- 168. 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 Dobson proposed the motion and Cllr Reading seconded and a vote was taken and all Councillors were in favour. There were no members of the public to exclude.
- 169. Meadow Styles: To consider lease:** Cllr Dobson provided an update to Councillors. Negotiations are still ongoing.
- 170. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960: To resolve that the public and press be re-admitted to the meeting:** Cllr Reading proposed the motion and Cllr Dobson seconded and the meeting was reopened to the press and public.
- 171. Correspondence, reports and issues from Councillors and Clerk:**
- 171.1. Cllr Bird asked what is happening with the Bledlow Councillor vacancy. It was agreed that the Clerk would add the vacancy in Contact and Messenger and also post on Facebook. **Action: Clerk**
- 171.2. Cllr Cox reported a potential issue with the solar panels on the SID on the Lower Icknield Way. It was agreed that this needs reporting on FixMyStreet. **Action: Cllr Cox**
- 171.3. Cllr Cox asked what is happening with the accounts of the CIC. Cllr Breese confirmed that he is working on this.
- 171.4. Cllr Cox reported that Thames Water are continuing their works on the Chinnor Road and these will be ongoing for 19 weeks.
- 171.5. Cllr Cox reported that the creator of Teddy Bear Corner has been nominated for a Pride of Bucks award.
- 171.6. Cllr Davidson raised a concern with the verges on the Chinnor Road following the works by Thames Water. Clerk to contact Thames Water to raise this issue. **Action: Clerk**
- 171.7. Cllr Davidson stated that a number of lorries have been coming out of the Molins site and has raised this with the Site Manager who is going to discuss this with the lorry companies. If any Councillors see anything please take a photo and send through to Cllr Davidson.
- 171.8. Cllr Davidson had received a question from a member of the public about water usage at the Molins Site. Cllr Davidson has asked the Site Manager for clarification.
- 171.9. Cllr Davidson raised concerns with the signage for the Household Waste recycling centre as it was agreed finger pointers would be more appropriate and Cllr Cox stated that he believed these were supplied by the Conservation Board in Chinnor. Clerk to make enquiries with the Conservation Board and the Local Area Technician. **Action: Clerk**
- 171.10. Cllr Reading stated that he had recently reported some potholes in Saunderton and they were fixed

within days. The Clerk to remind residents via Facebook, Contact and Messenger to report potholes on FixMyStreet.

Action: Clerk

- 171.11. Cllr Butler reported correspondence which had been received which is requesting additional signage on the downhill route out of Bledlow Ridge towards West Wycombe as there have been a number of accidents. Clerk to make enquiries with Local Area Technician. **Action: Clerk**
- 171.12. Cllr Dobson reported that an Enforcement Officer had attended Longwood Farm and there appeared to be no plant there. Photographic evidence is required.
- 171.13. Cllr Dobson stated that a resident had attended the Household Waste Recycling but had not been ID checked and that there is a concern that contractors are not paying to use the site. Evidence is required.
- 171.14. Cllr Dobson asked on behalf of a Parishioner if the Parish Council would consider sponsoring by way of advertising, a litter pick on the Monday of the Coronation weekend. Councillors in principle were in favour and agreed that the Clerk would post on Facebook and in Newsletters stating that the Parish Council will consider applications and with a deadline to meet the date of distribution of the meeting pack for the next meeting.
- 171.15. Cllr Breese stated he in discussions with a company offering Energy Workshops date to be confirmed. The event will be circulated to Bledlow Oil Group mailing list. Cllr Cox to inform Cllr Breese of the Bledlow Ridge Oil Group contact.
- 171.16. Cllr Breese stated that a meeting had taken place on site at the Household Waste Recycling Centre. The Chiltern Rangers want a 'back to nature' approach however, a screening program is needed for the next 5-10 years.

- 172. Next meeting:** It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held on Monday 13th March 2023 at Bledlow Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm

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