



BLEDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Bledlow Village Hall on
Monday 13th March 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 176.
Clerk: Tracey Martin
Three members of the public present

It was agreed by all those present to permit member of the public present to speak during the relevant agenda items.

173. To receive apologies for absence: Buckinghamshire Councillors: C Etholen and S Adoh

174. Declaration of Interests and Dispensations: None declared.

175. To approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 13th February 2023: Following a proposal by Cllr Davidson seconded by Cllr Reading a vote was taken and all Councillors were in favour.

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

176.1. **Lydebrook:** Cllr Breese stated that the recommendation from Buckinghamshire Council has now been received and circulated to Councillors. The recommendation is to reopen the footpath and it was agreed that the Parish Council will write in support of the recommendation. The question was raised as to whether the report can be circulated to interested residents. Cllr Carington confirmed that the report can be shared but responses are to come through the Parish Council. Any comments to be submitted to the clerk by the 27th March 23. Cllr Breese thanked the Buckinghamshire Councillors and the member of the public who was present at the meeting for their work and efforts on this matter. At this time, it was agreed not to pursue the matter of traffic being able to use the footpath.

176.2. **Household Waste Recycling Centre:** Cllr Carington reported that a date for the next focus group is expected within the next two weeks. The screening has been completed and Buckinghamshire Council are expecting the landscape plan and additional screening plan which is needed whilst the natural screening establishes itself. Signage was discussed as it felt that the current signage is not in keeping within the area, a response is expected within the next couple of weeks. The Clerk had written to the Buckinghamshire Council Officer copying in the Community Board Coordinator asking whether the Parish Council could apply for funding for additional screening but no response had been received. Clerk to follow up.

Action: Clerk

Concerns were raised regarding litter around the surrounding roads. Cllr Carington confirmed that the site operator has a duty to clear litter around the entrance and exit but they are looking to agree on a scope.

Discussions were had on the CIC and the request for financial information as the Parish Council is a stakeholder.

176.3. **Princes Risborough Relief Road Culverton Link:** No update however, Cllr Bird stated that although not within the Parish but on the border, residents are trying to get the area of land at the junction of Shootacre Lane and Picts Lane registered as a Village Green. This has been ongoing since August 2019 with the Ombudsman being contacted in September 2021 and the complaint being upheld. Despite this, the Strategic Sites Committee have postponed discussions on this matter. Cllr Carington will write to the Chairman of the Strategic Sites Committee to find out why this has not yet been discussed and will report back.

Action: Cllr Carington

177. Grant Applications: Bledlow Social Club Sub Group – Kings Coronation Celebration: Discussed and a vote taken with all Councillors in favouring of approving the grant request of £1500.

178. To ratify Councillors responses to Planning Consultations:

Two members of the public who were in attendance were permitted to address Councillors to voice their concerns with planning application 23/05109/FUL – 8 Woodland View.

New Planning Applications:

23/05026/MINAMD: Grangewood Chapel Lane Bledlow Ridge: For information only

23/05263/CLP: Richmond House Chapel Lane Bledlow: No objection

23/05242/FUL: Garage North Of The Barn Cottage West Lane Bledlow: No objection

23/05479/CTREE: Manor Farm Church End Bledlow: Cllr Breese declared an interest. No objection

23/05109/FUL: 8 Woodland View, Saunderton: Bledlow cum Saunderton Parish Council object to this application for the following reasons: 1) Overdevelopment of the property and 2) The impact on the neighbourhood amenities. The Parish Council would also ask that the planning application 23/05108/FUL is also taken into consideration when making the decision.

22/07662/FUL: The Gables Skittle Green Bledlow: No further comment to make

23/05379/FUL: Old Callow Down Farm Wigans Lane Bledlow Ridge: Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Parish Council have no objections to the current scheme though the council's view is that, owing to its size, it is only just within policy 14 of the Parish's Neighbourhood Plan:

Policy 14: Renewable and Low Carbon Energy

The parish will support proposals for small scale generation of electricity from renewable resources in appropriate, non-sensitive locations, and the use of low carbon technologies for heat and power, provided the generation systems:

- Do not detract from the AONB, its setting or the Bledlow Conservation Area by reason of their cumulative visual, landscape or environmental impact.
- Are in keeping with the scale, form and character of their surroundings.
- Do not have significant adverse effects on the amenities of residents in the area.

During discussions Councillors expressed concern at the effect on the AONB and we ask that additional screening be considered to protect the visual amenity of the AONB.

23/05455/ADRC: Juniper Wigans Lane Bledlow Ridge: For information only

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

Planning Applications which have been decided:

22/08353/ADRC: Bakehouse Farm West Lane Bledlow: Permit - detail Reserved by Condition

23/05128/CTREE: Bledlow House Church End Bledlow: Not to make a Tree Preservation Order

22/07164/FUL: The Firs Scrubbs Lane Bledlow Ridge: Application Permitted

22/06302/FUL: 2 Queens Cottages Lower Icknield Way Bledlow: Application Permitted

23/05418/ADRC: Grangewood Chapel Lane Bledlow Ridge: Application Permitted

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

Unity Payments:

Payee	Description	Net	VAT	Total
BCSPC - Lloyds	Reinstate Balance on Lloyds Account	£320.40		£320.40
Tracey Martin	Salary - Difference between S/O	£61.24		£61.24
HMRC	Tax and NI	£15.20		£15.20
BRVH	Hall Hire 2023	£270.00		£270.00
BMKALC	Planning Response Training - DD	£45.00		£45.00
TBS Hygiene	Bin Emptying	£21.00	£4.20	£25.20
Total		£732.84	£4.20	£737.04

Following a proposal by Cllr Dobson and seconded by Cllr Bird a vote was taken and all Councillors were in favour of approving the payments and the payments were approved.

Lloyds Bank Spend

Royal Mail	PO Box Subscription	£250.00	£50.00	£300.00
IONOS	Monthly IT Charge	£12.00	£2.40	£14.40
GiffGaff	Monthly Mobile Top Up	£5.00	£1.00	£6.00
Total		£267.00	£53.40	£320.40

Standing Orders / Direct Debits

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

180. Approval of the purchase of a new laptop for the Clerk: Discussions were had and as the laptop is nearly five years old and has had works done to the battery and memory previously, a vote was taken with all Councillors in favour of the Clerk purchasing a new laptop within the budget of £500.

181. To consider Local Plan Response: A draft had been circulated ahead of the meeting. Cllr Reading asked whether the Parish Council response should include infrastructure which supports the Parish i.e. doctors and other amenities which are in other Parishes. It was agreed that this was a good idea and for Saunderton Village Hall possibility to be included. Cllr Reading and Cllr Dobson to formulate a final response and send

through to the Clerk for submission.

Action Cllr Dobson and Cllr Reading.

- 182. To review and approve the Devolution agreement for 23/24:** All Councillors were in favour of signing the agreement.
- 183. Correspondence, reports and issues from Councillors and Clerk:**
- 183.1.. Cllr Freeman provided Councillors with an update on the White House and the fly tipping.
 - 183.2. Cllr Butler stated that the Molins schedule of works which had been circulated earlier today had stated that the Haw Lane works would take 6 weeks however, the Parish Council had been told 3 weeks in earlier discussions. Cllr Davidson will discuss with the developer. **Action: Cllr Davidson**
 - 183.3. Cllr Cox reported that TfB are keeping on top of the works being carried out on the Chinnor Road and works which may be required to the verges as a result.
 - 183.4. Cllr Davidson provided Councillors with an update on the Molins Site: the sale has not yet been finalised with the new site owners. Groundworks are due to be completed within 2 years. There is likely to be a change of layout from 4 buildings to 2 wider buildings and 2 floors rather than 3 however, there is no difference in the height of the buildings. The site's planners are currently deciding whether this will be a new planning application or an amendment. The ballroom is being kept as a local landmark and discussions are taking place on the options for the ballroom which is located outside the security of the data centre. The site will be air cooled so there will be no additional water required for cooling.
 - 183.5. Cllr Reading stated that he has produced an online petition for Traffic Calming which will be publicised in Contact, Messenger and on Facebook and the Parish Council website.
 - 183.6. Cllr Reading reported that he is still making enquiries on the broadband which was discussed at the previous two meetings and will update Councillors.
 - 183.7. Cllr Breese reminded Councillors that there is an Energy Efficient Workshop taking place in Bledlow Village Hall this coming weekend the 18th March.
 - 183.8. Cllr Dobson reported to Councillors that the Meadow Styles lease is nearly ready to be agreed, a copy of which has been circulated to Councillors. In principle Councillors were in favour and it was agreed that the lease would be added to the agenda for the April meeting where a vote will be taken and if approved the lease signed.
 - 183.9. The Clerk reported that she had received an email about using The Green outside the Lions of Bledlow for a wedding. In principle Councillors were in favour however, further discussions will need to be had, including a usage fee.
- 184. Next meeting:** It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held on Monday 17th April 2023 at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall with the Annual Meeting of the Parish starting at 7pm and the Parish Council Meetings starting at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

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