



BLEDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall on
Monday 12th June 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: S Breese (Chairman), D Dobson (Vice Chairman), P Davidson, D Freeman, S Bird and N Cox
Clerk: Tracey Martin
4 representatives for the Tennis Club and 1 representative for Bledlow Ridge Village Hall.

38. **To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr Butler. Buckinghamshire Councillors: C Etholen, R Carington and S Adoh
39. **Declaration of Interests and Dispensations:** Cllr Cox declared an interest in the grant application for Bledlow Ridge Village Hall but it was agreed that it was not a Prejudicial Interest.
40. **To approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 15th May 2023:** Following a proposal by Cllr Dobson seconded by Cllr Freeman a vote was taken and all Councillors were in favour and the minutes were signed.
41. **To receive an update from Buckinghamshire Councillors, responses to outstanding actions and to receive questions from Parish Councillors:** Defer as no Buckinghamshire Councillors were in attendance.
42. **Grant Applications:**
- 42.1. **Bledlow Ridge Village Hall:** A representative of the Village Hall provided further details on the grant application which is for repairs to the roof the total cost for which is £8,350 with £4,725 being requested from the Parish Council and for the remaining balance the funds have been secured from the North West Chiltern Community Boards. The current roof is over 20 years old and failing. When the roof is replaced, insulation works and guttering replacement will also be carried out. A question was raised that the quote is from April and states only valid for four weeks. The representative for the Village Hall confirmed they are engaging with the Contractor and the quote will still be valid and the contractor is also accommodating the works over a weekend to avoid disruption to bookings. Cllr Dobson proposed the grant application and Cllr Davidson seconded and a vote was taken with all in favour or approving the grant for £4,725.
- 42.2. **Bledlow Ridge Tennis Club:** Representatives for the Tennis Club provided Councillors with a summary of the application. It was stated that the club is thriving in the summer however, come winter and darker evenings nobody can play which impacts on social groups and coaching sessions. The grant application is for £10k and the total cost of installing is £27,294 and the committee will be applying for other grants and raising money through events and potentially using surplus membership funds. It was suggested that the committee could also apply to the North West Chiltern Community Boards for funding. Concerns were raised about there being a dark skies policy in the Parish however, these concerns are addressed by the papers supplied with the grant application. The representatives confirmed that the latest the lights will be in use is 10pm but usually will be around 9pm and that the lights will only be in use whilst matches are taking place, and that the permitted hours will be subject to the approval of their planning application. Concerns were raised that the quote is from November 22 and the representatives responded that they are confident that the price will be held and that there are reserves available if this was not the case. Cllr Freeman proposed the grant application and Cllr Dobson seconded and a vote was taken with all Councillors in favour. Representatives to liaise with the Clerk as to when funds are required.
43. **To ratify Councillors responses to Planning Consultations:**
- New Planning Applications:
- 23/06108/LBC: Pitch Green Farm Chapel Lane Bledlow: No objection
23/06107/FUL: Pitch Green Farm Chapel Lane Bledlow: No objection
23/06141/VCDN: OS Parcel 8300 Chinnor Road Bledlow: No objection
23/06419/ADRC: The Jays Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: No comment required
23/06409/PNP3Q: Groveway Farm Hinton Crossing Bledlow: No objection
- Following a proposal by Cllr Davidson seconded by Cllr Bird a vote was taken and all comments were approved.
- Planning Applications which have been decided:
APP/K0425/W/22/3294468 / 21/07058/FUL: Hunters Gate Deanfield Saunderton: Appeal dismissed

21/08466/FUL: Stable Adjacent to The Paddocks Chinnor Road Chinnor: Application Permitted
 23/05455/ADRC: Juniper Wigans Lane Bledlow Ridge: Permit - detail Reserved by Condition
 23/05497/FUL: Logsborough West Lane Bledlow: Application Permitted
 22/06808/FUL: Hemley Hill Farm Upper Icknield Way Saunderton: Application Permitted
 22/06810/FUL: Hemley Hill Farm Upper Icknield Way Saunderton: Application Permitted
 23/05026/MINAMD: Grangewood Chapel Lane Bledlow Ridge: Application Refused
 23/05598/FUL: 3 Virginia Gardens Bledlow Ridge: Application Refused
 23/05827/FUL: The Firs Scrubbs Lane Bledlow Ridge: Application Permitted

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

Unity Payments:

Payee	Description	Net	VAT	Total
Tracey Martin	Salary - Difference between S/O	£76.44		£76.44
Bledlow Ridge CC	Donation to tree carving	£25.00		£25.00
SLCC	Annual Membership 50% will be reclaimed from Longwick	£187.00		£187.00
G Spratt	Grass Mstyles & Verge x 2, lawn area Saunderton Churchyard	£260.00		£260.00
Tracey Martin	Expenses - Mileage Jan-June	£34.20		£34.20
BCSPC	Reinstate balance on Lloyd's account	£171.34		£171.34
Reids	Toad stool repairs	£395.00	£79.00	£474.00
Total		£1,148.98	£79.00	£1,227.98

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

Lloyds Bank Card Spend:

ICO	Data protection annual renewal	£40.00		£40.00
GiffGaff	Mobile Top Up	£5.00	£1.00	£6.00
DropBox	Annual Subscription	£79.90	£15.98	£95.88
IONOS	Website Hosting	£7.55	£1.51	£9.06

45. Correspondence, reports and issues from Councillors and Clerk:

- 45.1.** Cllr Cox reported that an accident had taken place on the junction of Chinnor Road / Radnage. The Clerk added that she has requested that the verge be cut back as soon as possible and has also received a request for signage informing drivers of a concealed junction. The Clerk will send request through to Buckinghamshire Council. It was highlighted that it is not clear what the road name is, Clerk to make enquiries. **Action: Clerk**
- 45.2.** Cllr Bird provided an update on the Village Green application which was cancelled from the agenda of Buckinghamshire Council's Strategic Sites Committee on the day of the meeting. It is believed this is because four serious procedural irregularities had been raised with regards to the decision making process. There is no date set yet as to when this will be reviewed again. Cllr Bird thanked Cllr Carington for his support on this matter.
- 45.3.** Cllr Davidson reported that it seems there is no progress yet on the sale of the former Molins site.
- 45.4.** A concern was raised with lighting which is left on 24 hours a day at Juniper Cottage in Wigans Lane. Clerk to write to enforcement and or the resident whichever is appropriate. **Action: Clerk**
- 45.5.** The Clerk reported that under delegated authority she had approved a repair on the toad stools at Meadow Styles at a cost of £395 + VAT. The Clerk also raised concerns the frequency with which these need to be replaced and maybe going forward alternative equipment could be provided.

46. To confirm the dates and time of the next Parish Council Meeting: Monday 10th July 2023 at Bledlow Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.57pm

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