



# BLEDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Bledlow Village Hall on  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.30pm

**Present: Councillors: S Breese (Chairman), D Dobson (Vice Chairman), P Davidson, J Butler, D Freeman and S Bird**

**Clerk: Tracey Martin**

**Buckinghamshire Councillor: R Carington arrived at item 55.14**

**One member of the public**

47. **To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr Cox. Buckinghamshire Councillors: C Etholen and S Adoh.
48. **Declaration of Interests and Dispensations:** None declared.
49. **To approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023:** Following a proposal by Cllr Bird seconded by Cllr Dobson a vote was taken and all Councillors were in favour and the minutes were signed.
50. **To receive an update from Buckinghamshire Councillors, responses to outstanding actions and to receive questions from Parish Councillors:** The Clerk read out an update provided by Buckinghamshire Councillors:
- 50.1. **Lydebrook Road and Footpath update:** The Order is currently in the objection period until 11 August and as yet there have been no objections have been received.
- 50.2. **Bledlow Ridge Household Recycling Centre, Wigans Lane, Bledlow Ridge:** Still waiting on the stats.
- 50.3. **Princes Risborough Relief Road Culverton Link and Proposed Village Green:** No update.
- 50.4. **The Paddocks Enforcement Update on Caravan / Mobile Home:** Still waiting to hear from the Enforcement team.
51. **To Note Quarter 1 Accounts: Noted**
52. **To ratify Councillors responses to Planning Consultations:**  
New Planning Applications:  
23/06467/MINAMD: Crofters Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: For information only  
23/06247/FUL: Farley Cottage Oddley Lane Saunderton: No objection  
23/06462/FUL: Red Kites Bledlow Road Saunderton: No objection  
Appeal: APP/K0425/W/ 23/3323862 / 22/07740/FUL: Land Adjacent Pitch Green Cottage Chapel Lane: Nothing to add to previous comment.  
23/06442/FUL: Keepers House Wigans Lane Bledlow Ridge: No objection  
23/06547/CLE: Higher Croft the City Bledlow Ridge: Councillors had not received the application so the comment will be approved via email and submitted under the Clerks delegated authority in order to meet the deadline.  
23/06562/FUL: 3 Virginia Gardens Bledlow Ridge: Objection as the house is showing as five bedrooms which contravenes the neighbourhood plan recommendation. The size of the lounge, diner and kitchen is not conducive with a five-bedroom property with multiple bathrooms for a chalet bungalow. The current plans would also alter the street scene.  
23/06217/FUL: Longwood Cottage Lee Road Saunderton: Discussions were had and concerns were raised with some of the technical details in the planning application which seemed to be incorrect alongside this the Parish Council would not like to see the incremental expansion of the land continue. Final comment to be approved by Ward Councillors and submitted via the Clerk under delegated authority.  
23/06592/ADRC: OS Parcel 3343 Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: For information only  
23/06535/FUL: North Mill North Mill Road Bledlow: No objection

A vote was taken and all comments were approved.

Planning Applications which have been decided:

22/07311/FUL: Wigans Farm Wigans Lane Bledlow Ridge: Application refused

23/05908/FUL: Craymer Haw Lane Saunderton: Application permitted

23/06052/CLP: Crossview Shootacre Lane Princes Risborough: Grant certificate - proposed development

23/06215/CTREE: Manor Farm Church End Bledlow: Not to make a tree preservation order

23/05626/FUL: Bledlow Ridge Lawn Tennis Club Meadow Styles Playing Fields Chinnor Road: Application permitted

22/07954/FUL: Badgers View Red Lane Chinnor Oxon: Application refused

23/05761/CLP: Yew Tree Cottage Church End Bledlow: Grant certificate - proposed development  
 23/05379/FUL: Old Callow Down Farm Wigans Lane Bledlow Ridge: Application withdrawn  
 23/06073/FUL: The Old Rectory Upper Icknield Way Saunderton: Application refused  
 22/06809/FUL: Hemley Hill Farm Upper Icknield Way Saunderton: Application permitted

**53. 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
BR Village Hall	Grant roof repairs (June 23)	£4,725		£4,725
BR Tennis Club	Grant lighting (June 23)	£10,000		£10,000
Trustees of M/Styles	Rent Meadow Styles	£300.00		£300.00
Starboard Systems	Scribe Accounts Software	£345.60	£69.12	£414.72
Shield Maintenance	Bin Emptying Meadow Styles	£15.16	£3.03	£18.19
Reid's Playground	Toadstool repairs	£395.00	£79.00	£474.00
G Spratt	Grass cutting	£2399.00		£2399.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>£18,256.30</b>	<b>£151.15</b>	<b>£18,407.35</b>

Discussions were had on the payment to Bledlow Ridge Tennis Club. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to the trustees stating that the funds are only to be used for the proposed flood lighting, should this not go ahead for any reasons then the grant would be returned to the Parish Council. The Clerk will also request a copy of the final invoice or statement for the works upon completion.

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

**Lloyds Bank Card Spend:**

IONOS	Website Hosting	£12.00	£2.40	£14.40
SLCC	Annual subs	£187.00		£187.00
GiffGaff	Mobile Top Up	£5.00	£1.00	£6.00

**Standing Orders and Direct Debits**

Tracey Martin	Salary	£648.96		£648.96
Tracey Martin	Home Working Allowance	£26.00		£26.00
Unity Bank	Quarterly Charges	£18.00		£18.00

**54. To Consider Approving a Contribution to Costs for Tree Works at Meadow Styles:** The Parish Council had been approached to fund 50% of the cost of the tree works to the Leylandii that border the playground but outside the boundary of the playground. The total cost quoted was £1200 and £600 is being requested from the Parish Council. Concerns were raised that reducing the height of the leylandii may expose the floodlighting which is due to be installed. The Clerk stated that at the meeting they had been informed that the height is set out in the tennis club lease, clerk to confirm height. Another concern was that the work must be carried out before the school holidays or upon their return. After further discussions a £400 contribution was proposed and a vote was taken and approved.

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

- 55.1.** Cllr Butler raised a concern with the verge cutting in Haw Lane. Clerk advised to report through FixMyStreet in the first instance.
- 55.2.** Cllr Butler and Cllr Bird provided Councillors with an update on the footpaths around Lodge Hill. A letter had been written to a landowner who had responded saying they would prefer a permissive path. Discussions are ongoing.
- 55.3.** Cllr Breese raised an ongoing concern that the footpath from the green by The Lions towards the Upper Icknield Way is recorded correctly on the definitive map for pedestrians as a bridleway. Cllr Butler to draft an email for the Clerk to send to Rights of Way. **Action: Cllr Butler / Clerk**
- 55.4.** Cllr Davidson stated that there is no update on the ownership of the former Molins site.
- 55.5.** Cllr Davidson reminded Councillors that Haw Lane is going to be closed for the cabling works. Cllr Butler confirmed that signage is in place. Clerk to remind residents through Facebook and the Parish Council website. **Action: Clerk**
- 55.6.** Cllr Reading reported that he had attended the Bledlow Consolidated Charities meeting and that the charity was adequately funded and running a surplus.
- 55.7.** Cllr Reading had also attended the Defibrillator group annual meeting. At this stage nothing is needed from the Parish Council but they may need assistance in the future with battery replacements. Cllr Breese reminded Councillors that there had been discussions previously about an additional defibrillator in Bledlow. It was agreed that Cllr Reading will enquire whether there are any guidelines for the frequency of defibrillators in rural areas such as ours, and whether we currently meet any such standards. **Action: Cllr Reading**
- 55.8.** Cllr Reading stated that the recent novelty speed camera which had been put up in Bledlow Ridge had

raised the question as to whether the Parish Council should be looking at a speed camera. The speeding petition is due to be discussed by the Community Boards on the 27<sup>th</sup> July. A Buckinghamshire Council officer is due to be responding to the proposal however, Cllr Reading received no response to him email or acknowledgement. It was agreed that Cllr Reading will email the Buckinghamshire Councillors asking if they can make contact with the Buckinghamshire Officer.

- 55.9.** Cllr Breese raised a concern with the verge cutting in Oddley Lane which is not adequate. Cllr Breese to report through FixMyStreet in the first instance. **Action: Cllr Breese**
- 55.10.** Cllr Breese asked that areas be re-seeded on the Village Green outside The Lions where the concrete block was removed and under the benches. This will take place in the autumn. It was also agreed to ask that the benches are moved occasionally so that the problem doesn't reoccur.
- 55.11.** Cllr Breese raised a concern with the verge cutting which has taken place on the far side of the green outside the Lions. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact Buckinghamshire Council and ask for a price for the Parish Council to take on the verge under Devolved Services. **Action: Clerk**
- 55.12.** Cllr Breese referred to a circular which had been received from BALC with regards to the SLCC "Celebrate your local council clerk week." He thanked the Clerk for her work.
- 55.13.** Cllr Butler raised a concern with the maintenance required at The Dell and asked Councillors whether it was possible to sell it as it is registered as common land. Discussions were had and it was agreed that the Clerk would investigate the possibility and potential costs, and if any Councillors have any proposals for the land to come forward with proposals. **Action: Clerk**
- 55.14.** The meeting was closed at 8.30pm. Cllr Carington arrived so it was resolved to reopen the meeting at 8.32pm.
- 55.15.** Cllr Breese referred to item 55.3 and that it does not seem to be recognised as a continuous footpath either pedestrian or bridleway on the definitive map. Discussions were also had that there is no evidence as to who owns the drift road. It was agreed that if it is not on the definitive map then a modification order would be required.
- 55.16.** Cllr Breese updated Cllr Carington on discussions under item 55.10.
- 55.17.** Cllr Breese updated Cllr Carington on discussions under item 55.11 and the quality of the cutting. As above Clerk will write to Devolved Services and copying in Cllr Carington.

- 56. To confirm the dates and time of the next Parish Council Meeting:** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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