



# BLEDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Bledlow Village Hall on  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: S Breese (Chairman), D Dobson (Vice Chairman), D Freeman,  
S Reading, N Cox and M Bridgman  
Clerk: Tracey Martin  
Buckinghamshire Councillor: S Adoh

76. **To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr Butler, Cllr Bird and Cllr Davidson.  
Buckinghamshire Councillors: R Carington and C Etholen
77. **Declaration of Interests and Dispensations:** None declared.
78. **To approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023:** The Clerk reported that Cllr Reading had accidentally been left of the present list in the draft minutes but this has now been added. Following a proposal by Cllr Freeman seconded by Cllr Cox a vote was taken and all Councillors were in favour and the minutes were signed.
79. **To receive an update from Buckinghamshire Councillors, responses to outstanding actions and to receive questions from Parish Councillors:**
- 79.1. **Lydebrook Road and Footpath update:** Following objections the legal process is now being followed. Cllr Breese stated that the Parish Council just want to make sure that Buckinghamshire Councillors continue to follow up on the matter so it does not get lost.  
Cllr Breese reported that correspondence had been received alleging that a resident had been walking the footpath and upon being challenged they had informed the landowners that they had permission which is not the case. Concerns were raised about how the Planning Inspectorate would be funded. The Clerk had previously circulated information on this.
- 79.2. **Bledlow Ridge Household Recycling Centre, Wigans Lane, Bledlow Ridge:** Cllr Breese asked for an update on minute reference 61.2 – The gates which need clearing and the screening. Cllr Adoh did not have an update but will follow up with Cllr Etholen. **Action: Buckinghamshire Councillors**  
A concern was raised that the lighting on the advertising board is being left on through the night despite there being an agreement for the lights to be turned. Cllr Adoh to request the light be turned off during the night to conform to the Parish dark skies policy. **Action: Cllr Adoh**  
Cllr Adoh confirmed that the next set of statistics for the site would be received in October.
- 79.3. **Princes Risborough Relief Road Culverton Link and Proposed Village Green:** Cllr Breese confirmed that he had written to the Cabinet Member for Planning and Regeneration copying in Democracy asking that the Parish Council be informed and invited to any meetings however, had not received a response from either. Cllr Adoh stated that if no reply within a week to follow up with a call.
- 79.4. **The Paddocks Enforcement Update on Caravan / Mobile Home:** Cllr Adoh reported that enforcement have attending the site twice but have been unable to make contact with the Owner / Occupier. Buckinghamshire Councillors are continuing to follow this up.
- 79.5. Concerns were raised with the grass cutting in the 30mph speed limits as cutting is taking place up until these points and then stopping in the 30 zone. This is within areas not devolved to the Parish. It was agreed that Cllr Reading in conjunction with Cllr Cox would draw up a list of examples / areas and send these to Cllr Adoh. Any other individual reports should be submitted on FixMyStreet. **Action: Cllr Reading**
- 79.6. Cllr Breese raised a concern that planning application 23/06754/CLP: Bledlow Cricket Club relaying of hard pitch on a like for like basis, has been refused when another local Council has been told that no permission is required. Cllr Adoh is liaising with the Planning Officer. **Action: Cllr Adoh**
- 79.7. Cllr Cox raised a concern with parking charges in the Buckinghamshire area which are all different. The Chairman felt that this was not a Parish Council matter as the Parish Council does not have car parks but should Cllr Cox feel he would like to pursue to discuss with Buckinghamshire Councillors directly.
- 79.8. Cllr Adoh reported that she is setting up a Councillor shadowing scheme for 16–25-year-olds and would like to involve Parish Councils. Cllr Breese stated that the Parish Council would welcome them to attend our meetings.

**80. To ratify Councillors responses to Planning Consultations:**

New Planning Applications:

APP/P0430/D/23/3323847: The Old House Forty Green Bledlow: The Parish Council stand by original objection.

23/06247/FUL: Farley Cottage Oddley Lane Saunderton: No objection

23/07019/CLP: Pitch Green Cottage Chapel Lane Bledlow: No objection

23/07131/FUL: 33 Haw Lane Bledlow Ridge: No objection

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

Clerk to investigate planning training for Cllr Bridgman.

**Action: Clerk**

Planning Applications which have been decided:

23/06462/FUL: Red Kites Bledlow Road Saunderton: Application permitted

23/06592/ADRC: OS Parcel 3343 Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: Split- detail Reserved by Condition

**81. 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
B/R Cricket Club	Donation towards plaque	£50.00		£50.00
Shield Maintenance	Bin Emptying	£15.16	£3.03	£18.19
G Spratt	Mstyles x 2, Saunderton, Bledlow, Fpt 55461	£355.00		£355.00
PRTC	D/S Grass Cutting	£310.70	£62.14	£372.84
<b>Total</b>		<b>£807.30</b>	<b>£65.17</b>	<b>£872.47</b>

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

**Standing Orders and Direct Debits**

Tracey Martin	Salary	£648.96	£648.96
Tracey Martin	Home Working Allowance	£26.00	£26.00
Land Registry	Search	£3.00	£3.00

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

**82.1.** Cllr Reading reported that Holy Trinity Church in Bledlow have approached the Parish Council asking if they can do additional works above the schedule. It was agreed that in principle Councillors are happy with this but they would need to inform the Parish Council of the works first.

**82.2.** Cllr Reading provided an update on Traffic Calming. This has now been presented to the Community Board. No decision has been made yet but a feasibility study is being carried out.

**82.3.** Cllr Reading reported that the Traffic Officer when visiting the site that the signs at Meadow Styles for the Cricket Club and Café are blocking the view of drivers.

**82.4.** Cllr Reading stated that an accident had happened on the Upper Icknield Way / Lee Road junction and raised a concern that the give way sign is not easily visible as it is tucked away. Clerk to write to the Local Area Technician and ask if it is possible to have the sign repositioned.

**Action: Clerk**

**83. 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 84 on the agenda:** Cllr Freeman proposed the motion and Cllr Dobson seconded and a vote was taken and it was resolved to close the meeting. Cllr Adoh left the meeting.

**84. To Consider Issue Raised at Studmore Pond and Ongoing Management:** It was agreed by all those present for the matter to be passed through to the insurance company.

**85. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960: To resolve that the public and press be re-admitted to the meeting:** Following a proposal by Cllr Freeman seconded by Cllr Dobson a vote was taken and it was resolved to readmit the press and public although there were none present.

**86. To confirm the dates and time of the next Parish Council Meeting:** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

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