



BLDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall on
Monday 9th October 2023

Present: Councillors: S Breese (Chairman), D Freeman, S Reading, N Cox S Bird, J Butler and M Bridgman
Buckinghamshire Councillor: C Etholen

87. **To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr Davidson and Cllr Dobson
Buckinghamshire Councillors: S Adoh, R Carington
88. **Declaration of Interests and Dispensations:** None declared.
89. **To approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 12th September 2023:** Following a proposal by Cllr Freeman seconded by Cllr Reading a vote was taken and all Councillors were in favour and the minutes were signed.
90. **To receive an update from Buckinghamshire Councillors, responses to outstanding actions and to receive questions from Parish Councillors:**
- a. **Bledlow Ridge Household Recycling Centre, Wigans Lane, Bledlow Ridge:** A question was put concerning the state of the upper gate to the land containing the disused and covered portion of the old refuse dump. It was queried as to whether the gate was on land belonging to the HRC, Councillor Cox said that it was not, but that that the land was owned by the council. This needs to be confirmed.
Action Cllr Etholen
 - b. **Princes Risborough Relief Road Culverton Link and Proposed Village Green:** There will be a briefing regarding this to officers at the end of the month which should be fed back to the Parish Council. There will be another meeting in November where Councillor Bird may speak.
 - c. **The Paddocks Enforcement Update on Caravan / Mobile Home:** Cllr Etholen reported that a meeting was arranged on 2 October, but the Enforcement Officer was on holiday. A retrospective application was planned, but has not yet been entered. It has proved impossible to speak to the caravan owners. It was stressed that this does not concern the building, but the siting of the caravan. Cllr Etholen will check the situation. **Action Cllr Etholen**
(Councillor Etholen left the meeting at 19.40)
91. **To ratify Councillors responses to Planning Consultations:**
23/07129/CLE: Manor Farm, Lee Road, Saunderton: No comment.
23/07092/FUL: Windrush, Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge: No objection
23/07196/FUL: The Rectory, Upper Icknield Way, Saunderton: No objection. Cllr Reading abstained.
23/07306/VCDN: No comment to make.
22/08270/FUL: Barns on Land Between Cuttle Brook and Jannock Cottage Chinor Road, Bledlow: It appears that this application does not need prior approval, in which case there only needs to be comments on design.
Action: Clerk to check on interpretation.
23/07204/FUL: 3 Virginia Gardens, Bledlow Ridge: No Objection

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

Planning Applications which have been decided:

23/06754/CLP: Bledlow Cricket Club, West Lane: Application refused.
23/06419/ADRC: The Jais, Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: Permit, detail Reserved by Condition
23/06691/CLP: 10 Fords Close, Bledlow Ridge: Grant Certificate – Proposed Development
23/06864/FUL: Crofters, Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: Application Permitted
23/06926/FUL: Rooftops, 18 Haw Lane, Application Permitted
23/06247/FUL: Farley Cottage, Oddley Lane, Saunderton. Application Permitted.

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

Unity Payments:

Payee	Description	Net	VAT	Total
Tracey Martin	Difference between s/o	£76.44		£76.44
Shield Maintenance Ltd	Bin Emptying	£15.16	£3.03	£18.19
Stephen Reading	Mileage & Parking - Planning Training	£14.80		£14.80
G Spratt	Grass cutting	£310.00		£310.00
Total		£416.40	£3.03	£419.43

Standing Orders and Direct Debits

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

93. To Note Quarter 2 Accounts. The Accounts were duly noted.

94. To Discuss Beat the Bounds: It was decided that it is now too late in the year to organise a 'Beat the Bounds' trip. However, bearing in mind that the last outing was at least 5 years ago, it would be a good idea to write a note about the various places, assets etc in the parish for the new councillors and others. Councillor Cox has the deepest knowledge of the Parish so is the best person to do this, and it should be done as soon as possible. A Beat the Bounds trip should be planned for early next summer, Councillor Reading has information on transport to hire. **Action Cllr Cox**

95. To ratify the Clerk's decision to approve playground inspection with the Play Inspection Company. It was agreed to ratify this decision.

96. To reconsider the Parish Council's Representations to the forthcoming enquiry regarding the route connecting Public Footpath 81 with North Mill Road. The Council officers have produced a report which confirms that the footpath should be opened and used, and the Parish Council has decided to wholeheartedly support this decision. However, there has been an objection, so it will have to go to a Planning Inquiry, which may take 18 months. Residents who have been supporting the re-opening of the path are pleased with the Parish Council's support, but are concerned that they do not have enough evidence of public use of the path – which has to be over a period of 20 years or more. However, they feel that with the Parish Council's support they can now enlarge the area they are canvassing for evidence of use – for example Longwick and Ilmer. They may use the Parish Magazine and posters to draw attention further afield. There is still some debate about whether it may be better to seek to open the road at this point not just the path.

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

- Councillor Reading commented on traffic calming. Nothing much has happened, an officer in Bucks CC will contact him. He has heard nothing more, and there are no minutes from the relevant meeting.
- Grass cutting on verges within 30 mile an hour limits is not necessarily being done. Cllr Adoh has spoken to James Tunnard from Bucks CC, but no information has been provided. The Clerk has a map of the area which should be cut. This should be raised with Bucks councillors at the next meeting.
- Cllr Reading had been to a meeting on revising Neighbourhood Plans. The Bledlow cum Saunderton Neighbourhood Plan was completed 6 years ago so it would be advantageous to see if it needs to be updated. **Action: All Councillors should read the Neighbourhood Plan to ascertain whether parts need to be updated. There will be an agenda item on this for the next meeting.**
- Councillors Butler and Bird reported back on footpaths around Lodge Hill. At the moment they are trying to contact the landowners to see if they would be willing to have paths which are used at present but are not designated footpaths or permissive paths designated in some way.
- Councillor Butler reported that high sided vehicles driving down Haw Lane were damaging the trees at the side of the road and causing debris on the road and path. It was suggested that Councillor Davidson, in his role as link to the Molins site, could ask whether anything can be done about this.

Action Cllr Davidson.

98. To confirm the dates and time of the next Parish Council Meeting: Monday 13th November 2023 at Bledlow Village Hall.

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

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