



BLEDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Bledlow Village Hall on
Monday 13th November 2023

Present: Councillors: S Breese (Chairman), D Freeman, S Reading, N Cox S Bird, J Butler, P Davidson, D Dobson, and M Bridgman
Buckinghamshire Councillor: R Carington

99. **To receive apologies for absence:** None. Buckinghamshire Councillors: S Adoh and C Etholen

100. **Declaration of Interests and Dispensations:** None declared.

101. **To approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 9th October 2023:** Following a proposal by Cllr Butler seconded by Cllr Freeman a vote was taken as the majority of Councillors were in favour the minutes were signed. Cllr Dobson abstained from voting as he was not at the October meeting.

It was agreed to move onto Planning as Cllr Carington had not yet arrived

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

23/07420/CLE: Druels Cottage Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: Comment still to be decided and submitted under delegated authority

23/07488/FUL: 34 Saunderton Vale Saunderton: Bledlow cum Saunderton Parish has a concern that the block paving may not comply with the current drainage regulations for such surfaces. There is a gulley in place but it looks to be in a poor state of repair.

23/07507/FUL: Chiltern Meadow Sandpit Lane Bledlow: No objection

23/07586/FUL: Land Adjacent Brew House Farm Perry Lane Bledlow: Objection on the following grounds:

1. The proposed development is outside the settlement boundary and thus contravenes Policy 1: A Spatial Plan for the Parish in the Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Neighbourhood Plan.

2. While the Parish Council did not object to the proposal for a stable block Ref. No: 07/06639/FUL in 2007 prior to the Neighbourhood Plan for the 'erection of stable block incorporating hay store, tack store and equipment/feed store' this would have been consistent with Policy 8: Rural Diversification and Policy 9: Employment. This proposal is negative in terms of employment and rural diversification as the conversion of this stable block to residential use removes a potential source of employment in the parish.

3. As a residential house the stable block would contravene Policy 6: Design Management in the Parish.

4. Over the past 20 years or so (the planning history does not seem to be complete) what was a farmhouse with agricultural buildings has been greatly extended. Including previous agricultural land being adopted as a garden, the demolishing of previous stables, the erection of new stables (now proposed to be converted to residential use) and much else. The net effect is that the area has been converted to multiple residential use and a much larger complex which is beginning to impact on the surrounding open countryside.

23/06517/FUL: Longwood Cottage Lee Road Saunderton: Comment still to be decided and submitted under delegated authority

23/07629/FUL: Cutlers Close Perry Lane Bledlow: No objections

APP/K0425/D/23/3330438/23/06562/FUL: 3 Virginia Gardens Bledlow Ridge: Stand by original objection

23/07716/ADRC: OS Parcel 3343 Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: For information only, no comment required
A vote was taken and all comments were approved.

Cllr Carington arrived at 7.35pm

Planning Applications which have been decided:

23/06882/ADRC: Bledlow Ridge Lawn Tennis Club Meadow Styles Playing Fields Chinnor Road: Permit - detail Reserved by Condition

23/07518/ADRC: OS Parcel 3343 Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: Refuse detail Reserved by Condition

23/07129/CLE: Manor Farm Lee Road Saunderton: Grant Certificate of Lawful Use

22/07765/FUL: 9 The Crest Bledlow Ridge: Finally Disposed Of

23/07019/CLP: Pitch Green Cottage Chapel Lane Bledlow: Refuse Certificate of Proposed Use

APP/P0430/D/23/3323847 - 22/08342/FUL: The Old House Forty Green Bledlow: Appeal Dismissed

23/06535/FUL: North Mill North Mill Road Bledlow: Application Permitted

23/07192/FUL: Windrush Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: Application Permitted

23/05242/FUL: Garage North of The Barn Cottage West Lane Bledlow: Application Permitted

23/05552/FUL: Ridgeview Shootacre Lane Princes Risborough: Application Refused

103. **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:** Cllr Carington confirmed the Buckinghamshire Council Officer has answered all the Parish Council questions and provided statistics. The owner of the broken gate has been identified as Buckinghamshire Council and the correct department is being chased for action.
- b. **Princes Risborough Relief Road Culverton Link and Proposed Village Green:** Cllr Carington had attended a meeting as referred to in last month's minutes. Discussions were had on funding and when it expires and planning application submissions.
- c. **The Paddocks Enforcement Update on Caravan / Mobile Home:** Cllr Carrington confirmed that discussions have taken place with the owners and they have been given 12 months to complete the works and remove the temporary structure. It is not clear what date the 12 months starts from and Cllr Carington is trying to get this clarified.
- d. Cllr Reading asked for Cllr Carington's support in getting a response from the Buckinghamshire Council Officer who is not responding to emails regarding the Traffic Calming Petition. Cllr Reading to send details through to Cllr Carington. **Action: Cllr Reading**
- e. Cllr Bird confirmed that there will be an enquiry for the proposed Village Green.

It was agreed to move to agenda item 107 whilst Cllr Carington was still in attendance.

- 104. To consider whether to carry out a Neighbourhood Plan Review:** Cllr Breese asked the questions whether the plan needs reviewing and if it loses weight if not formally reviewed. Some Councillors had read the Neighbourhood Plan ahead of the meeting and questions had been raised. Cllr Breese asked Cllr Carington what support could be expected from Buckinghamshire Council. Cllr Carington will discuss with Buckinghamshire Council however; they may wish they Parish Council to hold off until after the Local Plan is adopted. **Action: Cllr Carington**

Cllr Breese proposed that a working group should be established to include Cllr Breese as Chairman Cllr Butler, Cllr Reading and the resident who supported the Parish Council in preparing the Neighbourhood Plan previously. To be added to agenda for next meeting.
Cllr Carington left the meeting

- 105. 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
PRTC	Devolved Service Grass 27/09	£334.60	£66.92	£401.52
Shield Maintenance Ltd	Bin Emptying	£15.16	£3.03	£18.19
G Spratt	Grass cutting	£170.00		£170.00
BCSPC	Reinstate Balance	£371.74		£371.74
Simon Breese	Chairmans Allowance	£200.00		£200.00
Total		£1,167.94	£69.95	£1,237.89

Following a proposal by Cllr Butler seconded by Cllr Dobson a vote was taken and all Councillors were in favour 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	Searches for footpaths	£6.00		£6.00

Lloyds Bank Card Spend

GiffGaff	Mobile Top Up	£5.00	£1.00	£6.00
Poppy Shop	Wreath for Saunderton	£25.24		£25.24
GiffGaff	Mobile Top Up	£5.00	£1.00	£6.00
Poppy Shop	Wreath for Bledlow Ridge	£25.24		£25.24
Total		£60.48	£2.00	£62.48

Receipts

Bucks Council	CIL Receipt	£16,899.44		£16,899.44
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A suggestion was made by Cllr Butler that if wreaths are not purchased annually then a donation is made instead.

- 106. To Consider Draft Budget for 2024/2025:** The draft` budget had been circulated to Councillors ahead of the meeting. Following discussions, it was agreed to add an additional budget item of £1,000 for a Neighbourhood Plan review, a vote was taken and all Councillors were in favour and the budget was approved with an expenditure of £111,368 and an income of £31,997.
- 107. To note NJC Pay Increase:** The £1 per hour increase was noted.
- 108. Parish Maintenance:**
- a. **Update on grass / verge maintenance:** Cllr Reading reported that following the meeting in September through Cllr Adoh the 4 areas of concern which were not being cut have now been added to the cutting schedule which was positive news.
 - b. Cllr Cox raised a concern with the grass / hedges around the village entrance signs. The Clerk suggested that this is reported through FixMyStreet. If further discussions are required then to discuss with the Parish Maintenance working group.
 - c. **Bledlow Village Green:** Cllr Breese stated that it looks like work has started on The Green but further maintenance work is required
- 109. Definitive Map and Statement Working Group:** Cllr Butler and Bird provided Councillors with an update on the path around the bottom of Lodge Hill. The owners of the land have been identified and letters written however, a response has not been forthcoming. Further enquiries are required.
- 110. To consider Parish Council security:** Cllr Breese reported that there have been numerous phishing emails to Parish Council email addresses. Following this the Clerk and Cllr Breese have reviewed security and the Clerk has now removed all email addresses from the website and created a contact us form although as the email addresses were out Councillors need to remain vigilant. The Clerk and Cllr Breese also reviewed access to the Councils website and other sites which are used.
- 111. Correspondence, reports and issues from Councillors and Clerk:**
- a. Cllr Davidson had followed up on the action to contact Molins regarding the high sided vehicles but had received no response. There is also no news on the change of ownership.
 - b. Cllr Reading reported that he had attended a Bledlow Charities meeting where grants had been approved. Cllr Reading confirmed that the charity is sufficiently funded.
 - c. Cllr Reading raised a concern with a hole on the verge at The Crest. The Clerk reported she is aware of this and it is being dealt with.
 - d. Cllr Reading stated that the library in the bus shelter at Bledlow Ridge is looking slightly untidy. Bledlow Ridge Councillors are aware of this.
- 112. To confirm the dates and time of the next Parish Council Meeting:** Monday 11th December 2023 at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm

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