



# BLEDLLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall on  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Present: Councillors: S Breese (Chairman), D Dobson (Vice Chairman), N Cox, S Bird, J Butler, P Davidson, and M Bridgman**  
**Buckinghamshire Councillor: S Adoh**  
**2 representatives from Bledlow Village Hall, 2 representatives from Bledlow Ridge Village Hall and 2 members of the public**

**134. To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr Reading. Buckinghamshire Councillors: R Carington and C Etholen

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

**136. To approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024:** Following a proposal by Cllr Butler seconded by Cllr Bird a vote was taken and all Councillors were in favour and the minutes were signed.

Two members of the public who were in attendance raised a concern with HGVs parking at The Residence which has been reported to enforcement. Cllr Etholen is aware of this issue. Cllr Adoh to follow up with Cllr Etholen and report back at the next meeting.  
**Action: Cllr Adoh / Cllr Etholen**

**137. 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:** Following on from the report of HGV's speeding enquiries have been made and the Officer has requested information on the date and time the vehicle is travelling so they can track it. Cllr Adoh added that they should not be travelling at school drop off / pick up time. Cllr Breese requested the guidelines of what route the HGVs should be taking and any restrictions on time. Cllr Adoh to make enquiries. **Action: Cllr Adoh**  
Cllr Breese asked if there was an update on the area uphill from main entrance identified and when action will be taken. Cllr Adoh will report back with timescales.
- b. **Princes Risborough Relief Road Culverton Link and Proposed Village Green:** No new developments.
- c. **The Paddocks Enforcement Update on Caravan / Mobile Home:** A Councillor reported that the caravan has been onsite since April 2023. It was agreed that further clarification is required as to when the caravan can remain onsite until, as it was unclear when the 12 month period allowed would start and whether subsequent planning applications would extend any such period.  
**Action: Cllr Adoh**
- d. Cllr Breese raised a concern with flooding on the B4009. Highways have confirmed that the drains are in good order and stated that diversion routes could not be put in place due to resources. Cllr Carington is making further enquiries on this matter. **Action: Cllr Carington**
- e. Cllr Breese referred to a request which had been made from Buckinghamshire Councillors for the fee to be waived when running a surgery at Bledlow Village Hall. Cllr Breese asked Cllr Adoh if she was continuing her discussions directly with the Village Hall, which she confirmed.

**138. To consider grant application from Bledlow Ridge Village Hall – Car Park Repairs:** The Chairman of the Village Hall Committee briefed Councillors on the grant application. It was also stated that the Village Hall car park is not only used by Village Hall users but as a place to park for school pick up and drop offs. It was confirmed that signage will be placed once the works have been completed stating that the parking is for Village Hall users although it was agreed that others would probably continue using the car park on an informal basis.  
Discussions were had on the quotes which had been provided it was confirmed that the surfacing has a 25-year life expectancy.  
The total cost of the project is £17,880, with £8,940 being requested from the Parish Council. Cllr Davidson proposed the application and Cllr Butler seconded. A vote was taken and all Councillors were in favour and the grant was unanimously approved.

**139. To consider grant application from Bledlow Village Hall – Playground Replacement:** The representative from Bledlow Village Hall Committee provided Councillors a summary of the grant application. The recent annual safety report has highlighted several issues and several areas of the playground are going to be roped off due to safety. As well as replacing the equipment and fencing they are going to be making the playground more accessible which they feel it currently isn't. Feedback has been requested from residents as to what

equipment they would like to see in the play area.

The cost of the project will be around £30-40,000 with £15,000 being requested from the Parish Council.

The chosen equipment is made from a material which has a lifespan of 25 years.

It was asked if the developer of the nearby houses has been approached for funding. The Committee will consider approaching them.

Cllr Butler proposed the application and Cllr Davidson seconded. A vote was taken and all Councillors were in favour and the grant was unanimously approved.

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

23/08061/FUL: Yewdsen House Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: Objection - The proposed extension contravenes the 50% rule and total cubic capacity and the visual effect on the vista and skyline as viewed from Radnage would be impacted

24/05082/FUL & 24/05083/LBC: The Old House Forty Green Bledlow: Objection - The new building is of such a scale that it will not be subservient to The Old House in contravention of Policy 6: Design Management in the Parish in the Neighbourhood Plan

24/05121/AGD: Juniper Wigans Lane Bledlow Ridge: No objection

24/05122/FUL: The Paddocks House Chinnor Road Chinnor: No comment

24/05175/FUL: Secunda Fortuna Perry Lane Bledlow: Objection

24/05164/CLP: Rose Cottage The City Bledlow Ridge: No objection

24/05165/CLP: Rose Cottage The City Bledlow Ridge: No objection

24/05215/MINAMD: Crofters Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: No objection

24/05295/PNP6A: Ashmore Farm 21A Haw Lane: No objection

Cllr Bird proposed and Cllr Bridgman seconded a vote was taken and all comments were approved.

Planning Applications which have been decided:

23/08044/PNP6A: Ridge Farm Upper Icknield Way: Details Not Required to be Submitted

23/08166/CONSA: Land Opposite Five Ways Lower Icknield Way Bledlow: Comments made

23/07507/FUL: Chiltern Meadow Sandpit Lane Bledlow: Application Permitted

23/07866/TPO: 51 Saunderton Vale Saunderton: Application Permitted

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23/08115/PNP6A: Land At Juniper Wigans Lane Bledlow Ridge: Details required to be Submitted

23/07586/FUL: Land Adjacent Brew House Farm Perry Lane Bledlow: Application Permitted

23/07716/ADRC: OS Parcel 3343 Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: Permit - detail Reserved by Condition

23/06710/FUL: Garage Building The Residence Wycombe Road: Application Permitted

23/08015/CLP: 32 Saunderton Vale Saunderton: Refuse Certificate of Proposed Use

23/05878/FUL: Fowlers Dene Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: Application Permitted

23/07957/FUL: 51 Saunderton Vale Saunderton: Application Permitted

21/08690/ADRC: Barn At Rear Of Little Acorns Chinnor Road: Permit - detail Reserved by Condition

23/07131/FUL: 33 Haw Lane Bledlow Ridge: Application Permitted

23/07905/VCDN: Crofters Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: Application Permitted

23/07488/FUL: 34 Saunderton Vale Saunderton: Application Permitted

**141. To receive an update on Planning Applications called into Buckinghamshire Councils Planning**

**Committee:** Discussions were had on the recent meeting which Cllr Reading had attended on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Breese suggested that in future, when we requested applications be called in, that we should request that conditions are made and covenants placed for example in this case that the hedge is maintained to a certain height and standard, rather than simply repeat the council's earlier objections.

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

**Unity Payments:**

Payee	Description	Net	VAT	Total
Tracey Martin	Difference between s/o& Backpay	£121.64		£121.64
HMRC	PAYE	£6.80		£6.80
Play Inspection Company	Meadow Styles RoSPA	£135.00	£27.00	£162.00
Oxford Oak Tree Surgery	Removal of tree at M/S following winds	£100.00	£20.00	£120.00
Shield Maintenance	Bin Emptying Meadow Styles	£15.16	£3.03	£18.19
Stephen Reading	Expenses - planning committee	£8.30		£8.30
<b>Total</b>		<b>£386.90</b>	<b>£50.03</b>	<b>£436.93</b>

Following a proposal by Cllr Butler seconded by Cllr Bridgman 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
GiffGaff	Mobile Top Up	£5.00	£1.00	£6.00
IONOS	Monthly Web Hosting	£26.00	£5.40	£31.40
GiffGaff	Mobile Top Up	£5.00	£1.00	£6.00

- 143. To note Quarter 3 Accounts:** Quarter 3 accounts have been noted and Cllr Butler confirmed that the accounts for quarter 3 have been audited.
- 144. To note RoSPA report and consider quotes for recommended works:** The RoSPA was discussed and noted. Works are required to the Cableway and Basket Swing at a total cost of £1,170 + plus VAT. A vote was taken and all Councillors were in favour and the quote from Reids Playground Maintenance was approved. The Clerk reported that further works will be required during the summertime to benches and fences.
- 145. To consider establishing a Parents Working Group for Meadow Styles:** The Clerk provided Councillors with information on the request from a resident. All Councillors felt it would be beneficial and it was agreed to establish a Working Group for Meadow Styles who will report any issues and proposed activities to the Clerk. The group have suggested that they would be happy to carry out some of the work identified in the RoSPA.
- 146. To consider whether to engage The Playground Inspection Company for the annual RoSPA in 2024:** It was agreed to proceed with the quote for £170 inclusive of VAT.
- 147. To receive an update on Traffic Calming:** In the absence of Cllr Reading Cllr Breese reported on an email he had received from Cllr Carington who had looked into Chicanes. In essence the Buckinghamshire Council Officer confirmed that all chicanes / road obstructions have to be conspicuous essentially with lighting which would conflict with the dark skies policy of the parish. Councillors still feel that there are chicanes in Parishes with dark skies policies, Councillors to provide details of these locations.
- 148. To receive an update on Neighbourhood Plan Update and note the minutes from the Working Group:** The minutes had been circulated to Councillors.
- 149. Correspondence, reports and issues from Councillors and Clerk:**
- Cllr Cox requested an update on Speedwatch. The Clerk stated it as the same as last month. She has advertised for volunteers in Contact, Messenger, Facebook and the Parish Council website. Unless volunteers come forward there is nothing that can be done.
  - Cllr Cox asked if the Parish Council could purchase Litter Pickers to be used across the parish. It was agreed that the Clerk will purchase 20 under the Clerk's delegated spend. Cllr Cox will store them.
  - Cllr Bridgeman had seen some work being carried out by the Chiltern Conservation Board who are running a project called Trapping the Impact which is a study looking at wildlife. A number of these studies fall within the Parish and suggested it could be something we should be aware of when considering planning applications. Cllr Breese reminded the meeting that an environmental impact statement is supplied for all larger planning applications.
  - Cllr Bird reported an issue on the fields on the Upper Icknield Way which are depositing huge amounts of manure. The tractors are causing a lot of mud on the road and restricting access to the bridleway. Clerk to contact the Local Area Technician. Cllr Bird to provide details. **Action: Cllr Bird / Clerk**
  - Cllr Bird stated that the signs on the A4010 about the forthcoming roadworks while cables are being laid for the data centre are not suitable as you cannot read the details.
  - Cllr Davidson reported that the datacentre site has now been sold but it has not been confirmed who too. Cllr Davidson making further enquiries to find out new owner.
- 150. To confirm the dates and time of the next Parish Council Meeting:** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at Bledlow Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed 9.05pm

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