



BLEDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Bledlow Village Hall on
Monday 11th March 2024**

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

- 151. To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr Butler. Buckinghamshire Councillors: C Etholen and S Adoh
- 152. Declaration of Interests and Dispensations:** None declared.
- 153. To consider co-option of Bledlow Ridge Councillor:** As Cllr Davidson had not arrived it was agreed to defer this item until later in the meeting.
- 154. To approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 12th February 2024:** Following a proposal by Cllr Bird seconded by Cllr Bridgman a vote was taken and all Councillors were in favour and the minutes were signed.
- 155. 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:** Update from Buckinghamshire Council Officer: The replacement gate was promised last week but unfortunately, they had been let down by the supplier so this will be installed next week and the area will also be tidied up. Cllr Carington confirmed that HGV vehicles are expected to follow road limits and that there are no set times and / or routes as the contractor requires flexibility. If any infringements are seen then these should be reported. Cllr Carington provided final figures for the year: visitors 36,581, Oxford users 30 and tonnage 15,000.
 - b. **Princes Risborough Relief Road Culverton Link and Proposed Village Green:** Cllr Carington confirmed that they are waiting on Homes England for funding. Discussions were had on whether the homes would be built ahead of road approval.
 - c. **The Paddocks Enforcement Update on Caravan / Mobile Home:** The Enforcement Officer has stated that they have been unsuccessful in getting the notice backdated so it is enforced from 6th December 2023 for a 12-month period by which time the structure must be removed.
 - d. **Traffic conditions on the A4010:** Cllr Reading raised a concern with the temporary traffic lights on the A4010 which includes three sets of lights simultaneously and asked how these works could have been approved. Cllr Carington will make enquiries. **Action: Cllr Carington**
 - e. **The White House:** Cllr Carington confirmed that enforcement has been onsite and spoken with the owners. They will be removing the vehicles and have been advised that the site cannot be used for storage of aggregate. A new application has been submitted but it is invalid.
 - f. **Flooding:** Cllr Breese asked for an update. Cllr Carington stated that a rapid review will take place in May 2024 and Cllr Carington will be leading and making recommendations. Discussions were had on signage which residents could potentially put out when there is flooding / diversions.
 - g. Cllr Breese asked for progress on addressing the suspected illegal parking of HGV trailers behind the Residence reported by local residents at the February meeting to Cllr Adoh. Cllr Carington agreed to make enquiries. **Action: Cllr Carington**
- Cllr Davidson arrived at 7.41pm
- 156. To receive an update on Traffic Calming and consider any actions required:** Cllr Reading referred to the report to the North West Chilterns of 7th September 2023 which included 4 recommendations: Commission a redesign of the 30mph terminal signage to improve conspicuity, analyse speed data collected, engage with Thames Valley Police, and ensure the available visibility to and from the access is maximised ensuring there are no obstructions (temporary signs etc.) within the visibility splay.
In addition to the above, Cllr Reading proposed the extension of the 30mph limit in Bledlow Ridge. Discussions were had on an additional VAS showing which speed drivers are doing and Cllr Breese requested that the device is replaced on the Chinnor Road from a "Slow Down" sign to showing actual speed of vehicles. The proposal was to adopt the four points above and adoption of the movement of the 30mph limit. All Councillors were in favour.

Cllr Carington left the meeting at 7.58pm

- 157. To consider co-option of Bledlow Ridge Councillor:** Cllr Dobson proposed Cllr Davidson and Cllr Bird seconded. A vote was taken with all in favour and Cllr Davidson was co-opted to the Bledlow Ridge ward. Cllr Davidson then handed his resignation as a Councillor from Saunderton Ward to the Chairman.

158. To ratify Councillors responses to Planning Consultations:

24/05292/FUL: Coppelstone Chinnor Road: No objection

24/05296/FUL: Wigans Farm Wigans Lane: Bledlow cum Saunderton does not object to this planning application but would make the following observations / recommendations: The use of white bricks would be obtrusive on the ridge line as per the Neighbourhood Plan Design checklist policy 6 which states that it should be in harmony with the landscape when considered from all views. Therefore, the proposed form in relation to neighbouring buildings/ properties needs to be considered. In addition, there is no visible provision for existing bat roosts.

24/05326/ADRC: Windrush Chinnor Road: For information only, no comment required

24/05261/FUL: 32 Saunderton Vale Saunderton: Bledlow cum Saunderton Parish Council object to this application due to the miss-use of areas designated for bin storage – the drawings show doors passing through the bins. Additionally, this the material proposed is described as 'permeable' but there is no technical information relating to how effective the material is in dealing with surface water and minimising run-off into the road.

24/05426/MINAMD: 9 Haw Lane Bledlow Ridge: For information only, no comment required

24/05404/LBC: Morlands Farm Chinnor Road: No objection

24/05407/ADRC: Fowlers Dene Chinnor Road: For information only, no comment required

24/05425/ADRC: 9 Haw Lane Bledlow Ridge: For information only, no comment required

24/05427/ADRC: 9 Haw Lane Bledlow Ridge: For information only, no comment required

24/05465/CLP: Deanfield House Deanfield: No objection

Cllr Davidson proposed and Cllr Reading seconded a vote was taken and all comments were approved.

Planning Applications which have been decided:

24/05215/MINAMD: Crofters Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: Application Withdrawn

24/05295/PNP6A: Ashmore Farm 21A Haw Lane: Details required to be Submitted

159. 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
Tracey Martin	Expenses	£51.59		£51.59
BRVH	Grant – 138	£8,940.00		£8,940.00
Bledlow Village Hall	Grant – 139	£15,000.00		£15,000
BMKALC	NP Training	£70.00		£70.00
Shield Maintenance	Bin Emptying	£15.16	£3.03	£18.19
Bledlow Village Hall	Hall Hire for Meetings 2024	£198.00		£198.00
Total		£24,403.19	£3.03	£24,406.22

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

Standing Orders and Direct Debits

IONOS	Monthly IT Charge	£18.00	£3.60	£21.60
Amazon	Litter Pickers x 20	£64.95		£64.95

- 160. To consider Buckinghamshire Council Devolved Services Proposal:** The Clerk provided an update. Cllr Reading, Cllr Cox, and The Clerk have been delegated authority to go through the Devolved Services maps and update them to areas which the Parish Council is currently responsible for, as the ones received from Buckinghamshire Council were incorrect. Once the maps have been updated the Parish Maintenance Working Group in conjunction with the Chairman have been authorised to sign the agreement.

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

- Cllr Bridgman confirmed that he has signed up to a local nature workshop. He asked Councillors for their contributions on what nature in our area looks like in the future.
- Data Centre:** Cllr Davidson provided an update on The Data Centre. The new owners (are a large corporation) are now in place and the previous contact remains unchanged. The site is about a year behind and are talking about 'energisation' in Q1 2025 but will have construction power before that. The

new owners are keen to pursue a new footpath to Saunderton Station and the older buildings will be tidied up and used for construction offices. There will also be works to the fencing, security fencing and consultation is taking place with planners. Works will take place in a clockwise rotation and enabling works will be happening in May 24. There will be around 100 vehicle movements a day which is reduced from the 600 a day in previous phases. Highways and customer service heavily involved and all vehicles will have trackers and including a cab alarm should drivers wander from approved routes. There will be incentives for car washes as previously and there will be two sweepers in place and a different style of wheel washer which it is hoped will be more effective. Cllr Davidson confirmed that the new owners own the 25 acres behind the site and 25 acres which is being built on and are keen to engage with the community potentially by making the old ballroom available as this is outside of the security fence. A minibus to the train station has also been proposed.

162. To confirm the dates and time of the next Meeting: Monday 8th April 2024 with the Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7pm followed by the Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed 8.20pm

Signed..... **Date**.....

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