



BLEDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall on Monday 10th June 2024

Present: Councillors: S Breese (Chairman), N Cox, S Bird, P Davidson, S Reading, C Shearer and D Dobson
Buckinghamshire Councillors: Cllr Carington

32. **To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr M Bridgman and Cllr J Butler
Buckinghamshire Councillors: S Adoh and C Etholen
33. **To receive any Declarations of Interests and Dispensations:** None declared.
34. **To approve minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on Monday 13th May 2024:** Item 30c was amended from Molins to Haw Lane Data. Following a proposal by Cllr Bird seconded by Cllr Dobson a vote was taken and all Councillors were in favour and it was **resolved** to approve the minutes and the minutes were signed.
35. **To ratify Councillors responses to Planning Consultations:**
24/06023/FUL: Morlands Farm Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: No objection
24/06133/FUL: Ashridge House Chinnor Road: No objection
24/06178/FUL: Dunvegan Wycombe Road Saunderton: Comment to be decided and submitted under delegated authority.
24/06235/ADRC: Fowlers Dene Chinnor Road: For information only, no comment required
24/06221/VCDN: Routs Green Farm Routs Green Bledlow Ridge: Comment to be decided and submitted under delegated authority.
Cllr Cox proposed and Cllr Davidson seconded a vote was taken and it was **resolved** that all comments be approved.
- Planning Applications which have been decided:
24/05797/CTREE: 7 Manor Close Church End Bledlow: Not to make a Tree Preservation Order
24/05560/FUL: Morlands Farm Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: Application Permitted
24/05261/FUL: 32 Saunderton Vale Saunderton: Application Permitted
24/05465/CLP: Deanfield House Deanfield: Grant Certificate - Proposed Development
24/05673/AGD: Ashmore Farm 21A Haw Lane Bledlow Ridge: Details Approved
24/05458/FUL: Land North East Of Oakleigh Chapel Lane: Application Permitted
24/05175/FUL: Secunda Fortuna Perry Lane Bledlow: Application Permitted
24/05165/CLP: Rose Cottage The City Bledlow Ridge: Grant Certificate - Proposed Development
24/05832/ADRC: Crofters Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: Permit - detail Reserved by Condition
24/05164/CLP: Rose Cottage The City Bledlow Ridge: Grant Certificate - Proposed Development
APP/K0425/D/24/3337427 - 23/05552/FUL: Ridgeview Shootacre Lane – Appeal Dismissed
23/06547/CLE: Higher Croft The City Bledlow Ridge: Grant Certificate of Lawful Use
24/05292/FUL: Coppelstone Chinnor Road: Application Permitted
24/05522/VCDN: Windrush Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: Application Permitted
- Cllr Carington arrived
36. **To receive an update from Buckinghamshire Councillors, responses to outstanding actions and to receive questions from Parish Councillors:**
- Bledlow Ridge Household Recycling Centre, Wigans Lane, Bledlow Ridge:**
Updated figures have been received and circulated.
Digital screens: All screens are on timers and scheduled to shut off at either 4 or 6pm, Contractors have been reminded to check before leaving that they are turned off.
HGV's speeding: Officers are trying to identify the vehicle and will take appropriate action.
Fencing around new gate: This is due to be repaired asap.
Biodiversity: Chiltern Rangers carried out some work on the woodland last month removing 15 bags of litter (mainly tree guards), adding more bird boxes, coppicing, thinning dead/dying Ash (and replanting new) and creating habitat piles with cuttings. Lots of wildlife was spotted at the front of the site.
 - Princes Risborough Relief Road Culverton Link and Proposed Village Green:** No update.
 - Lydebrook:** Once an inspector is appointed, they will set the submission deadlines. Cllr Breese suggested that the first priority is reopening the footpath, the second is expanding the splay and the third

to restore the road. Buckinghamshire Council have confirmed they will not be looking to expand the splay and do not believe that it was ever a road so will not be pursuing this.

A local resident is resubmitting a FOI request following up on a previous request for information regarding Buckinghamshire Council's decision not to pursue the vehicular right of way.

- d. Cllr Cox raised a concern with a convex mirror which has been installed on the public highway and whether these requires permission. Cllr Cox to report on FixMyStreet. **Action: Cllr Cox**
- e. **The Residence** enforcement response stated they were permitted to leave 3 HGVs and materials in place even though the planning permission is for a different site. This is being chased by the Clerk and Cllr Carington. If anybody has any witness statements or photographic evidence this should be reported to enforcement specifying how long the vehicles have been onsite and giving the date of any photos. **Action: Cllr Carington / Clerk**
- f. **Pot Holes:** It was been reported that the Haw Lane pot holes have still not been repaired at the bottom and are deteriorating. Cllr Carington will discuss with the Local Area Technician as to when this will be progressed and timescales expected. **Action: Cllr Carington**
- g. **Police Speed Vans:** Cllr Davidson has noticed an increase in speeding in the Parish. It was confirmed there was a speed camera in the Village Hall car park over the weekend. Clerk to write to the Chief Inspector asking if the speed van could attend on a week day next time. **Action: Clerk**
- h. A concern was raised about a potentially dangerous dog and where this should be reported. The Clerk stated the dog warden can be contacted on 03444 828 320 but if an immediate danger then 999 should be used or 101 if a concern needs to be raised.
- i. Cllr Reading thanked Buckinghamshire Councillors specifically Cllr Adoh for progressing the dropped kerb outside the school which has now been completed.

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

Unity Payments:

Payee	Description	Net	VAT	Total
Tracey Martin	Difference between s/o	£128.44		£128.44
HMRC	PAYE	£2.68		£2.68
PRTC	Grass Cutting - Devolved Services	£382.80	£76.56	£459.36
Shield Maintenance	Bin Emptying	£17.55	£3.51	£21.06
G Spratt	Grass M/S, Saunderton Churchyard & reseeding grass outside The Lions	£317.00		£317.00
SLCC	Membership - 50% will be charged to Longwick	£187.00		£187.00

Following a proposal by Cllr Dobson seconded by Cllr Davidson a vote was taken and all Councillors were in favour therefore it was **resolved** that all payments be approved.

Standing Orders and Direct Debits

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

Receipts

Bucks Council	Devolved Services	£5,123.57		£5,123.57
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- 38. **Approval of Financial Regulations:** Comments to be sent through to the Clerk for the document to be amended and then presented for approval at the next meeting. It was discussed whether a 3-year plan is required and it was felt that it is not required at this stage.
- 39. **Approval of Delegated Authority Policy:** After a vote it was **resolved** to adopt the policy.
- 40. **Appointment of Councillor to conduct quarterly checks of accounts:** It was **resolved** that Cllr Butler will continue to carrying out the inspection of the accounts.
- 41. **To approve costings for reducing speeding:** Cllr Reading gave Councillors an update and stated that to complete the pro-forma a spend commitment is required from the Council. The indicative costings are £22,000 for roundels, dragons teeth, village entrance gates and rumble strips although the project specifics and costings may change. It was **resolved** that the Parish Council will commit £22,000 for this speed reducing project although for the Community Board paperwork the allocation from the Parish Council will be £11,000.
- 42. **To consider speed limits within the Parish:** Cllr Reading raised a concern with speeding vehicles on the Upper Icknield Way and generally within the Parish. Discussions were had and Cllr Reading will look into whether it is possible to get the speeds reduced and the practicalities and will report back to the Parish Council. **Action: Cllr Reading**

43. **To consider quote to replace seat on Zip Wire at Meadow Styles:** It was **resolved** to accept the quote from Reid's Playground maintenance at a cost of £350 + VAT.
44. **To consider quotes for repairs to the Church Wall:** It was **resolved** to proceed with Contractor B, AJ Shaw Building Services at a total cost of £392 + VAT with the caveat that the appropriate materials will be used avoiding Portland cement and that it is reported to the Conservation Officer and permission sought from the Diocesan architect if necessary.
45. **To consider quote for a Tree Condition Survey:** It was **resolved** to proceed with the quote from Sarah Duckworth at a total cost of £912 + VAT.
The Clerk had received a request for the Parish Council to publish some guidelines on Ash Die back. It was agreed that the Clerk will share links on Facebook, Parish Council website and within Contact and Messenger
46. **Correspondence, reports and issues from Councillors and Clerk:**
- a. **Haw Lane Data Centre Update:** Cllr Davidson met with the VP of Construction and Projects of Virtus Data Centres. They have several data centres around Slough and West London. They are keen to work with the Community and will attend a Parish Council meeting in the future. The repositioned substation is currently being built between now and June 2025 and the groundworks will be from January 2025 for 12 months. This will involve several large vehicles and it is indicated they will be using the Chinnor Road and Haw Lane due to the height of the vehicles.
Discussions were had on what the Pavilion could be used for and suggestions are welcomed. The potential footpath was also discussed with Virtus seeming to be in favour. Cllr Breese asked Cllr Carington if he could investigate the traffic management plan with the preference being that the vehicles use of the A4010 except when they cannot due to the height of the vehicles. **Action: Cllr Carington**
 - b. **Buses:** Cllr Davidson had received a concern regarding the "Pick me Up" bus and whether the service could be extended to cover Bledlow Ridge. Cllr Davidson will send the request through to Cllr Carington who will investigate for the resident. Cllr Cox reported that the Risborough round robin bus is only coming once a week. **Action: Cllr Davidson / Cllr Carington**
 - c. **Sign Cleaning in the Village:** Cllr Davidson raised a concern with sign cleaning in the Parish Specifically the entrance sign / gates in Bledlow Ridge coming from Chinnor. Clerk to arrange. **Action: Clerk**
 - d. The following issues were reported and all will be submitted on FixMyStreet. The verge outside the Household Recycling Centre needs cutting back, grass around village entrance signs and the VAS in Bledlow does not seem to be working.
 - e. Cllr Dobson reported that grass cutting had taken place at Bledlow Churchyard which had resulted in the Orchids being cut. The Clerk reported that the Church Warden had requested the grass be cut a couple of weeks early due to a wedding. It was agreed that in future the Orchids should take priority and be added to the schedule that grass cutting will not commence until they have finished flowering. Clerk to email Church Warden and say that in future no mowing will take place outside of the agreed scope. **Action: Clerk**
 - f. Cllr Reading has reported on FixMyStreet a pot hole on the Upper Icknield Way. The update he has received is that it has been classified as dangerous and will be fixed forthwith.
 - g. Cllr Reading reported that a grant application will be forthcoming from Bledlow Ridge School for an all-weather running track.
 - h. Cllr Reading asked for an update on the Yoga Barn planning application and when it will be determined. The Clerk has not received a response from the Planning Officer so will send details through to Cllr Carington to follow up. **Action: Clerk / Cllr Carington**
 - i. Cllr Reading reported that a landowner nearest postcode HP27 9NG, has cleared several trees and installed fencing on the land. Cllr Reading has reported this to Buckinghamshire Council.
 - j. Cllr Shearer asked who owns the pond by The Golden Cross, it was confirmed that it is Buckinghamshire Council.
 - k. **Beat the Bounds:** The Clerk has received costings for hiring the Risborough Community Bus and will email Councillors to agree a date and time. Cllr Reading and Cllr Cox will devise a route. **Action: Cllr Reading and Cllr Cox**
 - l. Cllr Breese reported that there will be a grant application for two signs describing the history of local features – one by the Phoenix trail and one by the Old Mill at the end of Sandpit Lane.
47. **To confirm the date of the next Parish Council Meeting:** Monday 8th July 2024 at Bledlow Village Hall
- There being no further business the meeting closed 9.11pm

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