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BLEDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Bledlow Village Hall on
Monday 8th July 2024

**Present: Councillors: S Reading (Vice Chair) S Bird, P Davidson, M Bridgeman, J Butler and D Dobson,
C Shearer and N Cox from item 51
S Reading from item 53
Representative for Bledlow Ridge School Association
Buckinghamshire Councillors: Cllr Etholen**

48. In the absence of Cllr Reading (Vice Chair) Cllr Butler proposed Cllr Davidson to Chair the meeting and Cllr Butler seconded, a vote was taken and it was **resolved** that Cllr Davidson would Chair the meeting until the arrival of Cllr Reading.
49. **To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr S Breese. Buckinghamshire Councillors: S Adoh and R Carington
50. **To receive any Declarations of Interests and Dispensations:** None declared.
51. **To approve minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on Monday 10th June 2024:** Following a proposal by Cllr Bird seconded by Cllr Butler a vote was taken and all Councillors were in favour and it was **resolved** to approve the minutes and the minutes were signed.

Discussions were had on the actions from the previous meeting.

Item 46h: Yoga Barn planning application is still being chased for confirmation of a determination date by Cllr Carington and the Clerk, unfortunately, the Planning Officer is not responding but Cllr Carington and the Clerk will keep chasing. **Action: Clerk / Cllr Carington**

Cllr Cox and Cllr Shearer arrived 7.34pm.

52. **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:** An email had been circulated to Councillors regarding speeding, the vehicle had been identified under a different registration number but the tracking software showed no evidence that the vehicle was not speeding. Cllr Cox reported that he had attended the Household Recycling Centre and they were unable to accept paper waste into the recycling bin as it had not been emptied apparently due to a lack of drivers. He was informed to dispose of the paper into the general rubbish. Cllr Etholen reported this is not just an issue at the Bledlow Ridge site but also High Heavens. Cllr Etholen has been informed that transport issues have been resolved and should not be an issue going forward. Cllr Etholen to report this incident to the relevant officers. **Action: Cllr Etholen**
 - Princes Risborough Relief Road Culverton Link and Proposed Village Green:** No update.
 - Pot Holes:** The Local Area Technician has inspected Haw Lane and the jet patcher will be used for these repairs. Parish Councillors have received a number of complaints from residents. Cllr Etholen stated that the recent weather has been a massive factor in the number of pot holes. Cllr Dobson raised a concern with pot holes on the Lower Icknield Way where a handful of pot holes were fixed a few weeks ago leaving around another 13/14 remaining meaning they have to return to fix them. Cllr Etholen will see if he can obtain a schedule of planned pot hole works. **Action: Cllr Etholen**
 - The Residence:** Cllr Shearer asked if the planning officer had responded giving an indication of when completion may be. Cllr Etholen has not received an update. **Action: Cllr Etholen**

Cllr Reading arrived at 7.50pm, Cllr Davidson continued to Chair the meeting as Cllr Reading declared a Personal Interest in item 53 but will be able to take part in the discussion.

53. **To consider grant application from Bledlow Ridge School Association:** A grant application had been received requesting £2,000 towards the installation of an all-weather running track in the school field with the total project cost being £23,000. The representative provided Councillors with an update and stated that it would also be available for the community i.e. running clubs etc. It was confirmed that Bledlow Ridge School Association will be responsible for the upkeep. The association will also be approaching the Community Boards

for £5,000, if this is not successful then fund raising will be required. Cllr Reading suggested that the Parish Council support the £2,000 request and if the Community Board is unable to fund the additional monies required then the Parish Council would consider further funding. Cllr Cox proposed the motion seconded by Cllr Butler, a vote was taken and with all Councillors in favour it was **resolved** to approve the grant for £2,000. Councillor Reading abstained from voting.

Cllr Reading Chaired the remainder of the meeting.

54. To ratify Councillors responses to Planning Consultations:

- 24/06331/CLE: Five Ways Lower Icknield Way Bledlow: No objection
- 24/06414/FUL: Grange Farm House Wycombe Road Saunderton: No objection
- 24/06390/LBC: Grange Farm House Wycombe Road Saunderton: No objection
- 24/06435/FUL: Two Orchards West Lane Bledlow: No objection
- 24/06411/FUL: Higher Croft The City Bledlow Ridge: Bledlow cum Saunderton Parish Council object to this application as it doesn't appear to be a conversion but a potential new dwelling and therefore would require a full planning permission
- 24/06471/FUL: Badgers View Red Lane Chinnor: Objection, wording to be finalised by Ward Councillors and submitted under delegated authority.

Following a proposal by Cllr Dobson seconded by Cllr Davidson a vote was taken and it was **resolved** that all comments be approved.

Planning Applications which have been decided:

- 24/05875/FUL: 52 Saunderton Vale: Application permitted
- W/22/00172/OPDEV / APP/K0425/C/23/3315825: Five Ways Lower Icknield Way Bledlow: Enforcement notice withdrawn
- 24/05743/FUL: Drum Grange Perry Lane Bledlow: Application permitted
- 23/05637/FUL: Dumet Shootacre Lane Princes Risborough: Application permitted
- 23/08067/ADRC: Former Site Of Molins Haw Lane: Permit – detail reserved by condition
- 22/08264/FUL: Land Adjacent Juniper Wigans Lane Bledlow Ridge: Application refused
- 24/06235/ADRC: Fowlers Dene Chinnor Road: Permit - detail reserved by condition

55. 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
RPM	Replacement of Zip Wire Seat	£350.00	£70.00	£420.00
PRTC	Grass Cutting - Devolved Services	£510.40	£102.08	£612.48
Starboard Systems	Scribe Accounts Software	£345.60	£69.12	£414.72
Shield Maintenance	Bin Emptying	£17.55	£3.51	£21.06
G Spratt	Grass cutting - Churchyards, Meadow Styles and footpaths	£1,267.00		£1,267.00
Total		£2,621.67	£244.71	£2,866.38

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

Discussions were had on the orchids which had been cut at Bledlow Church. The Clerk has discussed this with the contractor who felt that he had avoided them. The issue also arose because the grass was cut earlier than expected due to a wedding.

Standing Orders and Direct Debits

Tracey Martin	Salary	£648.96		£648.96
Tracey Martin	Home Working Allowance	£26.00		£26.00
Land Registry	Search	£3.00		£3.00
Unity Bank	Quarterly Charge	£18.00		£18.00
IONOS	Monthly Charge	£18.00	£3.60	£21.60

56. To Review and Approve Financial Regulations: Following discussions Cllr Bird proposed the adoption of the Financial Regulations and Cllr Bridgeman seconded and a vote was taken and it was **resolved** to adopt the financial regulations.

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

- a. Cllr Cox raised a concern with the turning mirror which was discussed under minute item 36d. Cllr Butler has taken some photos and will report on FixMyStreet. **Action: Cllr Butler**
- b. Cllr Cox reported that grass cutting on the S bend has not taken place. Cllr Cox to report on FixMyStreet. **Action: Cllr Cox**
- c. **Lights at the Recycling Centre:** Cllr Cox reported that the lights had been left on again. Cllr Etholen stated that the staff have been reminded to switch off lights when they leave.
- d. **Hedges:** Discussions were had on some overgrown hedges in the Parish. Please report these to the Clerk with pictures and the Clerk will write to the landowners under Devolved Services whilst being mindful about the bird nesting season.
- e. **Trees:** Cllr Dobson had received an email from the railway looking at the trees in Perry Lane, discussions were had on who owns the trees. Cllr Dobson to send details through to the Clerk to check the land registry. **Action: Cllr Dobson**
- f. Cllr Reading provided an update on Traffic Calming. The Community Board has provided a supporting letter which has been submitted along with the Parish Council application to the Commissioning email at Buckinghamshire Council. Unfortunately, there has been no response. Cllr Etholen will follow up. **Action: Cllr Etholen**
- g. **Beat the Bounds:** Confirmed for the 18th July. Cllr Reading and Cllr Cox to coordinate the route.
- h. **Bledlow Charities:** Cllr Reading provided Councillors with an update and information on grants which had been approved.
- i. **Bledlow Playground:** Cllr Bird reported that the playground is very nearly finished with just some surfacing and fencing works left to be completed.
- j. Discussions were had on the temporary building which has been erected in Lee Road. It was agreed that the Clerk would report to Enforcement. Cllr Bridgeman to send details through to the Clerk. **Action: Cllr Bridgeman / Clerk**

58. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council Meeting: Monday 12th August 2024 at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed 8.40pm

Signed..... Date.....