Minutes of the First Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 9th May 2016 at 7.30pm at Blunsdon Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Jankinson, Boyd, Compton, James, Keates, Kilby, Marasco and Ricketts.

Apologies: Cllrs Ainscow and Herron

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Nominations for the position of Chairman were invited, Cllr Boyd proposed Cllr Jankinson, this was seconded by Cllr James. No other nominations were made.

Cllr Jankinson elected as Chairman.

2. ELECTION OF VICE – CHAIRMAN

Nominations for the position of Vice Chairman were invited, Cllr Ricketts proposed Cllr Compton, this was seconded by Cllr James. No other nominations were made.

Cllr Compton elected as Vice Chairman

The meeting was taken into Recess.

a) Andy Smith and Phil Jones from Blunsdon Cricket Club addressed the PC over their concerns about the condition of the cricket pitch, specifically the length of grass. The Chair explained the issues and actions taken by PC to resolve situation. It was agreed that a one off cut before Saturday 14th would be done, and that then the current arrangements would hopefully be adequate to maintain the required standard. The cricket club were asked to feedback once this has happened.

b) The Chair then requested action from BCC in respect of the machinery in front of the Pavillion, and the plastic store to be moved to rear.

c) Red chairs to be removed – *Clerk to arrange*

3. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS/REPS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

a) Hall & Burial Grounds – Cllrs Boyd and Keates

b) Recreation Areas – Cllrs Jankinson and Ainscow

c) Education – Cllrs Ricketts and Bennett

d) Planning – Cllrs Boyd, Keates and Kilby

e) Public Transport – Cllr Ricketts

f) WALC – Cllr Ricketts exec and Cllr Compton

g) Magazine Reports – Cllr Boyd

h) Redhouse Community Centre – Cllr Kilby

i) Health & Safety – Cllr Marasco

j) Transfer of Services – Cllrs Herron and Keates

Cllr Marasco requested new Councillor training and the currently offered Specialist Housing Delivery training. *Clerk to arrange*

PC agreed to have Planning Degree student (Mr Jelly) observe its approach to Planning Applications.

4. MINUTES FROM THE TWENTY SECOND ORDINARY MEETING

Proposed by Cllr Compton, seconded by Cllr Boyd, all agreed they be accepted as a true record. Cllr Boyd corrected the first item in 242 PARISH MATTERS – Cllr Ainscow apology was for this meeting not previous meetings.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) TGV – no further action. Cllr Marasco to forward Service Level Agreement and Complaints Process.

b) Hillside Way – no improvements to condition of roads. Widhill Lane blocked. Fence still missing. Site visit from Rachael Adams required. *Clerk to arrange.*

c) Persimmon & Barrett sites – Vans on roundabout and signage for construction traffic still an issue. Matter with Louise Moore SBC enforcement.

d) PC grant – c/f Cllr Herron considering process and promotion of scheme. Update required.

e) Community Governance Review – minutes received from the meeting with SBC re Special Expenses.

f) Truscott Avenue – response from SBC not acceptable. Cllr James to list key issues and supply photos in evidence. Chair to raise with Borough councillors.

g) Ermin Street – parking still an issue. PC Yeates invited to attend PC meeting. *Clerk to chase*

h) Linden Homes Inquiry – Chair gave a summary of proceedings. 8 reasons for refusal reduced to 2- physical harm and design. Major reliance by Appellant on the lack of 5year housing land supply. Design arguments by SBC presented well. Other SBC evidence not convincing. Borough Councillor and 2 residents spoke. Outcome of Inquiry expected 17th June 2016. Chair to raise concern with Head of Planning over staff lack of training in dealing with Barrister.

i) Advertising banner – enforcement letter was due on 25/4 requesting removal of banner.

j) Eastern villages Planning Obligations Draft Supplementary Document Consultation – Chair confirmed he had submitted a response.

k) Village Hall – Weeds still an issue. *Clerk to follow up with Mark Jones*.

l) Land Registry – no response to enquiry. *Clerk to follow up.*

m) APA – booked for 26th May 7pm Redhouse Community Centre. Reports to Clerk by 20th May 2016.

n) Village Hall Wi-Fi – second order placed 9th May 2016

o) Queens Birthday – one application received from resident at Priory Manor, insufficient information. *Clerk to visit.*

p) Abbey Farm – Email received confirming scheme to be revised in light of PC and SBC comments. Hard copy of revised documents to be requested. *Clerk to email Christian Fiske.*

q) SBC Members Bulletin – concern over information contained in document. Localities meeting details not factual. *Clerk to email Patrick Weir.*

r) Village Hall – Centraheat not come back about vents. Further phone call made 9th May, awaiting call back.

s) Recreation Areas – Cheapest cost for 5 new bins is £450. *Clerk to order.* Metal platform supplied at Standen Way – cost £560 gate replaced at Warrener Close – cost £160 – Cllr Herron informed.

t) Dog Bin TGV – to be supplied at The Stray, western end of High Street, also in pocket parks but none on highway.

u) Persimmon St Andrews Ridge – grass cutting still an issue. Chair to visit site office to discuss.

v) Crossing Thamesdown Drive – timing of the lights will be investigated, follow up outcome for next meeting.

6. PLANNING DECISIONS ADVISED BY SWINDON

S/16/0301/ISPA: Erection of a single storey/two storey rear extension at: 61 Standen Way, St Andrews Ridge Swindon SN25 4YG.

S/16/0375/ISPA: Erection of single storey front and rear extension at: 62 Bramwell Close, Kingsdown, Swindon SN2 7SN

S/16/0441/CHHO – Erection of conservatory to rear at: 18 Chastleton Road, Redhouse, Swindon SN25 2HA

S/16/0454/NIHO: Erection of a two storey side extension at: 18 Cobbett Close, Abbey Meads, Swindon SN25 4GZ.

S/16/0449/JROD: Erection of a two storey rear extension and 5no.velux windows for loft conversion at: 2 Tarka Close, Ash Brake Swindon SN25 4WA.

S/15/1919/JROD: Retention and extension of existing dwelling at: Brooklyn Lodge, Broad Bush Blunsdon Swindon SN26 7DH

S/16/0548/NIHO: Erection of first floor side extension at: 11 Southey Close St Andrews Ridge Swindon SN25 4WF

All permitted, with conditions.

S/LDP/16/0489/TB: Certificate of lawfulness (Proposed) for the erection of a single storey rear extension at: Wharfe Dene HillsideWay Blunsdon Swindon SN26 8BU

Certificate granted.

S/15/1950/JROD: Erection of 4 no. detached dwellings and associated works at: Land adjacent to 1 Kingsdown Lane Blunsdon Swindon SN25 5DL.

Application refused.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED FOR COMMENT

S/16/0624/RM: Increase in height of existing garage at: Trackat House 24 Turnpike Road Blunsdon Swindon SN26 7EA

Cllrs agreed to support as unaware of any planning reasons to object. Query raised about usage as car sales business.

S/16/0691/TB: Erection of 1 no. dwelling and associated works at: Land at 17 – 18 Turnpike Road Blunsdon Swindon SN26 7EA.

Cllrs agreed to support as unaware of any planning reasons to object. Noted that this is outside settlement boundary.

S/16/0706/CB: Erection of a first floor side/rear and conservatory (retrospective) at: 21 Dorney Road, Redhouse Swindon SN25 2AA.

Cllrs agreed Cllr Kilby to visit on 10th May and report back. Comments due by 19th May.

S/RES/16/0672/NS: Reserved matters application for parcels 4.1 and 4.3 following outline permission S/11/1588 for 121 no. dwellings and associated landscape and infrastructure at: Tadpole farm Tadpole Lane Swindon SN26 8DZ

Cllrs agreed to support as were unaware of any reasons to object, and in line with outline permission.

S/RES/15/2038: Erection of 4 no. detached dwellings and associated works, Reserved Matters Application following outline permission S/09/0417 at: Abbey lodge Lady Lane Swindon SN25 2DW

Cllrs wanted more information about the changes. *Clerk to follow up*

S/16/0746/SS: Erection of a concrete batching plant with associated aggregate storage area, HGV parking spaces, office hut, welfare hut and new vehicular access (variation to condition 3 from previous permission S/14/2100 regarding opening hours) at: Gibbs Surfacing 21 Turnpike Road Blunsdon Swindon SN26 7EA

Cllrs agreed to object as the additional hours would be disruptive and a noise intrusion. Also, the business case in support of the application was not convincing.

S/16/0776/CB: Conversion of outbuilding to ancillary accommodation at: 47 High Street Blunsdon Swindon SN26 7AG

Cllrs agreed to support as were unaware of any reasons to object.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

a) An updated schedule of the progress of Neighbourhood Plans received.

8. FINANCE

a) Approval of 15/16 accounts – Chair asked PC questions required to submit Annual Governance Statement. Query over General Fund and earmarking to reserves – *RFO to advise*. Accounts agreed, ready for Audit. PC confirmed Rachel Smith as RFO and Kathy Liston as Internal Auditor.

b) North Swindon Fun Day – funding request considered, PC agreed to support request with £500. *Clerk to advise John Stooke.*

c) Cllr James to liaise with John Stooke about approaching developers for funding contribution to support this event.

d) BIOS – funding request received not supported as local application in the village not evident.

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9. CORRESPONDENCE to 9th May 2016

1. SBC Members Bulletin – issues 811, 812 and 813.
2. Local Councils Update legislation.
3. NALC – legal information.
4. WALC Newsletter May.
5. The Clerk, Clerks and Councils Direct – May issues.
6. SLCC – notice of extraordinary general meeting.
7. Haydon Wick PC – copy letter to SBC re Thamesdown Drive.
8. Blunsdon Village Shop Assoc – request for litter bin. Request declined as PC provide various forms of support already.
9. Bobby Van Trust – request for financial support. PC declined request.
10. Santander – notice of reduced interest rates.
11. Emails: Yve Benwell – Ermin Street , Cold Harbour junction. Both issues previously raised with SBC and chased up.
12. Catalogue.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Right of Way Liaison Group – Cllr James attended meeting. Topics of discussion were Eastern Villages development, gap analysis for cycle paths, provision of a horse crossing at Tadpole Lane and Life Belts at local ponds.

b) Redhouse Community Centre – PAT testing of appliances, major failure. These were reported and resolved, awaiting retest. Problems with standards of PAT applied. Risk Assessment required Cllr Marasco to assist. BVH urn on loan to RCC.

c) Cemetery – issue with dumping. Suggested a log at local shop of keys being utilised for cemetery and BVH.

11. PARISH MATTERS

a) Cllr Compton – Hillside Way trees removed, issue to be included on request for Rachael Adams site visit. Widhill Lane overgrown trees cut back by resident to improve visibility.

b) Cllr Marasco – concerns over lack of street signs and lighting. Both are the responsibility of developer. Issues to be raised with Elizabeth Orchard when she attends PC meeting.

c) Redhouse Community Centre – divider is being chased up by Vera Tomlinson.

d) St Andrews Ridge – Yellow road sweeper from Cricklade Road not using correct route when travelling to and from Tadpole Village.

243. SUMMONS TO ATTEND NEXT MEETING

Cllrs were summoned to attend the next meeting: Monday 23rd May 2016 7.30pm, at Abbey Meads Primary School.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

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Chairman, 23rd May 2016