Minutes of the Seventeenth meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 9th January 2017 at 7.30pm at Blunsdon Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Ainscow,Bennett, Boyd, Compton (Chair),Herron, Keates, James and Marasco.

One member of the public

Apologies: Cllrs Jankinson, Kilby,White and SBC Cllrs McCracken and Weisinger

169. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

The meeting was taken into Recess when the member of public requested a Map of the Parish

showing approved and prosepective development be published. The PC explained the problems of

SBC not having a 5 year Housing Land Supply, leaving the Parish vulnerable to speculative

development. Concerns over traffic on Broad Bush were raised particularly in light of further

development and increased traffic.

170. MINUTES OF THE SIXTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING

Proposed by Cllr Boyd, seconded by Cllr James, all agreed, that they be accepted as a true record, with an amendment to SBC Cllrs not being in attendance.

171. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Hillside Way – site meeting with Traffic Engineer Dave Weston and Rachael Adams took

place on 6th December. Mud and debris on the roads from development was discussed DW

confirmed this is regularly monitored and action taken when necessary. A revised layout for

the lines on the road had been agreed and the site egress was to be reduced. Resident received a letter from SBC about the junction and yellow lines which appears to conflict with the outcome of the site meeting. *Clerk to check with SBC*

1. Redhouse RA – RFO has contacted treasurer for information.RFO has had confirmation that

currently there is no Chair and some income and expenditure data was supplied.

1. Blunsdon Village – War Memorial wording on memorial needs cleaning. War Memorials Trust

have supplied pre application form, photos have been taken to support application. WMT inundated with requests so could be some months before a response is received. *Clerk to complete form.*

1. Sams Lane seat – Cllr Boyd and Bob Simpkins have met to discuss moving seat. BS to provide quote for work. Quote not received. *Clerk to chase and discuss school bell being cited at BVH.*
2. Cllr Keith Williams to be invited to PC meeting to discuss changes to the bus services, routes and the effectiveness of the current services. *Clerk to chase as no response received.*
3. Churchill Avenue grass – Wales and West no response. *Clerk to chase again.*

172. PLANNING DECISIONS ADVISED BY SWINDON

S/16/1910/RM – Change of use of annexe into 1no. dwelling and associated works.

At: Turnpike House 14 Turnpike Road Blunsdon Swindon SN26 7EA

Planning Permission Granted

173. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED FOR COMMENT

S/16/2059: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 4no. dwellings and associated works.

At : Land at 110 High Street Blunsdon Swindon SN26 7AB

PC agreed to object as they agreed with the Highway and Aboriculture Officer reports. There is

insufficient access with no passing available. In addition the PC felt this was an over intensification

of the plot.

*Since meeting on 19th December Cllr Boyd has learned that access is in fact through the Blunsdon*

*Hotel, however no reason to change comments made.*

S/HOU/16/2159: Erection of a first floor side extension.

At: Presbury Cottage 36 High Street Blunsdon Swindon SN26 7AE

PC agreed to support as they are not aware of any Planning reason to object.

S/16/0505: Erection of new retail facilities and provision of associated car parking, creation of new vehicular and pedestrian accesses, hard and soft landscaping and associated plant.

At: Land at Swindon Gateway North, Latham Road, Swindon SN25 4DL

PC agreed to object as when you look at the iconic architecture of the Vygon, David Lloyd and

even the Harvester buildings, if this is presented as a signature introduction to Swindon from

the North/East it is very poor. It will also have a significant impact on local and town centre retail,

unless it is provison of retail not currently available eg Costco, Ikea Macro. In addition the

technical issues of levels, access and materials have not satisfactorily been resolved since last

application.

S/HOU/16/2185: Erection of a single storey rear extension.

At: 1 Southey Close St Andrews Ridge Swindon SN25 4WF

PC agreed to support as they are not aware of any Planning reason to object.

S/16/2034: Outline application for up to 53no. dwellings, including open space and land scaping.

Access not reserved.

At: Land South of High Street Blunsdon Swindon Wilts

PC comments – access to High Street is too narrow, density is too high, the site has historic

interest, conservation area and lack of infrastructure to support development. Decision deferred

until meeting with David Dewart w/b 2nd January 2017.

*Comments submitted as detailed above on 9th January 2017.*

174. OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Appeal S/TC/16/1070 Land at Tadpole Lane Blunsdon Swindon, appeal lodged against

the refusal pf permission for prior notification application for the erection of an 8 metre high

lattice tower equipment cabinets and associated works. Comments by 1st February 2017.

Cllr Boyd advised that Crest will be applying for a variation under Sec 73, to deliver a further

146no. dwellings at Tadpole Garden Village. Public Meeting is being held on 18th January 2017

at Tadpole Garden Primary School, stakeholders between 11am and 4pm and in the evening for

other interested parties.

175. FINANCE – BUDGETS 2017/18

1. RFO presented a schedule of revised charges for Parish facilities. The PC discussed the proposals at length. Cllr Boyd proposed agreement, with variation for Slimming World, Garden Club and Ukele Club, Cllr Keates seconded and PC agreed all charges as proposed and a 15% uplift for all non parishioner bookings.
2. Allotments – charges not yet agreed . Negotiation with developer required as pre consultation fencing and water supply were agreed. Provision of sheds to be explored, size of plots to be confirmed. *Cllr Compton to liaise with developer.*
3. Salary review – a 2% increase from the 1st April 2017 was proposed and agreed for all staff.
4. PC agreed Tracey Judd be paid at point 33 from 1st April 2017, as no increase after probation had been given.
5. RFO to write to all staff confirming new rates of pay from April 2017.
6. Play Areas – further to the schedule of works circulated which detailed remedial works to remedy all high and medium risks down to low, RFO confirmed provision had been made in the budget. PC agreed works circa £15k.
7. Article for BV Magazine – Cllr Boyd had drafted an article for the magazine explaining the Parish precept and why it was likely to increase significantly. Minor amends agreed an PC agreed to publication.

176. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Correspondence received to 9th January 2017

1. Clerks & Councils Direct
2. News form Nova Hreod School
3. Email from Andy Scogings re Traffic Calming on Broad Bush. *PC understood and were sympathetic to the concerns raised and advised they be directed to SBC.*

177. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Blunsdon Village Hall – having consulted with the Pre school the fire extinguishers

Require moving so that the base of the unit is one metre from the ground.

The smoke alarms also need testing as there appeared to be no green light visible

during the meeting. *Clerk to request Mark Jones to action.*

178. PARISH MATTERS

1. Cllr James advised that many residents have commented that their journies home, following changes to the bus timetable, are now 20 minutes longer.

The number 4 service operated by Stagecoach does not have a published timetable and does not stop at all stops on the route.

1. Cllr Marasco advised that there is extensive fly tipping on land under the bridge at the bottom of Blunsdon Hill. *Report to Crest Nicholson*
2. Cllr Ainscow advised that the pavement damage and broken sign in Sutton Park had not been repaired by SBC. *Clerk to chase.* The brushes by the gates of recreation ground need cleaning.

*Clerk to speak with Mark Jones.*

1. Cllr Bennett queried if any reports of youths gathering at the Coach House had been received

as she hd been told there was noie and swearing etc. *No other reports had been received.*

1. SBCCllr Bishop advised of difficulties with an overgrown bus stop in Sams Lane. *Clerk confirmed this had been dealt with.*The signage at Pontings Close was also questioned as to its accuracy. The PC were advised that there was to be a mobile baking service in Highworth, site yet to be agreed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

179. SUMMONS TO ATTEND THE NEXT MEETING

Cllrs were summoned to attend the next meeting: Monday 23rd January 2017 at Redhouse Community Centre

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

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Chairman, 23rd January 2017