Minutes of the Eighteenth meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 23rd January 2017 at 7.30pm at Redhouse Community Centre

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

One member of the public

Apologies: Cllrs Jankinson, Bennett,Keates and Ricketts and SBC Cllrs McCracken.

180. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

The meeting was taken into Recess where a member of public aked for an update on how the Parish

was dealing with the changes to the Parish Boundaries. Chair explained that all expenditure and

services had been carefully analysed to ensure best value to residents. However, the transfer of

services and the size of the residual Parish was such that the precept would rise considerably for

2017/18. A question was also raised about the Planning status of Doggy Day Care in Kingsdown

Lane, which is now trading spray painting cars. *Clerk to check with Planning Officer.*

181. MINUTES OF THE SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING

Proposed by Cllr Boyd, seconded by Cllr James, all agreed, that they be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

182. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Hillside Way – Clerk checked with SBC, response awaited. *Clerk to chase SBC.*
2. Blunsdon Village – Application made to the War Memorial Trust for assistance to clean and re define wording.
3. Sams Lane seat – Cllr Boyd and Bob Simpkins have met to discuss moving seat. BS to provide quote for work. Quote not received. Cllr Boyd to provide details of alternative supplier.
4. Cllr Keith Williams is not able to attend the next few meetings due to work commitments, but suggested one of his Officers attend. *Clerk to arrange Officer to attend.*

183. PLANNING DECISIONS ADVISED BY SWINDON

S/LDP/16/2073/NIHO Certificate of lawfulness (Proposed) for the erection of a

single storey rear extension

At: 29 Warrener Close Groundwell Swindon SN25 4AH

Certificate of Lawful Development Granted.

184. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED FOR COMMENT

S/HOU/17/0001: Conversion of garage into habitable space.

AT : 9 Cantelo Close Swindon SN25 4ZF

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

S/RES/17/0019: Reserved matters pursuant to Application S/13/1567 for the laying out

of The Stray to include the provision of formal and informal play features, and Town Park

and associated landscaping, drainage basins and associated infrastructure.

At: Land at Tadpole Garden Village Blunsdon St Andrew Swindon SN26 8DZ.

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

S/17/0059: Installation of new double doors to front elevation, new external seating area and

paved area to existing garden.

At: Harvester Latham Road Abbey Meads Swindon

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

185. OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

Cllr Herron raised a question about permission for a porch erected at a house in Redhouse, photo

supplied. *Cllr H to forward details to Clerk for investigation.*

Cllr Herron also gave an update on the TGV consultation for additional development. Crest had

reappraised the site in light of completed development and are seeking to vary permission to deliver

a further circa 140no. dwellings.

186. FINANCE – BUDGETS 2017/18

RFO presented the calculations in respect of the suggested Precept for 2017/18. The problems in

arriving at the presented figures were explained, namely there are still a number of unknowns

including accommodation, staffing and SBC assistance. The significantly reduced number of Band

D eqivalents and incorrect Council Tax Support Grant from SBC also complicated matters.

However, quotes for the provision of services transferred from SBC were within funding from

SBC. After much discussion the PC agreed that they should not be expected to withstand the costs

of implementing changes agreed by SBC and that SBC should be approached to treat Blunsdon as a

New Parish so that it would attract some additional funding.

PC agreed, subject to Chair`s approval, that a Precept of £74,750 be proposed – this is subject to any

changes that occur to funding in light of discussions with SBC and St Andrews.

Cllr Compton proposed, and all agreed, receipts numbered 123 – 140 totalling £23,630.47

and payments numbered 188 – 203 totalling £10,121.81

187. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Correspondence received to 23rd January 2017

None

188. COMMITTEE REPORTS

WALC – Cllr Compton reported that following resignation from March of Andrea

Stanley, all Parish Clerks had been approached about taking on the role. To date

one expression of interest has been received.

189. PARISH MATTERS

1. Cllr Kilby – Reported that works to footpaths by Uplands School were underway, and he wanted to know when Isambard Way would be adopted. *Clerk to check*
2. Cllr Boyd – Requested agreement to approach Lorraine Green to update the Village Maps.

PC agreed. He also highlighted that one of the telephone boxes in Blunsdon had been designated historic heritage asset.

Cllr Boyd also reported that he had spoken to the Clerk re Vermin at Cold Harbour and that this had been reported to SBC.

Cllr Boyd asked for any update on MUGA – Clerk/Cllr Jankinson had received an email today,

explaining that the Sec 106 monies were not yet in place. David James wanted confirmation that Cllr Jankinson wanted to progress project.

1. Cllr Ainscow – reported that the Bus Stops in Sams Lane were difficult and potentially hazardous. Paul has cleared the hardstanding at one stop, but there are no hardstandings at the other 2 stops High Street and Broadbush ends of Sams Lane. *Clerk to report.*

190. SUMMONS TO ATTEND THE NEXT MEETING

Cllrs were summoned to attend the next meeting: Monday 6th February 2017 at Blunsdon Village Hall.

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

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Chairman, 6th February 2017