Minutes of the Nieteenth meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 6th February 2017 at 7.30pm at Blunsdon Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Ainscow, Boyd, Bennett, Compton, Jankinson ( Chair ) Keates, Kilby, James and White

SBC Cllr Bishop

One member of the public

Apologies: Cllrs Herron, Marasco and SBC Cllrs McCracken.

191. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

The meeting was taken into Recess where a member of public asked for an update on the Planning

matter raised at the last meeting. Clerk confirmed that Planning were not aware of change in use

so an Enforcement form has been completed for further investigation.

192. MINUTES OF THE EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING

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

193. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Hillside Way – Clerk checked with SBCTRO has been made. Suzanne Coles meeting with developers as they have breached regulation so it need to be revisited.
2. Blunsdon Village – Application made to the War Memorial Trust for assistance to clean and re define wording. Application acknowledged and photos confirmed as adequate. Officer will be in touch.
3. Sams Lane seat – Cllr Boyd and Bob Simpkins have met to discuss moving seat. Quote received and accepted, work to be done 9th/10th February 2017.
4. Cllr Keith Williams is not able to attend the next few meetings due to work commitments, but suggested one of his Officers attend. In light of recent transfer of Thamesdown to Go Ahead meeting on hold.
5. WALC – Terry Powell acting under Andrea Stanley direction is coordinating through WALC a challenge to SBC stance/pricing structure on Fly tipping, Graffiti and Animal removal. This follows a meeting called by Highworth TC with other rural parishes where a task force across 7 parishes was established.
6. Adoption of Isambard Way – Cllr McCracken has picked this matter up and will feedback.
7. Bus Stops in Sams Lane – Thamesdown were sympathetic, but it is SBC responsibility. This is now unclear following sale of Thamesdown to Go Ahead. *Clerk to contact Nigel Hale*
8. Blunsdon Village Map – Cllr Boyd has spoken with Lorraine Green about updating maps. He also suggested we approach developers of new sites to assist with contribution. Cllr White added that this requirement could be set out in Community/Neighbourhood Planning and Sec106.

194. PLANNING DECISIONS ADVISED BY SWINDON

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

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

Planning Permission Granted with Conditions

S/ADV/16/1880 NIGI Display of various non illuminated signage (retrospective)

At: Land at William Morris Way Tadpole Garden Village Swindon

Advertisement Consent Granted with Conditions.

195. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED FOR COMMENT

S/ADV/17/0063 Display of various externally and internally illuminated signs.

AT : Harvester, Latham Road Abbey Meads Swindon

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

S/HOU/17/0034 Erection of a single storey side extension and installation of flue for

wood burning stove and ground floor window to side.

At: 10 Richardson Road Swindon SN25 4DS

PC agreed for Cllr Jankinson to do site inspection.

S/HOU/17/0152 Erection of two storey front and two storey/single storey rear extensions.

At: Greystones 111 Ermin Street Blunsdon Swindon SN26 8AA

PC agreed to object because of the loss of amenity and light and the overintensification of the plot.

Furthermore, the reasons for refusal outlined in S/16/1031 still appear to relevant to the current

Application.

S/17/0172 Retention of temporary life skills unit, 2no. classbases with associated wc`s study

workrooms and stores without compliance with condition 2 of S/11/1775 granted 19th April 2012.

At: Uplands School Tadpole Lane Blunsdon SN25 2NB

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

196. OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

S/AMEND/11/0168 Non material Amendment 12no. dwellings at Abbey Stadium – change of

brick type.

Notice from SBC that their application to have a BT phone box in Blunsdon designated by

Historic England had been rejected and therefore it would be removed.

197. FINANCE – GOUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Discussion about the quotes for the Ground Maintenance in Blunsdon from April 2017 took place.

Chair explained the services and levels of services as detailed on the SBC maps. Cllr Boyd to

view maps before any decision made.

PC also agreed that private owners of grass cut by SBC should be approached re payment when the

PC take over responsibility in April 2017.

The hedge at Sutton Park boundary of Recreation Ground has been cut and trimmings left in

grounds. *Clerk to speak with Paul Schofield re removal.*

198. TRANSFER OF SERVICES

1. Chair confirmed that he and Clerk had met with Cllr Martin, in her capacity as Lead Member for

CGR, to outline the difficulties Blunsdon PC would experience in light of SBC decision. An increase of almost 500% on the precept, no reserves and costs of approx. £7500 to implement changes. Chair requested that Blunsdon be treated as though they had been designated a New Parish and therefore entitled to transitional funding to assist with implementing changes.

1. Chair outlined the proposal to share resources with St Andrews PC and confirmed that this would be discussed at St Andrews meeting on 16th February. Cllr Jankinson cannot attend this

Meeting and PC agreed that it was not appropriate for Staff to attend but were supportive of the idea to share staffing and reduce costs.

1. Chair confirmed that the number of Parish Councillors for Blunsdon was 11. PC agreed that this was too many. *Clerk to confirm with Stephen Taylor how and when this can be amended.*
2. Chair explained that RCC staff are currently employed by BSA PC, however it would be more appropriate and stable for the stff to be employed by RCC Community Interest Organistion which is a chairatable organisation set up to manage RCC.
3. Judicial Review – Chair outlined the results of the legal advice taken. There is insufficient evidence on which to base a successful challenge and it would be very costly. PC agreed no further action.
4. May Elections – Clerk to collect nomination papers on 21st March, nominations close 4th April 2017. Chair asked all Councillors to consider if they are standing, and if so for which or both Parishes. In addition it was acknowledged that this is a private matter for individuals, if however Councillors were willing, it would be helpful for Chair to know intentions.

199. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Correspondence received to 6th February 2017

1. Local Councils Update
2. Clerk Magazine January
3. Letter – increase in cleaning charges at BVH – PC agreed to increase in charges as shown in letter to £10.50 per hour.

200. COMMITTEE REPORTS

RCC – Accounts prepared. Chair explained that from Sept15 to Aug 16 a surplus of

£5743 had been recorded and from Sept 16 to Jan17 a surplus of £11163 had been

recorded. PC agreed this was an excellent performance.

Cllr Bennett to arrange a meeting with an accountant.

Environmental Health are to install a sound device for a month to monitor noise.

BVH – Qotes received for internal redecoration. Cllr Boyd to liaise with RFO.

201. PARISH MATTERS

1. Cllr Kilby – Reported that Fibre boxes are being installed on or encroaching on footpaths.

Photos to be taken and forwarded for action.

1. Cllr Boyd – Reported that he had been invited to the Intenational Air tattoo briefing.
2. Cllr Bishop – reported that the condition of the pavement in Sams Lane was a cause for concern. He is going to pursue this matter with SBC
3. Cllr Bennett – reported that the trip hazard caused by tree roots breaching the footpath in Tortworth Road still remains. *Clerk to report*
4. Cllr Compton – reported that some activity had taken place in respect of the damaged fence on Hillside. He also reported that the neighbour of The Cedars Widhill Lane where a Planning Application has been made, was unhappy that the PC had not objected.
5. Cllr White – reported road deterioration in Lady Lane particularly around the chicane. *Clerk to report.*
6. Cllr Jankinson – reported that he had notified SBC of the blocked gullies on the Blunsdon to Highworth road. Cllr Bishop to chase.

Letter drafted re poor parking in Richardson Road St Andrews Ridge. PC approved content and agreed for it to be left on offending vehicles.

1. Clerk notified the PC that a resident had contacted her about setting up a group pf volunteers for litter picking on St Andrews Ridge. *PC agreed to support, Clerk to contact resident.*

202. SUMMONS TO ATTEND THE NEXT MEETING

Cllrs were summoned to attend the next meeting: Monday 20th February 2017 at Redhouse Community Centre.

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

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Chairman, 20th February 2017