Minutes of the Twentieth meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 20th February 2017 at 7.30pm at Redhouse Community Centre.

Present: Cllrs Ainscow, Boyd, Compton, Jankinson ( Chair ) Keates, Kilby, James, Marasco and Ricketts.

Two members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs Bennett and Herron.

203. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

The meeting was taken into Recess where a member of public notified the PC that the litter in

Kingsdown Lane was a huge problem and that Cllr Bishop had walked the Lane with him to witness

the problem. The resident felt that the issue was caused mainly by the Business community using

the lane and reported that he could only find 3 businesses registered to pay Business Rates.

The second resident also from Kingsdown Lane, confirmed the issues raised by first resident. He

also went on to explain that he and his sister had been the owners of the Doggy Day Care business

which was no longer trading and that a Change of Use Planning Application was imminent. He

explained that a paint spraying business was operating from the site and in fact, in terms of both

noise and traffic movements the new business would be less intrusive.*Clerk to contact SBC re*

*litter.*

204. MINUTES OF THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY MEETING

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

205. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Hillside Way – Clerk checked with SBCTRO has been made. Suzanne Coles meeting with developers as they have breached regulations so it needs to be revisited. In addition no works

have been done to repair fencing. *Clerk to contact Rachael Adams SBC*

1. Blunsdon Village – Application made to the War Memorial Trust for assistance to clean and re define wording. Application is eligible for funding. Extensive form to make formal application has been received. *Clerk to contact Lucy & Jane*
2. Sams Lane seat – Seat now resited.
3. 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. *Item to be carried forward.*
4. 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. PC awaiting information from Highworth/taskforce.
5. Adoption of Isambard Way – Cllr McCracken has picked this matter up and will feedback. *Clerk to chase*
6. 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, Cllr Marasco to do a risk assessment.*
7. 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. *Letter drafted for sending to developers – Hills, Newland and Linden*
8. Grounds Maintenance – Chair to write to Paul Schofield.
9. CGR – List of anticipated costs in implementing CGR outcome sent to SBC, with a request for assistance.
10. Sharing resources with St Andrews – Chair explained that no decision had formally been made in respect of this proposal. PC queried if Shadow Parish had authority to make the decision. *Clerk to check with Stephen Taylor*
11. RCC staff – Extra Ordinary meeting of Management Committee to be scheduled to discuss employment contracts.
12. RCC – Admininstrator has now met with accountant to go through first year accounts for RCC.
13. Drainage ditches on the road from Blunsdon to Highworth, Cllr Bishop dealing. *Clerk to chase.*
14. Parking in Richardson Road – may be Care Home staff not residents.*Cllr Ricketts to check.*
15. Roots at Bus Stop in Tollworth Road not severe enough to warrant SBC action at this point.

206. PLANNING DECISIONS ADVISED BY SWINDON

S/HOU/16/2018/NIHO – Erection of a part two storey part single storey rear extension.

At: 25 Eastbury Way Redhouse Swindon SN25 2EL

Planning Permission Granted with Conditions

S/HOU/16/2185/FELY – Erection of single storey rear extension.

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

Planning Permission Granted with Conditions

207. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED FOR COMMENT

S/HOU/17/0162 Erection of a two storey rear extension and 3no. rear dormer windows

At: 14 Joyce Close Abbey Meads Swindon SN25 4GX

PC agreed to object -. Over intensification of the plot. Dormer windows too large and the online planning documents show 1no. where the consultation notice issued states 3no. windows.

S/OUT/17/0228 Outline Application for the erection of 1no. residential unit.

At: Fairview Kingsdown Lane Blunsdon SN25 5DL

PC agreed to object - Outside settlement boundary, PC agreed it does not follow Policy and that the lack of 5year housing land supply was not an issue as 1no. unit is not significant. In addition, the PC felt the Planning issues on the whole site should be considered together, a change of use application is imminent for the Doggy Day Care business that operated from this site.

S/17/0093 Erection of an extension to existing bin store

At: Rivergreen House Greenwood Place Redhouse Swindon

PC agreed to object - The PC were concerned that the quality of the plan was such that it did not clearly show existing and proposed plans.

The PC were also concerned about the addition of a steel gate on security and the creation of a space to encourage inappropriate activity – it is suggested the Police be consulted on this aspect in view of the already difficult ASB issues in Redhouse.

S/17/0211 Proposed erection of two office buildings and provision of associated car park, hard and soft landscaping and new vehicular access.

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

PC agreed to object - The PC question the need for office accommodation at this location particularly as the adjacent site ( Speedway track) demonstrated no need for office space as there was an over supply in the Town with many vacant units.

In addition, the architectural impact was not in keeping with other units in the surrounding location, namely Harvester, David Lloyd and Vygon.

S/17/0239 Variation of condition 3 (Approved plans list) to previous permission S/13/1567 for mixed use urban extension to increase the amount of residential units.

At: Tadpole Garden Village Tadpole Lane Blunsdon St Andrew Swindon SN26 8DZ

PC agreed to object - The PC was concerned about the impact of flood plain. The Environmental statement did not contain Sec 11 which was referenced as dealing with Water issues.

This area of development currently has significant flood water, which has not been managed by the attenuation pond. Photos will be sent, under separate cover, to evidence this issue. The PC require more detailed information as to how flooding will be managed/mitigated.

S/17/0244 Erection of a two storey extension, alterations to existing reception and creation of additional parking spaces. (Variation to condition 11 from Permission S/16/0391

At: Premier Lodge Ermin Sreet Blunsdon Swindon SN26 8DJ

PC agreed that further clarification as to the exact nature of variation was required. *Clerk to contact Rhian Morris.*

208. OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

S/HOU/17/0034 – Cllr Jankinson confirmed there is adequate parking at this location.

209. FINANCE

Cllr Compton proposed, and all agreed, receipts numbered 141 – 151 totalling £2,109.50

and payments numbered 204 – 215 totalling £11,002.45

210. TRANSFER OF SERVICES COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

1. Chair confirmed that Cllr Boyd had worked through the outstanding questions in relation to the grounds maintenance contract. PC agreed to award the contract in line with Clerk recommendation.
2. Chair confirmed that the number of Parish Councillors for Blunsdon was 11 and for a meeting to be quorate 4 members are required. The next CGR will be the opportunity to review the number of parish Councillors.
3. Chair informed the PC that Cllr Martin had requested that they consider funding for the North Swindon Library. PC agreed that this was not something they would support. SBC made the decision to cease funding. *Clerk to write to Cllr Martin*
4. Chair cofirmed that SBC have still not responded to PC enquiries about the level of Council tax Support Grant.

211. COMMITTEE REPORTS

BVH – Cllr Boyd confirmed that the Scout Group would be replacing the clock.

RCC – Further noise issues resulting in complaints last weekend. No further information or contact

from SBC Environmental Health.

212. PARISH MATTERS

1. Cllr Kilby – reported that the dog bins on Tadpole Lane/Jubilee Park were over flowing when he was there today. Bins are emptied on Mondays so should have been done later today.
2. Cllr Boyd – reported that the tree stump in Sams Lane had not been addressed. *Clerk to chase*
3. Cllr Keates – reported that parking around the school in Blunsdon was causing a problem and safety issues. *Mark to check and advise Clerk.*
4. Cllr Ainscow – reported that litter had been left in the recreation ground after the football match on Sunday. *Clerk to report to Mark.*
5. Cllr Compton – reported that although some activity had taken place in respect of the damaged fence on Hillside, nothing had happened in last two weeks.*Clerk to report to Rachael Adams.*

He also reported that he was meeting with Newland Homes on 21st February, to disuss the allotments.

Cllr Compton – reported that he had concerns at the close proximity of the Hills development to Widhill Lane and that he had been unable to locate the original Planning Permission. *Clerk to contact SBC, Cllr Boyd may have copy.*

1. Cllr Ricketts – asked about reviewing the bus timetables and services operating. In view of the changes to Thamesdown ownership this is inevitable. PC suggested Gordon Sparkes would be good for User Group liaison with new provider.
2. Cllr Marsco – reported that the Custom Build plots at TGV were now under construction.

He also reported that further fly-tipping had occurred at TGV. *Cllr M to email details.*

1. Cllr Jankinson – reported that SBC had confirmed that no Planning Application had been made in respect of Sams Lane. He also reported that a Stakeholder meeting in respect of the MUGA was to be arranged. Cllr Boyd volunteered to be included.
2. Cllr James – reported that the chicane posts at Jubilee Park do not prevent vehicles driving on the grass. *Crest Nicholson to be approached re their purpose/usefulness.*
3. Clerk notified the PC that Lady Lane/Tadpole Lane will be closed for approx. two weeks from 28th February 2017, this is because of road resurfacing. Clerk also reported that the Allotments and Play Area at the Hills Development on Ermin Street were ready for handover to the Parish.

Awaiting further details from Hills.

213. SUMMONS TO ATTEND THE NEXT MEETING

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

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

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Chairman, 6th March 2017