Minutes of the Twenty First meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 6th March 2017 at 7.30pm at Blunsdon Village Hall.

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

SBC Cllr Weisinger

Five members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr James and SBC Cllr McCracken

214. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

The meeting was taken into Recess where the resident of 56 Sutton Park enquired about the empty

property at 38 Sutton Park as recent activity to brick up the garages had been observed. Chair

confirmed that there were no current Planning Applicatons and the PC had no knowledge of any

works at the address. *Clerk to make enquiries*

Chair welcomed Chris Rogers, who is interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, to observe the

meeting.

215. MINUTES OF THE TWENTIETH ORDINARY MEETING

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

216. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Hillside Way – Rachael Adams confirmed that Hills have given an undertaken to make good all fencing prior to completion of the development. Concerns over proximity of development to Widhill Lane remain. *Clerk to arrange site meeting/review of plans with RA and Chair.*
2. War Memorial – work underway to complete grant application. *Chair to supply email for Lucy and Jane.*
3. WALC – SAC meeting at Haydon Wick PC on 16th March 2017 at 7.30pm
4. Adoption of Isambard Way – Cllr McCracken advised that works to repair damaged pavements had now been completed and an inspection by SBC Dave Weston was needed. *Cllr McCracken to feedback.*
5. Bus Stops in Sams Lane – Thamesdown were sympathetic, but it is SBC responsibility. This is now unclear following sale of Thamesdown to Go Ahead.  *Cllr Marasco to do a risk assessment by the end of week and send to Clerk.*
6. Blunsdon Village Map – Developers contacted re contribution to cost of maps. Hills and Newland have responded positively and asked for details of contribution required. *Cllr Boyd chasing quotes with Lorraine.*
7. CGR – List of anticipated costs in implementing CGR outcome sent to SBC, with a request for assistance, no response received to date.
8. Sharing resources with St Andrews – Shadow Parish have established a working party to explore costs further.
9. RCC staff – Extra Ordinary meeting of Management Committee took place and it was agreed to consult with staff between 1st March and 1st April on changes to their contracts. Further meeting scheduled on 28th March when committee will consider outcome of consultation.
10. RCC – accounts now finalized and showing healthy position.
11. Parking in Richardson Road – letter placed on cars breaching Highway Code, no changes to parking observed as a result.Second letter to be used advising that police action would be next step if no changes in parking behaviour.
12. Council Tax Support Grant – revised figures and explanation received, position still not clear. SBC are to attend Clerks Forum in April to explain.
13. Dog Bins – these are being emptied every Monday, however the number of bins or the frequency of collection in some locations is a concern, namely Tadpole Lane/Gardens and Jubille Park.
14. Tree stump in Sams Lane cannot be removed until a survey of cabling and pipework has been undertaken by SBC.
15. Blunsdon School – parking is causing obstruction and safety issues.*Clerk to contact PSCO*
16. Allotments – Cllr Compton advised of meeting with Tom Shepherd. *Clerk to contact re transfer also to seek provision of 2no. raised beds for disabled access allotment.*
17. Lady lane – problems experienced with signage for road closures. Contact details supplied and Dave Weston to meet with contractor to resolve.

217. PLANNING DECISIONS ADVISED BY SWINDON

S/HOU/17/0001/FELY Conversion of garage into habitable space

At: 9 Cantelo Close Swindon SN25 4ZF

Planning Permission Granted with Conditions

S/HOU/17/0034/JROD – Erection of 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

Planning Permission Granted with Conditions

218. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED FOR COMMENT

S/HOU/17//0342 Erection of a single storey side/rear extension and conservatory ( retrospective)

At: 21 Dorney Road Redhouse Swindon SN25 2AA

PC agreed to object -. Over intensification of the plot, dwelling is too large for plot size and location and as such is too close to boundary of plot. The PC also question that there is space for 2 vehicles to park. In addition all comments made on the previous retrospective application are still valid/relevant.

S/17/0239 - TGV -Variation of Condition 3. PC have now considered water study in Section 11 and agreed to support the application ( held over from meeting on 20th Feb 2017)

S/17/0244 – Premier Lodge Variation of condition 11 from permission S/16/0391. Variation clarified as 1 additional parking space and smaller rooms. PC agreed to support ( held over from meeting on 20th Feb 2017)

219. OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

S/15/1950/ APP/U3935/W/16/3160643 – Notification of Appeal following refusual of planning

permission.

Erection of 4no. detatched dwellings and associated works

At: Land adjacent to 1 Kingsdown Lane Blunsdon Swindon SN25 5DL

PC noted appeal and commented that there were issues with drainage, sewage and septic tanks.

Chair update PC about the meeting held on 6th March 2017 with SBC to discuss a strategy for

defending Blunsdon against speculative development, in light of the fact that SBC cannot

demonstrate a 5 year housing land supply.

SBC will review and improve the non coalescence evidence/arguments.

Parish to consider creating a buffer to the east side of the village, this will require cooperation of

land owners to establish a woodland and/or recreational buffer.

Footpaths and Rights of Way form a natural barrier and the impact on views and landscape of

any development is vitally important to assess. Funding of £9k is potentially available to undertake

a Landscape Value Assessment.

SBC will produce a map of all the current constraints that need to be considered when assessing

development proposals.

Neighbourhood Plan – it is essential to finalise. A NHP that has sites allocated for development

can utilize a 3 year housing land supply in defending unsuitable applications. Parish to seek

more volunteers to re start the NHP group, SBC have offered support to move this project forward

and finalise the NHP.

At the Annual Parish Assembly the Parish will promote the NHP and encourage the public to

attend and actively involve themselves in producing the NHP.

220. TRANSFER OF SERVICES COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The PC considered the request from the RFO to pay the new Grounds Maintenance contractor

from the Operations Account and in order to do this increase the float by £1500.

The PC agreed that this was acceptable.

In addition the PC recently spent £942 on tree and safety works in Wallis Drive Play Area.

This money should be deducted from the sum to be transferred to St Andrews as the expenditure

was necessary as was paid from the funds agreed for transfer. *Clerk to write to Joyce Holman.*

The Chair reported that Cllr Tomlinson had sent a letter to prospective Parish Councillors, a copy

was circulated. The PC were concerned at the content and the fact that it had been written in an

official capacity as a Borough Councillor.

Cllr Weisinger assured the PC that his Shadow Parish had not been aware of the letter.

*Chair to write to David Renard re PC concerns.*

*PC to write to same prospective candidates*.

221. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received up to 6th March 2017

1. Clerks & Councils Direct
2. Local Councils Update

222. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

223. PARISH MATTERS

1. Cllr Kilby – reported that the parking around Ismbard School was causing safety issues and that cars parking on the pavement in Redhouse Way were driving along the pavements in order to park /leave where parked, again causing safety issues. *Clerk to contact PCSO*
2. Cllr Boyd – requested that a date be agreed for the APA – PC agreed 24th May 2017.
3. Cllr White – reported problems with developer lorries being parked up overnight on junctions around TGV. Also that extensive mud on roads and pavements was an issue and that the road sweepers were ineffective. The mud is so bad that its obscuring speed humps. *Clerk to contact Dave Weston Cllrs White & Marasco to meet with Priem about spending residents management fees on these works.*
4. Cllr Herron - advised he was organizing a litter pick in the Redhouse area. *Clerk to order equipment.*
5. Cllr Jankinson – reported that there was a NALC conference on 26th April which he would recommend and that the PC would pay the attendance fee.

224. SUMMONS TO ATTEND THE NEXT MEETING

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

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

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Chairman, 20th March 2017