Minutes of the Twenty Second meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 20th March 2017 at 7.30pm at Redhouse Community Centre.

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

Four members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs Bennett, Ricketts,White and SBC Cllr McCracken

225. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Compton – The Cedars Widhill Lane, Planning Application of neighbour.

The meeting was taken into Recess when the Chair thanked all Councillors and staff for their

commitment and hard work in respect of Blunsdon Andrew Parish Council, as it was in fact the l

last meeting of the PC before the Parish split comes into effect on 1st April 2017. He acknowledged

this was an historic event given that the Parish had been in existence for 216 years.

226. MINUTES OF THE TWENTY FIRST ORDINARY MEETING

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

227. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Hillside Way – Meeting arranged for 31st March 2017.
2. 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.*
3. 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 month and send to Clerk. Nigel Hale has confirmed SBC responsibility.*
4. Blunsdon Village Map – Cost is estimated at £900 to £1000, 3 developers have been approached, Hills & Newland have agreed to contribute £250 each, no reply from Linden Homes.
5. RCC staff – have agreed to a change in their contracts, these are being drafted in accordance with ACAS guidance and then further 121 meetings will take place.
6. Parking in Richardson Road – letter placed on cars breaching Highway Code, no changes to parking observed as a result.Second letter be used advising that police action would be next step if no changes in parking behavior - no notice taken of second letter.
7. Council Tax Support Grant – revised figures and explanation received, position still not clear. SBC are to attend Clerks Forum in April to explain.
8. Blunsdon School – parking is causing obstruction and safety issues. *PSCO gave advice to call 101 where obstructions occur as they need to see it, also that the school will be added to patrols to keep an eye out.*
9. Allotments – Hills site deed of transfer being drafted. Clerk meeting Tom Sheppard on 24th March re Newland site.
10. Lady lane – now open. Fly tipping at entrance to Strawberry Field site reported to Janet Busby for passing on to relevant officers.
11. NHP – restart meeting taken place. Group still awaiting Planning Constraint Maps. *Clerk to chase.*
12. Letter from David Renard re Cllr Tomlison letter to prospective candidates read by Chair to PC. No response from SBC about the PC having details of these candidates so that PC can write.

*Clerk to chase.*

1. Cllr Marasco to attend NALC Conference on 26th April. *Clerk to book.*

228. PLANNING DECISIONS ADVISED BY SWINDON

S/17/0244 – Erection of a two storey extension alterations to existing reception at Premier Lodge Variation of condition 11 from permission S/16/0391. Variation clarified as 1 additional parking space and smaller rooms.

At: Premier Lodge Ermin Street Blunsdon SN26 8DJ

Planning Permission Granted with Conditions.

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

Planning Permission Granted with Conditions.

S/16/2088 – Variation of condition 7 from previous permission S/11/1251 for waste disposal with associated extraction of mineral, re-contouring of adjacent land with mineral waste and associated activities includingwaste transfer, recycling, gas utilization and leachate treatment with ancillary activities, building and plant.

At: Chapel Farm Waste Disposal Site, Chapel Hill Lane Blunsdon Swindon

Planning Permission Granted with Conditions

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

At: Harvester Latham Road Abbey Meads Swindon

Advertisement Consent Granted with Conditions.

S/PRIORH/17/0272 – Prior approval notification for the erection of a single storey rear extension

Measuring 6.9m (from original rear wall) 3.2m (maximum height) and 2.9m (height to eaves)

At: Overton Hillside Way Blunsdon Swindon SN26 8BU

Prior Approval Not Required

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

At: Rivergreen House Greenwood Place Redhouse Swindon

Planning Permission Refused

229. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED FOR COMMENT

S/HOU/16/2133 – Erection of a two storey rear extension and pitched roof to existing dormer

window.

At: The Cedars Widhill Lane Blunsdon SN26 8BX

Parish Council agreed to object as the proposals are too close to the boundary of neighbouring

property. The height of the proposed extension is such that there will be a significant loss of light.

In addition the application states that there is no need to remove or trim hedges and trees, this is

not the case.

S/17/0112 – Erection of 1.5m & 2.5m boundary fencing – retrospective.

At: Abbey Meads Community Primary School Hugo Drive Abbey Meads SN25 4GY

Parish Council agreed to support as it is not aware of any Planning reason to object.

S/17/0384 – Erection of 1no. dwelling and garage.

At: Land adjoining Osmanton Kingsdown Lane Blunsdon SN25 5DL

Deferred to 3rd April as applicant wants to speak about application in Recess.

S/17/0360 – Change of use of portal framed shed (30x12x4m) from canine care centre to use

as vehicle body shop and campervan conversion centre. ( Retrospective)

At: Fairview, Kingsdown Lane Blunsdon SN25 5DL

Parish Council noted it was outside of the Settlement Boundary and agreed to support the decision

of the Planning Officer.

S/HOU/17/0354 – Conversion of loft space within existing detatched garage to habitable space and

erection of exteral staircase.

At: 47 High Street Blunsdon Swindon SN26 7AG

PC agreed to support as it is not aware of any Planning reason to object.

S/HOU/17/0420 – Erection of a single storey rear extension and conversion of garage into living

accommodation.

At: 38 Sutton Park Blunsdon Swindon SN26 7BB

PC agreed to support but noted that on the Plans there are windows in garage conversion which

are not in evidence in the build.

The alterations are to accommodate a disabled person.

S/17/0458 – Demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of 14no. dwellings and associated

works.

At: Land to the rear of 89,91 & 93 Ermin Street Blunsdon Swindon SN26 8AA

PC support in principle this location for development however, object to this application as there

is no water or drainage statement contained within the application. There are known to be sewer

and drainage issues in this location.

The PC also noted that CIL could be utilised to improve the Amenity of Blunsdon eg Village Hall

5 minute walk to school scheme.

230. OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

Tadpole Garden Village – public consultation event on 21st March at TGV Primary School

setting out proposals for a new Health Care Centre. Cllr Jankinson and Clerk to meet Agent &

Planner prior to the public event.

Meeting with Persimmon Homes re Kingsdown NC5 held with Chair, Cllr Boyd and Clerk.

Went through SBC policies and PC raised concerns over, traffic, green space, infrastructure

and build densities which will be lower at the northern end of site.

Access points and early delivery of the bridge were also discussed.

A Public Consultation has been arranged for 6th April at Blunsdon House Hotel from 15.00

to 19.00.

231. FINANCE

Cllr Compton proposed, and all agreed, receipts numbered 152 – 164 totalling £6,753.61

and payments numbered 216 – 228 totalling £10,769.88

Cllr Herron queried the Bank Compensation limit, chair confirmed it was £85k.

Sums to be transferred as result of CGR agreed between Blunsdon and St Andrew.

232. TRANSFER OF SERVICES COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Chair confirmed that 21st March 2017 was the first day application to stand in the 4th May 2017

elections could be made and that all submissions must be in by 4th April 2017.

Chair explained that its for individuals to promote themselves as they see fit and that the Leader

of the Labour group had stated that they would be happy to support all existing Councillors,

should they wish to stand in St Andrews and that they were happy to support new candidates of

their persuasion. Conservatives are campaigning strongly.

Chair also confirmed that the PC would not fund any election expenses.

Nomination papers were made available to all.

The PC recently became aware that the asset transfer as part of CGR may be delayed. This is

because SBC are transferring assets on a leashold rather than freehold as previously agreed.

Clerk has written to Stephen Taylor for clarification on responsibility if leases are not reassigned

by 1st April 2017. Insurance will need to reviewed once clarification received.

233. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received up to 20th March 2017

1. Letter from Cleanline – Facilities Management Company
2. Email from Charles Oliver – Traffic on Blunsdon Hill
3. Issue 29 Wiltshire Pension Fund - Employers Update

The PC confirmed that SBC and Higways had been contacted re Blunsdon Hill and

that Speedwatch had been refused as traffic travelling too fast and therefore not safe.

Police have been observed patrolling and pulling over speeding cars.

234. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Neighbourhood Plan – Steering Group held restart meeting in order to get project back on track.

Karen Phimister from SBC Planning to attend next meeting.

WALC -SAC – meeting was held on 16th March 2017 which was well attended. The consensus

of the meeting was that a more robust Deed of transfer of services was required. A meeting has

been arranged with SBC at Civic Offices on Thursday 30th March at 5pm.

BVH – Old school bell, its location was queried. *Clerk has confirmed its still with the School.*

235. PARISH MATTERS

1. Cllr Compton – reported mud on roads at Ermin Street/Blunsdon Hill, not from Hillside

Developments but from TGV vehicles. *Clerk to report to Dave Weston*

1. Cllr James – reported that recycling centre at ASDA was no longer to be provided as part of transfer of services. Cllr Herron recalled that the decision to move to fortnightly refuse collections was on the basis that other provision was made. *Clerk to check*
2. Cllr Marasco – reported bollards and barriers on William Morris Way without high visibility strips, so at night they were proving difficult to see.
3. Cllr Ainscow – asked that we contact Wales and West re Churchill Avenue being repaired reseeded. *Clerk to contact.*
4. Cllr Jankinson – reported that there was significant mud on the road at St Andrews Ridge.

*Clerk already spoken to developer and Dave Weston*

236. SUMMONS TO ATTEND THE NEXT MEETING

Cllrs were summoned to attend the next meeting: Monday 3rd April 2017 at Blunsdon Village Hall.

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

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Chairman, 3rd April 2017