Minutes of the Twenty Third meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 3rd April 2017 at 7.30pm at Blunsdon Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Ainscow, Boyd, Compton, Jankinson ( Chair ) and Marasco.

Six members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs Bennett & Ricketts

237. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

The meeting was taken into Recess when the Chair explained that from 1st April the PC was now

officially operating as Blunsdon PC, as such in order to be quorate 4 Councillors needed to be

present, this requirement was met.

A member of the public addressed the PC in respect of the Planning Application carried forward

from the previous meeting – S/17/0384 erection of a dwelling and garage at land adjoining

Osmanton Kingsdown Lane Blunsdon. He confirmed that he was the landowner and that he was

looking to build the property for a member of his family. The site is 7 acres and the proposal is for

one dwelling and garage. A neighbour to this site was also present and stated that he had no

objections.

A discussion then took place about the Appeals process and the lack of SBC 5 year housing land

supply, the Chair confirmed that an important decision in respect of Wroughton was expected

in the next few weeks. The Chair also explained that in the Local Plan 100 dwellings had been

allocated across 9 rural parishes – Blunsdon already has 118 underway on 2 sites off Ermin Street.

The Chair explained that at the Annual Parish Assembly in May a public consultation would be held

to explore residents` views on how to defend Blunsdon against excessive development.

238. MINUTES OF THE TWENTY SECOND ORDINARY MEETING

Proposed by Cllr Boyd, seconded by Cllr Compton, all agreed, that they be accepted as a true record of the meeting with amendments to para 232, removal of the word not.

239. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Hillside Way – Meeting with Rachael Adams copies of original and revised plans passed to Cllr Compton.
2. Bus Stops in Sams Lane - Cllr Marasco to forward risk assessment. *Clerk to write to Nigel Hale to request action to provide safe Bus Stop.*
3. Blunsdon Village Map – production underway, street names for Linden Homes site requested.
4. RCC staff – Contracts to be finalized and issued. *Clerk to liaise with VM*
5. Council Tax Support Grant – SBC are to attend Clerks Forum in April to explain.
6. Allotments – Hills site deed of transfer being drafted. Newland site about a year away from delivery, negotiating for 2no. disabled access beds and hardstandings for siting of shed on plot.
7. Fly tipping at entrance to Strawberry Field site reported to Janet Busby for passing on to relevant officers. *Clerk to chase SBC.* Suzanne Coles looking at changes to signage for disposal site.
8. SBC have confirmed that until the Order is made to transfer assets Blunsdon PC will remain responsible for RCC and Play Areas. *Chair to meet Stephen Taylor on 5th April 2017.*
9. Speedwatch –despite changes to Parish boundary Volunteers have confirmed they will continue to operate in Tadpole Lane and Lady Lane.
10. Meeting with SBC about Deed of Transfer of service went well, issues around fly tipping etc resolved. New Deed and schedule received 3rd April 2017. *Clerk & Chair to sign.*

240. PLANNING DECISIONS ADVISED BY SWINDON

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

Planning Permission Granted with Conditions. *Chair to write to Andy Brown.*

S/PRIORH/17/0346 – Prior approval notification for the erection of a single storey rear extension

measuring 4.1m (from original rear wall) 2.55m (maximum height) and 2.5m (height to eaves)

At: 6 Pennine Way Ash Brake Swindon SN25 4FX

Prior Approval Not Required

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

Planning Permission Refused

S/LDP/17/0403 – Certificate of Lawful Development (proposed) for the erection of a single storey

rear extension.

At : 18 Thresher Drive Groundwell Swindon SN25 4AF

Certificate Granted.

241. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED FOR COMMENT

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

At: Land adjoining Osmanton Kingsdown Lane Blunsdon SN25 5DL

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

S/17/0407 – Erection of detached dwelling and associated works.

At: Land to the rear of 1 The Copse Blunsdon Swindon SN26 7BW

Parish Council agreed to object as the location is in a Conservation Area and is in close

proximity to listed buildings and the old chapel. In addition the PC felt the proposal was an

overintensification of the plot as a whole and did not follow established street scene.

S/HOU/17/0162 – Erection of a single storey rear extension and rear dormer window.

At: 14 Joyce Close Abbey Meads Swindon

Application withdrawn.

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/RES/17/0463 – Erection of 52no.dwellings and associated works. (Reserved matters from

outline planning permission S/OUT/15/1025

At: Land at Lady Lane, Lady Lane, Swindon.

PC support in principle, Chair to supply further details for inclusion in response.

S/17/0528 – Erection of 54no. dwellings including access, car parking, landscaping, open space

childrens play area and associated works.

At : Land at Holdcroft Broad Bush Blunsdon

PC agreed to object as this location is outside the settlement boundary. In addition the PC had

concerns about the access to and from B4019 and noted its proximity to an ancient milestone and

the Bus Stop. The density of the site was too high and not in keeping with the surroundings and the

design was not of a rural nature but more in keeping with an urban development.

Finally, this site was not allocated in the Local Plan.

S/EIA/17/0573 – Request for EIA for proposed development.

At : Land at Kingsdown, Kingsdown Lane Swindon

PC agreed to defer to experts.

242. OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

Tadpole Garden Village – Clerk and Chair attended a meetin on 21st March at TGV Primary

School to discuss proposals for the new Health Care Facility. Proposals are for a 1600sq metre

practice built over 2.5 storeys, housing 33 treatment rooms. Westrop Surgery have appointed

agents GVA to prepare and submit proposals. Westrop are confident of supplying adequate

numbers of GPs. The agents are sensitive to the visual impact of this development, which will

affect the outlook of a number of properties.

243. TRANSFER OF SERVICES COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Meeting with SBC and WALC/SAC to agree content of the deed of transfer and schedule of

services. Agreement reached and revised documents to be issued.

RCC staff contracts agreed by management committee and will be finalized this week.

Meeting with St Andrews who confirmed that they do not wish to share resources with

Blunsdon PC. Clerk to remain with Blunsdon.

As the asset transfer hasn’t taken place Blunsdon still hold lease for RCC – once lease is

assigned, negotiation will take place to agree a date for BPC to vacate.

Chair to meet with Cllr Martin and Stephen Taylor on 5th April to discuss asset transfer issues and

the costs incurred by BPC. Chair explained that currently Play Areas are occupied on Tenancy

at Will not a lease as expected.

244. ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

This has been booked for 24th May 2017 in Blunsdon Village Hall. There will be a consultation

event as part of the production of the Neighbourhood Plan from 4pm until 7pm when the formal

agenda for the APA will commence.

The PC agreed to fund the costs of the consultation exhibition and refreshments.

Cllr Boyd to place article in BV Magazine to promote the event.

245. FUTURE MEETINGS

A discussion took place about how to schedule future meetings. Agreed to move to one meeting

a month on the first Monday, but to keep the third Monday for any Planning matters.

Between now and the elections all meetings will continue as scheduled and will be held in BVH.

246. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received up to 3rd April 2017

1. LCR – Magazine of Local Councils
2. Glasdon – Local Councils

Chair confirmed that he had met with Blunsdon Circle and received a quote for a “ Welcome

To Blunsdon” leaflet – A5, 8 sided colour booklet. 600 copies are £318, PC agreed this was a good price. Chair had also spoken to Mike Greenberg to ensure no issues caused for BV Magazine. PC agreed to proceed with leaflet.

247. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Neighbourhood Plan – Steering Group meeting regularly, Chris Rogers has joined the group.

He is also a prospective Parish Councillor.

246. PARISH MATTERS

1. Cllr Boyd– reported that the tree stump in Sams Lane had not been dealt with. *Clerk to chase SBC again.* He also reported the BV Magazine was delivered to some addresses in St Andrews eg Lyall Close. PC agreed for this to continue.
2. Cllr Compton– reported that footpath between Widhill Lane and St Andrews Ridge was blocked, Chair confirmed that it was open and walkable. Motorbikes causing a problem in Widhill Lane, in addition aerosol cans had been observed by the bridge. *Clerk to contact PCSO*
3. Cllr Jankinson – reported that he had been approached by Cllr McCracken to ask if he would request that the PC reconsider it`s position on the funding of the North Swindon library. PC considered the issue of funding and agreed to abide by their original decision NOT to fund the Library.

248. SUMMONS TO ATTEND THE NEXT MEETING

Cllrs were summoned to attend the next meeting: Monday 24th April 2017 at Blunsdon Village Hall.

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

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Chairman, 24th April 2017