Minutes of the Twenty Fourth meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 24th April 2017 at 7.30pm at Blunsdon Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Boyd, Compton, Jankinson ( Chair ) Ricketts, and Keates .

Apologies: Cllrs Ainscow, Herron and Marasco

249. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

The meeting was taken into Recess, no items were discussed.

250. MINUTES OF THE TWENTY THIRD ORDINARY MEETING

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

251. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Bus Stops in Sams Lane - Cllr Marasco supplied Risk Assessment and indicative *costings*. *Clerk to write to Nigel Hale to request action to provide safe Bus Stop.*
2. Blunsdon Village Map – production underway, Cllr B meeting with supplier this week.
3. Council Tax Support Grant – SBC are to attend Clerks Forum in April to explain.
4. 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.

*Clerk to contact Developer re water supply.*

1. Fly tipping at entrance to Strawberry Field site reported to Janet Busby for passing on to relevant officers. *Clerk chased again this week.*
2. SBC have confirmed that until the Order is made to transfer assets Blunsdon PC will remain responsible for RCC and Play Areas. *Stephen Taylor looking into grant/loan to assist with costs.*
3. Speedwatch –despite changes to Parish boundary Volunteers have confirmed they will continue to operate in Tadpole Lane and Lady Lane. Check undertaken 23rd April 2017.
4. Chair wrote to Andy Brown re Greystones Ermin Street, no reply to date.
5. Petition against development at Land at Holdcroft in Village Shop.
6. Deed of Transfer from SBC signed, staff contracts revised.
7. Decision from St Andrews to vacate office by 1st May. *Chair to respond.*
8. Reports for APA due by 15th April 2017. *Clerk to collate.*
9. PC agreed to meet 3rd Monday in each month. First Monday to be kept in case of Planning issues. Planning Committee may wish to meet in between. Next meeting of PC 22nd May 2017.
10. Tree Stump in Sams Lane now removed and new tarmac laid.

252. PLANNING DECISIONS ADVISED BY SWINDON

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 Secondary School, Tadpole Lane Blunsdon SN25 2NB

Permission Granted with Conditions

S/RES/17/0019 – Reserved matters pursuant to Application S/13/1567 for the laying out of

The Stray to include the provision of formal and informal play features, and Town Park and

associated landscaping, drainage baisins and associated infrastructure.

At: Land at Tadpole Garden Village Blunsdon SN26 8DZ

Approval of Matters Reserved in Permission Granted on an Outline Application

253. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED FOR COMMENT

S/HOU/17/0440 – Erection of a porch.

At: 5 Ashbee Crescent Tadpole Garden Village SN25 2QE

PC agreed to support.

S/HOU/17/0681 – Erection of a two storey side extension.

At: 23 Pearce Close Kingsdown Swindon SN2 7SW

PC agreed to object as the proposal would almost double the size of the dwelling, leading to

an over intensification of the plot, with an imposing impact on neighbouring property.

S/OUT/16/2034 – Outline application for up to 53no. dwellings, including open space and

landscaping – Access not reserved.

At: Land South of High Street Blunsdon Swindon Wilts

PC agreed to object for reasons already cited on previous response. Acess to site dangerous

particularly when considering future access/development on High Street/Ermin Street.

The PC also support residents objections and suggestions for improved layout especially in respect

of the bungalows.

S/LDP/17/0377 – Certificate of lawfulness (Proposed) for the erection of a single storey side

extension.

At: 14 Wyld Court Blunsdon St Andrew SN25 2EE

Application withdrawn.

254. OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

The PC discussed rumours circulating re 450no. dwellings on land off Sams Lane. No Planning

Application has been received and all enquiries have made have not confirmed this.

Brooklyn Lodge – an application for the retention and extension of existing dwelling was granted-

S/15/1919. PC concerned that current works were not in line with permissions granted.

*Clerk to report to Planning Officer for site visit.*

255. FINANCE

Cllr Compton proposed, and all agreed, receipts numbered 1 – 15 totalling £3,533.49

and payments numbered 1 – 15 totalling £26,199.75.

PC agreed to Kathy Liston carting out Internal Audit.

Annual Return – additional forms to be completed, errors on forms by Grant Thornton.

256. ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

To take place on 24th May 2017 at Blunsdon Village Hall.

New logo for Blunsdon PC agreed.

Name badges for all Parish Councillors to be produced and advertising for the APA in Magazine,

Village shop, Swindon Advertiser. *Chair to supply article for advertising purpose.*

Vounteers to help with Public Consultation between 4pm and 7pm required. *Clerk to email all*

*Parish Councillors.*

257. TRANSFER OF SERVICES

Grass cutting – missed areas now rectified.

PC Office – PC agreed to purchase temporary office to be located in recess at rear of BVH.

*Clerk to make Planning enquiries.*

PC to secure a permanent office as part of the MUGA development.

St Andrews PC want current Parish Office vacated by 1st May 2017. This is not reasonable or

practical. *Chair to write to St Andrews.*

258. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received up to 24th April 2017

1. Letter – SBC uncontested elections
2. HAGS – Play Equipment Brochure
3. Bobby Van News
4. Hills – In Touch Magazine

PC discussed request from resident to purchase land to rear of 46 Sutton Park. PC supported this

approach however, SBC as the land owner would need to be contacted. *Clerk to advise resident.*

259. COMMITTEE REPORTS

BVH – Cllr Boyd to produce list of minor works needed before painting.

Rent review due 2017. *RFO to contact Jane Ockwell to discuss.*

260. PARISH MATTERS

1. Cllr Boyd– BVH notice board for PC matters only. All other notices on Millenium board.
2. Cllr Jankinson and Clerk to meet with Mark Jones re contract and job description. He also reported that VAS speed sign on Broadbush had been damaged and repaired.
3. Cllr Jankinson – reported that Cllr Ainscow not standing for re election. *Clerk to write letter of appreciation for his valuable contribution to PC.*
4. Cllr Ricketts – reported issues with buses leaving stops ahead of schedule. Bus number, route, time, date and location required to report.

261. SUMMONS TO ATTEND THE NEXT MEETING

Cllrs were summoned to attend the next meeting: Monday 22nd May 2017 at Blunsdon Village Hall.

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

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Chairman, 22nd May 2017