Minutes of the Second Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 19th June 2017 7.30pm at Blunsdon Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Jankinson, Collingwood, Compton, Keates, Rogers, Selwood and Tayler

Apologies: Cllrs Ainscow & Boyd

15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Compton declared an interest in Planning Application S/HOU/17/0884

The meeting was taken into Recess.

No matters were raised.

16. MINUTES FROM THE FIRST ORDINARY MEETING

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

17. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Bus Stops in Sams Lane – PC agreed to write to Nigel Hale re SBC responsibility in the case of an accident/incident. *Clerk to action*
2. Blunsdon Village Map – Cllr Boyd has agreed amendments and work is now back with supplier.
3. No response from Stephen Taylor re grant/loan. *Clerk to clarify with ST.*
4. Decision from St Andrews to vacate office by 31 July 2017. Written notice awaited.
5. Site visit to Brooklyn at Broadbush by Planning Officer – *Clerk to chase again.*
6. Planning Committee for 52no. dwellings at Land South of High Street- Cllrs Jankinson and Tayler attended. Benefits of scheme outweigh the harm. Concerns around village infrastructure and traffic raised. Scheme approved.

18. ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY FEEDBACK

Registered attendance – 147 people.

89 Questionnaires were completed. 20 new people expressed an interest in assisting with the production of the NHP, 12 of these attended a briefing session, and will be used for focus groups, specific tasks and consultation.

19. PLANNING DECISIONS ADVISED BY SWINDON

S/HOU/17/0797 – Erection of a two storey/single storey rear extension.

AT: Portquin Cottage, Broad Bush, Blunsdon SN26 7DH

Planning Permission Granted with Conditions

S/LDP/17/0747 – Certificate of lawfulness (proposed) for the erection of a replacement roof to existing conservatory.

AT: Uphill House West Hill Blunsdon SN26 7BQ

Certificate of Lawful Development Granted

S/PRIOR/17/0734 – Prior Approval Notification for the erection of a rear conservatory measuring 3.4m (from original rear wall) 3.3m (maximum height) and 2.4m (height to eaves)

AT: 6 Bramwell Close Kingsdown Swindon SN2 7SN

Prior Approval is not Required

20. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED FOR COMMENT

S/HOU/17/0884 – Erection of single storey rear extension to provide ancillary accommodation

AT: 2 The Ridge Blunsdon Swindon SN26 7AD

PC agreed to support as they are not aware of any Planning reason to object.

S/17/0458 – Demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of 15no. dwellings and associated works.

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

PC agreed to support the application in principle, however have the following objections.

The PC disagree with para 6.5 of the Design Statement – the PC are of the view that Blunsdon is not a sustainable location. A safe walking route to the LEAP should be established with access between Plot 4 & 5.

In addition, the PC has concerns over the foul sewer, this was acknowledged as an issue on the Linden Homes site due to lack of capacity, the PC want to understand what works have been done to improve capacity.

The PC would also look to secure a Community Facility including a Parish Office from Sec 106 contributions.

S/HOU/17/1011 – Erection of a two-storey side and single storey rear extension.

AT: 32 Loveridge Close Upper Stratton Swindon SN2 7UD

PC agreed to object as there would be a loss of garage and loss of grass and would significantly change the street scene as it is currently symmetrical in appearance.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

S/HOU/17/0681 - The Planning Officer requested that the PC review the objection to the two storey side extension at 23 Pearce Close Kingsdown Swindon. The PC agreed to withdraw the objection with a proviso that the extension is not capable of separate sale or use.

21. FINANCE

a. Allowances – PC voted against drawing allowances. (7-0)

b. Grant for NS Fun Day – PC agreed not to support as it does not benefit Blunsdon residents.

c. Signatories for Bank Accounts – Remove Andrew James from list and add Cllrs Ainscow, Collingwood, Rogers, Selwood & Tayler.

d. PC noted and agreed change of Bank Account name to Blunsdon PC.

Cllr Compton proposed, and all agreed, receipts numbered 34 – 43 totalling £2,711.00

and payments numbered 34 – 41 totalling £8,493.72

RFO outlined budget for redecoration at BVH. Quotes are all over budget but include works that would be better sourced separately (repointing)

4 quotes for re decoration received – PC agreed that Recreation Committee could approve works, within budget.

Cllr Collingwood to investigate improvements to Hearing Loop and report back to PC.

22. CORRESPONDENCE to 19th June 2017

1. Local Councils Update 2017
2. LCR – Magazine of NALC

23. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) WALC – Katie Fielding revising terms of reference/constitution for this group. The two existing representatives on Standards Board were confirmed as continuing.

b) NHP – meeting with Planners on how to allocate sites had taken place, process outlined and advice given.

SBC happy to assist in this process. Chair and Clerk meeting 20th June to review funding application.

c) Cllr Compton attended a Police consultation event. *Clerk to circulate Barry Reed contact details.*

d) Police liaison survey – *Clerk to receive and collate response on behalf of PC.*

24. PARISH MATTERS

a) Cllr Rogers reported that infrastructure plan not deliverable for Kingsdown development, and that he had reported traffic light failure on Highworth Road which has been resolved.

b) Cllr Keates reported that a coach had damaged a sign near the school and that the Coach Company had made repairs. Highways notified.

c) Cllr Compton reported that 4 motorbikes had been seen speeding up and down Widhill Lane. Reg numbers, dates and times required to report. He also reported that purses and wallets had been stolen recently at Aldi and the Car Boot at Stadium.

d) Cllr Selwood reported that a drain on the Highway in front of Yenton Acre Front Lane was not draining. *Clerk to report*

Plinth at Thames water pumping station which is crumbling and in need of repair. *Clerk to report*

Closure of Back Lane started today, 19th June.

Repairs to footpath/bridge with SBC.

e) Cllr Tayler reported that sewerage was being emptied in to a ditch on Kingsdown Lane, he believed this was from No 1 Kingsdown Lane (Ringstone) *Clerk to report to EH*

There are no dog waste bins in Kingsdown Lane, PC agreed to site at top of Lane at junction with Turnpike Road. *Clerk to arrange with Lee.*

f) Cllr Jankinson reported that Speedwatch had requested traffic data for Turnpike North & South and Ermin Street , Bus Stop layby.

25. SUMMONS TO ATTEND NEXT MEETING

Cllrs were summoned to attend the next meeting: Monday 17th July 2017 7.30pm, at Blunsdon Village Hall.

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

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Chairman, 17th July 2017