Minutes of the Third Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 17th July 2017 7.30pm at Blunsdon Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Ainscow, Boyd, Jankinson, Compton, Rogers, Selwood and Tayler

Apologies: Cllrs Collingwood and Keates

26. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The meeting was taken into Recess.

No matters were raised. The Chair introduced Paul Morris who was observing the PC with a view to potentially being co-opted.

27. MINUTES FROM THE FIRST ORDINARY MEETING

Proposed by Cllr Compton, seconded by Cllr Selwood all agreed they be accepted as a true record, with an amendment to Finance 21c, Cllr Boyd should read Cllr Ainscow.

28. 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 emailed NH to confirm that the PC regard any resulting issues as the responsibility of SBC. No response to date.
2. Blunsdon Village Map – Cllr Boyd is meeting with supplier on 18th July 2017, to finalize maps.
3. S/17/0458 – PC objection withdrawn as Developer and Planning Officer gave assurances in respect of PC concerns. To be processed under delegated powers.
4. Item 21c should read Cllr Ainscow not Boyd, minutes amended.
5. Cllr Compton – to collect information re motorbikes on Widhill Lane.
6. PC requested risk assessments for Ermin Street and Turnpike Road North and South. *Clerk to action*

29. FINANCE

a) New dog bin on the path alongside school up to recreation ground approved. *Clerk to order.*

b)Loan offer from SBC – options and reserves discussed. PC agreed to reject offer unless

PWLB rates can be matched.

c) Phil Leppard appointed to redecorate BVH, this work should start within the next week.

Quote of £480 to repoint/repair BVH wall approved by PC. *RFO to progress*

Quote of £325 to repoint and make safe housing for re siting of School Bell at BVH approved.

d) Mower – PC agreed that a price for sale should be requested from Keith Carter.

e) Website – PC agreed quote of £340 to update and modernise the Web site. In addition, £90

was approved to install a booking system.

1. Methodist Hall and Chapel are likely to close due to a lack of use and there is potentially an

Opportunity to secure Community use. PC agreed to explore options.

1. Transfer of funds to St Andrews Parish unanimously agreed, as shown on spreadsheet.
2. Cllr Compton proposed and all agreed, receipts numbered 44 – 59 totalling £23,415.00 and

payments numbered 41- 48 totalling £23,889.16

j) PC agreed not to reduce grass cutting fees for Cricket Club.

30. PLANNING DECISIONS ADVISED BY SWINDON

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

AT: 32 Loveridge Close Upper Stratton Swindon SN2 7UD

Planning Permission Granted with Conditions.

31. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED FOR COMMENT

S/OUT/17/1032 – outline application for the demolition of Hill Cottage and the erection of up

to 100no. dwellings with associated open space, landscaping, road and drainage infrastructure –

means of access not Reserved.

AT: Land at Hill Cottage Blunsdon Hill Blunsdon SN26 8BZ

PC agreed to object as it does not comply with a number of Policy conditions, which are detailed in

the response to Planning. The proposed access opposite Widhill Lane is dangerous. The PC agree

with the comments made by Thames Water re water main and Highways England re traffic data.

S/LDE/17/1010 – Certificate of Lawful Development (Existing) for continued use as car

Showroom, car sales, car repairs and M.O.T`s

AT: Orchard Petrol Filling Station, Turnpike Road, Blunsdon SN26 7EA

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

S/17/0679 – Extensions and alterations to existing dwelling and erection of 1no. dwelling and

associated works.

AT: 110 High Street Blunsdon SN26 7AB

PC agreed to re state original objections and support the residents` objections re access, egress

height and weight.

S/HOU/17/1120 – Conversion of garage into habitable space.

AT: 34 Loveridge Close Upper Stratton Swindon SN2 7UD

PC agreed to object because of the loss of amenity and parking, this is particularly relevant in an

area where parking is a significant issue to other road users.

S/HOU/16/2133 – Appeal lodged against refusal of permission to erect a two-storey rear extension,

and pitched roof to existing dormer window - The Cedars Widhill Lane Blunsdon SN26 8BX.

32. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

There are two stages of work – 10 volunteers working on a Village Design Guide, which will map

the key characteristics of the village. A Landscape Value Impact Assessment also need to be

undertaken, this is specialist work and will need a consultant. The PC considered Pegasus and

the potential conflict of interest, as they worked on Kingsdown, and agreed to appoint them to

undertake the work.

33. OFFICE MOVE

The PC have been given notice by St Andrews to vacate the Cabin by 31st July. Arrangements

are being made to move on 24th July – storage at BVH, Clerk to work mainly from home.

Cllr Selwood volunteered to lead on project to secure permanent office solution.

34. MUGA PROJECT

Stakeholder meeting took place last week, David James SBC, outlined the project and funding

opportunities. Recreation Committee to manage the project, the PC will need to agree key

milestones for their approval/sign off.

35. CORRESPONDENCE

Received to 17th July 2017:

1. Local Councils Update 208
2. Clerks and Councils Direct
3. Telephone message from David Spalding High Street Blunsdon

36. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

37. PARISH MATTERS

Cllr Ainscow reported that there was a dog fouling problem at the Broadbush end of Sams Lane

and requested a notice be put in Village Magazine. Also grass cutting behind garages near school

and in Sams Lane (near bench) needs doing. *Clerk to check map for GM contract.*

Enforcement template to be forwarded to Cllr Ainscow - 16 Sutton Park, extension underway.

Cllr Compton reported that a resident had requested an additional dog bin in the middle of

Blunsdon Hill. PC agreed that one at each end of the road was adequate.

Plan of who owns/is responsible for what required for Widhill Lane. Clerk to contact Highways

*England.*

Cllr Bishop reported that the resident at 37 Sutton Park had contacted him about the works at

38 Sutton Park. Cllr J confirmed they had also contacted the PC. There were no breaches of

Planning and the advice was to contact EH re noise nuisance. *Cllr Bishop to liaise with resident.*

Cllr Jankinson reported that the storage racking for users of BVH was unsafe and needed replacing

with metal racking. *Cllr J to investigate Warehouse clearance.*

Clerk reported that Blunsdon FC had acquired a defibrillator and wanted approval to site this at

The Pavilion. PC agreed to this request.

Cllr Ainscow gave his apologies for the August meeting.

38. SUMMONS TO ATTEND NEXT MEETING

Cllrs were summoned to attend the next meeting: Monday 21st August 7.30pm, at Blunsdon Village Hall.

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

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Chairman, 21st August 2017