Minutes of the Fourth Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 21st August 2017 7.30pm at Blunsdon Village Hall.

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

SBC Cllr Bishop

Apologies: Cllr Ainscow

39. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

The meeting was taken into Recess.

Resident Mr Ainscow attended to highlight issues with the grass cutting – the school path and Sams Lane were missed and the length of time between cuts was too long (4.5 weeks). The Chair and Clerk will meet with Contractor to discuss. *Meeting arranged for 10.00am on 31st Aug 2017.*

40. COOPTION OF NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

Paul Morris was introduced by the Chair as a prospective Parish Councillor. Paul gave an overview of himself and why he wanted to become a PCllr. PM left the meeting and his co-option was discussed.

All in favour of PM joining the PC, PM was informed of the decision and joined the meeting.

41. MINUTES FROM THE THIRD ORDINARY MEETING

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

42. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Bus Stops in Sams Lane – Mike Ainscow reported that SBC had been in touch with him and that an assessment would be undertaken by 31st Aug 2017.
2. Blunsdon Village Map – These should be at final draft stage by the end of this week.
3. Cllr Compton – no evidence gathered to date. Times, dates and vehicle registration required.
4. PC requested risk assessments for Ermin Street and Turnpike Road North and South. RA for Turnpike Road agreed by Speedwatch Co-Ordinator. It was noted that there are no 30 mile an hour speed signs along Ermin Street. *Clerk to contact SBC highways.*

43. FINANCE

a) Methodist Hall and Chapel -informal meeting has taken place about the potential for the PC to

explore utilising the premises for office accommodation and as additional community space. PC

agreed for Chair, RFO & Clerk to pursue.

b) RFO explained finance sheets, there were no queries – Cllr Compton proposed and all

agreed receipts numbered 60 – 73 totalling £2334.00 and payments numbered 49 – 65

totalling £9384.44

c) RFO reported that the accounts for 2016/17 had been confirmed and returned by Auditor –

Grant Thornton.

44. PLANNING DECISIONS ADVISED BY SWINDON

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

AT: 32 Loveridge Close Upper Stratton Swindon SN2 7DU

Planning Permission Refused

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

AT: 2 The Ridge Blunsdon Swindon SN26 7AD

Planning Permission Granted with Conditions

S/AGRI/17/1079 – Prior approval for the erection of an agricultural building.

AT: St Leonards Farm Front Lane Blunsdon SN26 7BJ

Prior Approval Required and Given. PC response 7th August 2017 – 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

Planning Permission Granted with Conditions – approved at Committee on 8th August, PC did not

receive notice in time to attend. *Raised with SBC.*

45. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED FOR COMMENT

S/17/1123 – Erection of an agricultural workers dwelling

AT: Forked Elm Broad Bush Blunsdon SN26 7ES

PC not aware of any planning reason to object however they would be keen to see a condition of

occupation by the applicant, so that it cannot be sold.

S/HOU/17/1190 – Erection of a summerhouse

AT: The Old Rectory Burytown Lane Blunsdon SN26 7DQ

PC not aware of any planning reason to object.

S/17/0863 – Erection of a 20MW flexible electricity generation facility (FEGF), 3no. containers,

Sub – station, 3metre high security/acoustic fencing, CCTV and associated works.

Land Off Turnpike Road Blunsdon Swindon

PC agreed to object because of the environmental impacts, the location, conflicting information

on the Planning Application, access, noise, not industrial land as stated and outside the settlement

boundary. *Clerk to do detailed response to SBC.*

46. OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

a) Chair reported that he had been in contact with MP Justin Tomlinson and Toby Elliot SBC

Cabinet Member for Planning to arrange a meeting re excessive development in Blunsdon. To date

no reply has been received. *Chair to chase.*

b) Chair reported that he had enquired about the trigger points on the Section 106 agreement for

TGV in respect of highway improvements on Ermin Street. *Clerk to chase Sarah Screen*

c) Signage for Tadpole Rise – Highways gave approval for the signs which direct traffic to TGV

via Haul Road. Suzanne Coles SBC is to get signage removed.

47. PARISH INFRASTRUCTURE

Chair asked the PC to give some thought as to how they could best evidence the effects of

development on the inadequate infrastructure and the additional effect of a 60% increase in size of

the village.

48. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

a) Adverts for sites to come forward for the SHELA- Strategic Housing & Employment Land

Assessment. SBC have agreed to NHP group having prior sight of the updated SHELA.

b) Village Design Guide – Character aspects collected.

c) LVIA – previous consultant conflict of interests. New consultant found, PC approved

appointment of Rob Pile and his quote of £3900.

49. CORRESPONDENCE

Received to 21st August 2017:

a) Local Council Update 209

50. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

51. PARISH MATTERS

a) Cllr Jankinson reminded the PC of a Highways Event on 27th September 2017. Cllrs to notify

clerk if attending.

b) No insulation in roof spaces at BVH. *Clerk to check grant position.*

c) Curtains in BVH need repairing and cleaning. *IJ/SB*

d) RCC - St Andrews PC to take back management of RCC from the Charity. Chair of St Andrews

reported to SBC Standards for breach of confidentiality.

1. Cllr Boyd reported incidents at Thames Water site – Clerk has reported to site Manager and

police.

1. Cllr Tayler – reported that No 1 Kingsdown Lane was causing issues with soakaway into ditch,

the cess pit is not adequate. *Clerk to report again.*

1. Cllr Selwood reported that there are archaeological surveys underway in Lower Village.
2. Cllr Keates reported that she had heard of concerns about land being bought up around the village, no other reports of this type had been heard.
3. Further Planning Training to be scheduled on 21st September. *Clerk to get details.*
4. Clerk reported holidays from 18th - 26th September inclusive.
5. Meeting with SBC re reporting works. By October management information about all calls

received by SBC for the Parish will be available.

52. SUMMONS TO ATTEND NEXT MEETING

Cllrs were summoned to attend the next meeting: Monday 18th September 7.30pm, at Blunsdon Village Hall.

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

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Chairman, 18th September 2017