Minutes of the Tenth Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 8th January 2018 at 7.30pm at Blunsdon Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Jankinson, Ainscow, Boyd, Collingwood (8pm), Compton, Keates, Morris, Selwood and Tayler.

Apologies: Cllr Rodgers.

122.  DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The meeting was taken in to Recess - Richard Muxworthy, Planning Agent for S/17/1989, gave a

brief overview of the proposed development and stated that he intended to stay and hear the PC

discussion on this application. The Chair reminded him that he could not participate in the later

debate.

Cllr Webster, Highworth Town Council, addressed the PC with concerns over traffic and

infrastructure issues with the Kingsdown proposed development. The Chair confirmed that Blunsdon

PC shared their concerns and suggested that a joint meeting with SBC Planners should be arranged.

It was also suggested that Swindon Central North should be included. *Clerk to arrange meeting with*

Janet Busby SBC Planning Case Officer.

123. MINUTES OF THE NINTH ORDINARY MEETING

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

124. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES 18th DECEMBER 2017

1. Methodist Church – Awaiting feedback from Methodist Board in respect of Blunsdon PC proposal.

*Clerk to chase P Boulton and Clerk/RFO to arrange BT quote.*

1. Office Accommodation – Cllr Selwood confirmed he had received some quotes at around £6k. PC agreed that modular solution was backstop plan. Awaiting feedback from Blunsdon Surgery. *Clerk to monitor.*
2. Village Hall insulation – quotes requested, none received as yet.
3. War Memorial to be cleaned in Spring, PC accepted quote from Halestone. *Clerk to arrange, LBC*

*likely to be required.*

1. Staff Reviews to be arranged by end of January 2018. *Clerk to arrange*
2. Code of Conduct Training 22nd Feb – Cllrs Tayler, Selwood, Collingwood, Morris, Rodgers and Jankinson to attend. *Clerk to approach other PCs to see if interested.*
3. Works to clear ground opposite Methodist Church, Cllr Boyd wanted to see contractor on site.

*Clerk to find out when on site.*

1. Cllr Jankinson notified an amendment to Minutes from 18th December 2017, Section 115 Other Planning Matters item a – amend to the PC are of the view that whole area is non-coalescence.

125. STAFF WAGES REVIEW AND PRECEPT

1. The RFO explained what a precept was and how it was calculated. The PC agreed that the Band D

equivalent for the Parish should not be increased.

1. The PC agreed to explore the provision of a defibrillator, funding 50% of the cost, the remainder to be raised from community contributions. *Cllr Boyd to place article in BV Magazine.*
2. The PC agreed to transfer £3000 from Grants Account to General Fund.
3. The PC agreed a 2% wage increase across the board from 1st April 2018. It was also agreed that

Cllrs would look at benchmarking pay rates and performance related pay for subsequent years. *Cllr*

*Jankinson to co-ordinate.*

126. PLANNING DECISIONS ADVISED BY SWINDON

S/17/1442 – Erection of a field shelter.

At: Home Farm, 51 High Street, Blunsdon Swindon SN26 7AG

Planning Permission Granted

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

At: Land Adjoining Osmanton, Kingsdown Lane, Blunsdon Swindon SN25 5DL

Appeal to Planning Inspectorate Lodged against refusal of Planning Permission.

127. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED FOR COMMENT

S/17/1989 – Erection of 2no. dwellings, garages and associated works

At: Land Adjacent 1 Kingsdown Lane Blunsdon Swindon

The PC support this application in principle however they have concerns as follows:

Access is from the narrowest part of the lane, better provision for access is required. The PC agree with the comments and suggestion made by Highways.

SP2 – the proposed development is outside the settlement boundary.

SUDS plan is inadequate there are already problems with the soak away at No1 Kingsdown Lane (which have been reported to Environmental Health) which causes sewage to run in to the ditch along Kingsdown Lane. In addition, the effect of run off and inadequate soak away on the Brook is also of concern. The PC noted that the proposed development was well designed and that the material harm and outlook concerns from the previous application had been addressed.

S/HOU/17/2059 Erection of a two storey side extension.

AT: 8 Pearce Close Kingsdown Swindon SN2 7SW

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

S/HOU/17/2067 Erection of single storey rear link extension to granny annexe.

AT: Portquin Broad Bush Blunsdon Swindon SN26 7DH

PC were unable to comment as drawings indecipherable and Plans inaccurate and out of date.

S/OUT/17/2041 Outline Application for the erection of 8no.dwellings – all matters reserved.

AT: Land South of B4019 Broad Bush Blunsdon Swindon.

PC noted that the design and lower density were very positive, but not in this location and therefore

agreed to object for the following reasons:

The adverse impact outweighs the benefits, the site is in an area of non-coalescence, the provision for

access is inadequate, there is no support for core services ie pedestrian access/footpath, the site is

outside the settlement boundary, the additional impact on Cold Harbour is not sustainable and the

character of the area would be adversely affected.

S/17/2111 Erection of 1no. dwelling, detached garage and associated works.

AT: Land at 116 High Street Blunsdon SN26 7AB.

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

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

The PC agreed that any consultation event in respect of the proposed development at Land Sams

North should be held on a Saturday between 10.00am and 3pm at Blunsdon Village Hall.

*Clerk to feedback to Agent.*

128. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The assessment of sites for development is underway and an independent consultant is quoting

for works to finalise the Village Design Guide.

129. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED TO 8th JANUARY 2018

a) The Clerk Magazine

b) Clerks & Councils Direct

c) Hills Magazine – In Touch

130. COMMITTEE REPORTS

SBC Peer Review Communications – Cllrs Jankinson and Selwood attended – in summary the chain

of communication between Parishes and SBC is not clear, who does what and is responsible for what

is unclear. CGR was completed in a year and has caused difficulties as there was no programme of

change management. “Talk to Us” was the strap line and a feedback report will be circulated.

131.   PARISH MATTERS

Cllr Collingwood – advised he is still working on Parish leaflet.

Cllr Keates – reported that Ermin Street was very muddy. *Clerk to report to RA*

Cllr Boyd – reminded PC of closure of Back Lane Blunsdon w/b 15th Jan 2018.

Clerk – advised on request for nominations to attend Buckingham Palace Garden Party,

and that Brize Norton were consulting on revisions to the air space in the area. *Clerk to circulate*

*to Cllrs Selwood and Morris.*

Cllr Jankinson – reported that the gullies along B4019 between Blunsdon and Highworth were

Blocked. *Clerk to report.*

Cllr Compton – reported that some works had begun on Widhill/Hills site, and asked again about

the works outside the Newland Development. *Clerk to contact RA again.*

Cllr Tayler – reported the soak away at 1 Kingsdown Lane is causing issues and that sewage

is collecting in the ditch and gulley along the lane. *Clerk to report again.*

Cllr Tayler – reported that litter on Turnpike Road and Kingsdown Lane, needed attention.

*Clerk to contact Community Payback Team and Mark Jones.*

Cllr Tayler – reported that traffic was parking on Turnpike Road right up to the Cold Harbour

Junction and wanted to know if double yellow lines could be drawn. *Clerk to enquire*

Cllr Jankinson – reported a damaged bridge over a footpath – Cllr Selwood to confirm details.

Cllr Ainscow – reported fallen trees on Recreation Ground – already in hand, Paul Schofield.

Cllr Ainscow – reported that the footpath at Sams lane needed clearing. *Clerk to report to MF.*

Cllr Ainscow – reported that the works at 38 Sutton Park had stalled and that the property had

become unsightly and unsafe because of the building materials left on site. *Clerk to write to owner.*

Cllr Jankinson – advised that he had assisted resident to make claim against SBC insurance for

damage caused by a fallen tree.

132. SUMMONS TO ATTEND NEXT MEETING

Cllrs were summoned to attend the next meeting on Monday 22nd January at 7.30pm, at

Blunsdon Village Hall.

**Summary of Actions**

Methodist Church – *Clerk/RFO to arrange BT visit*

Office accommodation - *Cllr Selwood to investigate Modular solution. Clerk to approach Blunsdon*

*Surgery.*

Staff Reviews – *Clerk to arrange by end of January*

Code of Conduct Training – *Clerk to raise at Clerks Forum on 24th Jana 2018*

Defibrillator – *Cllr Boyd to draft article for BV Magazine re community contribution.*

Staff PRP - *Cllr Jankinson to co ordinate*

Public Event for Sams Lane – *Clerk to feedback to Agent*

Mud on Ermin Street – *Clerk to report*

Brize Norton Consultation – *Clerk to circulate to Cllrs Selwood & Morris*

Gulleys B4019 Blunsdon to Highworth – *Clerk to report*

Work at Newland Homes Ermin Street – Clerk to contact RA again

Soak away 1 Kingsdown Lane – *Clerk to report*

Litter on Turnpike Road and Kingsdown Lane – *Clerk to contact MJ and CPT*

Yellow lines at Turnpike Road – *Clerk to investigate*

Sams Lane footpath – *Clerk to report to MF*

38 Sutton Park – *Clerk to write to owner*

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