Minutes of the Twelfth Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 5th February 2018 at 7.30pm at Blunsdon Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Jankinson, Ainscow, Boyd, Compton, Keates, Morris, Selwood and Tayler

Apologies: Cllr Collingwood

144.  DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

The meeting was taken in to Recess when a resident of The Copse Blunsdon addressed the PC about

concerns in respect of a neighbouring property. A chimney has recently been in use following the

installation of a wood burning stove, the chimney is set at a low level and is causing nuisance. The

resident has been trying to establish if the correct permissions are in place.

*The PC advised the resident to contact Building Control, The Clerk will also contact BC.*

145. MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING

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

146. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES 22nd JANUARY 2018

1. Defibrillator – *Grant secured from BHF and Highworth Freemasons via Cllr Bishop*
2. Staff PRP – *Cllr Jankinson & Cllr Collingwood to investigate*
3. Sams Lane footpath – *PS to clear. (now complete)*
4. Charges to St Andrews PC calculated and notified by RFO.
5. Pot Holes in Churchway – reported to SBC
6. Lock on internal door at BVH – *Yale lock to be investigated*
7. Heart In Hand – now registered as an Asset of Community Value
8. Soak away 1 Kingsdown Lane – Environmental Health pursuing. *Clerk to chase again*
9. Double yellow lines on Turnpike Road – *Cllr Bishop to investigate SBC.*
10. 38 Sutton Park – some action, but debris/building material remain on property.

147. PLANNING DECISIONS ADVISED BY SWINDON

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

At: 8 Pearce Close Kingsdown SN2 7SW

Planning Permission Granted

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

At: Land Adjacent 1 Kingsdown Lane Blunsdon Swindon

Planning Permission Granted with Conditions

148. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED FOR COMMENT

S/HOU/18/0134 Erection of Summerhouse

At: The Old Rectory Burytown Lane Blunsdon SN26 7DQ

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

S/HOU/18/0185 Erection of a detached garage, two storey side and rear extensions and creation of

vehicular access via Back Lane.

PC agreed to defer until meeting on 19th February 2018.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

Chair advised that SBC had notified the PC that Sec 106 monies from the Ermin Street developments,

and TGV in the sum of circa £337k. Chair suggested that a Finance Committee be formed to

consider/allocate these monies. The PC agreed to form Finance Committee Cllrs Jankinson,

Boyd, Morris and Tayler along with RFO. *Clerk to contact James Jackson re PC suggestions, inc*

*Cold Harbour junction.*

Meeting arranged with SBC Planning re issues/concerns with Kingsdown development – 15th March

at SBC. Highworth and Blunsdon confirmed attendance, Central North invited, yet to confirm.

149. NORTH SWINDON LIBRARY

A further funding request in respect of North Swindon Libraries was received from SBC. They were

seeking £7429 for 2018/19. The PC agreed not to fund this service.

150. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Jankinson advised that the Site Assessments were underway, however the quote for The Village

Design Guide was over budget, so an alternative provider was required.

151. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED TO 5th FEBRUARY 2018

1. Local Councils Update
2. SBC email – Voter ID Pilot
3. SBC email – North Swindon Library
4. Notification of Heart in Hand Asset of Community Value
5. SBC email – Hedges on Hillside Way obstructing refuse lorries/operatives
6. Linden Homes – site meeting arranged for 8th Feb re resident concerns of traffic, parking etc

152. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cemetery – PC still awaiting approval from insurers to start works to move trees downed in high

winds. Clerk contacting daily. Further assessments of damage required once trees removed – graves

wall and groundsman shed.

Chair/Clerk explained the need to better understand the layout and useage of Cemetery – PC agreed to

fund a mapping exercise. *Clerk/RFO to progress*

153.   PARISH MATTERS

Cllr Boyd – reported that the Village Shop had been in operation for 15 years but that the initial

approval was for 5 years. Suggested that a more formal arrangement be put in place with a peppercorn rent charged. *Cllr Boyd to liaise with Shop Committee/Church*

Cllr Jankinson – congratulated Cllr Collingwood on his work, securing a defibrillator.

Cllr Jankinson – advised that a meeting had taken place with St Leonards school to discuss the

MUGA project and that the feedback was positive. Awaiting a response re the PC managing the

facilities out of school hours.

Cllr Jankinson – advised of “Lent Lunches” at the Methodist Church lunchtimes from 14th Feb to

31st March 2018

Cllr Compton – reported that the end of the gutter at the shop end of BVH was angled downwards

and leaking. *Cllr Boyd/MJ to investigate*

Cllr Compton – reported that some replanting had commenced at Widhill Lane/Hills. Residents

concerned that the hedge had not been replanted and that most of what had been done was Hills

side of the boundary. Chair confirmed that this had been raised with Hills and Rachael Adams.

Cllr Compton – reported that he was attending a Standards Board on 19th Feb at 5.30pm

Cllr Selwood – confirmed that he had submitted a report with options and costings for an office

solution.

Cllr Ainscow – reported that the pavement from Cold Harbour to Beech Lea needed clearing.

*Clerk to report.*

Cllr Ainscow – reported that the brushes at Recreation Ground need cleaning and that the grids still

need moving. *Clerk to report.*

Clerk – asked PC to confirm any SBC training received, email to follow. Also, dog fouling on

Hillside Way – no bin in this location. *Clerk to check if any on new developments.*

154. SUMMONS TO ATTEND NEXT MEETING

Cllrs were summoned to attend the next meeting on Monday 19th February at 7.30pm, at

Blunsdon Village Hall.

**Summary of Actions**

The Copse – Clerk to contact BC.

Staff PRP – *Cllr Jankinson and Collingwood to progress*

Sams lane – *Clerk to request PS to clear*

BVH – *Clerk/RFO to investigate Yale Lock*

1 Kingsdown Lane – Clerk to chase again

Cllr Bishop – *to investigate Double Yellow Lines at Turnpike junction.*

38 Sutton Park – some tidying done.

Cold Harbour Junction – Clerk to contact James Jackson

Cemetery Mapping – Clerk/RFO to progress

Village Shop – Cllr Boyd to progress Lease

BVH gutter – Cllr Boyd/MJ to investigate

Pavement Cold Harbour to Beech Lea – Clerk to report

Brushes at Rec – Clerk to speak to MJ

Dog Bins Hills/Newland – Clerk to check dog bin provision

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