Minutes of the Seventh Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 20th August 2018 at 7.30pm at Blunsdon Village Hall.

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

SBCllr Bishop.

Apologies: Cllrs Ainscow, Boyd, Keates and Morris.

74.  DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Jankinson declared an interest in planning application S/18/1180, as applicant was well

known to him.

75. MINUTES OF THE SIXTH ORDINARY MEETING

Proposed by Cllr Compton and seconded by Cllr Collingwood, all agreed they be accepted as

a true record.

76. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES 4th AUGUST 2018

1. Sam Wright proposals – *he had acknowledged PC’s general support for proposals;*

*additional yellow lines for Turnpike Road had been added; all submitted to Acting Traffic Manager, Philip Martlew, for comment; next step would be approval of funding by Project Board; then tendering a contractor, consultations and traffic management during works; it was hoped results should be seen by Christmas.*

b) Staff PRP – *Cllr Jankinson & Cllr Collingwood had set date for meeting.*

c) Defibrillator – *cheque to be signed that evening.*

d) Methodist Church – *flint chippings added to path, great improvement; hedge/trees not yet*

*dealt with.*

e) Widhill Lane/Hills grass – *no reply from Highways England; “before and after” pictures to be*

*provided.*

f) PCllrs Email – *info circulated to PCllrs, still problems for some.*

g) Trees at Churchyard – *in hand, Conservation Area consent required;*

h) Hearing Loop – boxes repaired and to be reinstalled at Village and Methodist Halls on 22nd

August; Cllr Jankinson reported that new digital hearing aids did not need hearing loops

i) Broadband – *Cllr Jankinson to investigate c/f.*

j) Blunsdon Surgery card payments – *no reply.*

k) S/18/1171 – *PO seeking amendments to location and size so revised plans anticipated.*

l) S/HOU/18/0855 – *PC’s change to comments had been noted.*

m) Frank’s bench – *Fatleaf had quoted £150 +VAT for delivery, installation and removal of old*

*bench, no charge for bench; ordered.*

n) Blunsdon Hill footpath – *no response to Cllr Jankinson’s calls to developer so Clerk to write.*

o) Tadpole Rise signs *– now removed.*

p) Parish Office – *opening hours now advertised.*

q) Rec Ground hedge – *GM Contractor dealing with.*

r) Cllr Rogers reported that snake found in his garden had been identified as a possible

European import due to colouring, and not a native; environmental report very good and

highlighted value of much of land within NC5.

77. FINANCE

Cllr Compton proposed, Cllr Rogers seconded, all agreed, payments numbered 58 to 78

totalling £13,335.96 and receipts numbered 60 to 79 totalling £19,991.50.

1. Bank account name - In order to comply with the Co-op Bank requirements, Councillors unanimously agreed to confirm the change of name from Blunsdon St Andrew Parish Council to Blunsdon Parish Council, in accordance with the outcome of the Community Governance Review in 2016.
2. War memorial grant – Grant of £3,700, 50% of total cost, was available and Cllrs agreed to accept with balance “borrowed” from funds and included in next year’s budget.
3. Hills Site Maintenance Contract - Revised annual quotes received from both contractors, however, Cllrs agreed that regular maintenance would not be required in current year; further quotes to be requested for one off visits only. Cllr Selwood advised a dog waste bin should be installed on open space. Cllr Tayler had viewed site and noted allotments were not ready to be taken over as yet.
4. RFO reported that the second cheque issued to St Andrew’s PC as transferred funds had not been banked within required time limit and was now invalid.
5. Cllr Jankinson queried payment of £50,000 towards proposed MUGA. RFO to follow up.

78. PLANNING DECISIONS ADVISED BY SWINDON

S/OUT/16/2034 – Outline application for up to 52 dwellings – access not reserved

At: Land south of High Street, Blunsdon.

S/18/0258 – Resurfacing and use of land for the parking of goods vehicles and trailers

At: Unit L, Hargreaves Road, Groundwell Industrial Estate.

**Both granted, with conditions.**

79. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED FOR COMMENT

S/HOU/18/1239 – Erection of a single storey and first floor side extensions

At: Meadow Vale House, Back Lane, Blunsdon.

**PC agreed to support subject to Conservation Area Officer’s approval of proposals.**

S/HOU/18/1252 – Erection of a single storey rear and side extension, and pitched roof over

existing two storey side extension

At: 3 Manor Close, Blunsdon.

**PC agreed to object as application misleading in that there was no reference to proposed**

**garage to front of dwelling, as show on drawings; this would result in major change to**

**street scene.**

S/HOU/18/1180 – Erection of a first floor side extension

At: 52 High Street, Blunsdon.

**PC agreed to support subject to Conservation Area Officer’s approval of proposals.**

S/OUT/18/0942 – Outline application for the erection of 5 dwellings following demolition of

existing equestrian buildings and dwelling

At: Longfield, Kingsdown Lane, Blunsdon.

**PC agreed to objection as site was outside settlement boundary; proposed development**

**would be contrary to Policy NC5 of current Local Plan; number of dwellings would**

**constitute over-intensification of the site; probable negative impact to Woodbine Cottage**

**due to water run off; it was queried whether the Bydemill Brook contributory would cope**

**with additional flow, particularly as it ran through valley.**

S/18/1328 – Erection of a loose box and stores building (removal of condition 1 of previous

permission T/87/0073 restricting the permission to Mr Nott)

At: The Ridge House, 15 The Ridge, Blunsdon

**PC agreed to support in principle but propose condition be amended to restrict use to**

**occupier of property, and not removed.**

S/18/0342 – Change of use from workshop/store to annexe and associated works (revised)

At: Fowlers Farm, Front Lane, Blunsdon.

**PC agreed to support in principle, subject to condition that use be restricted to**

**occupation of host dwelling and not used as an independent dwelling; Conservation Area**

**Officer’s comments were supported.**

S/LBC/18/0413 – Internal and external works associated with the conversion of the outbuilding

to an annexe

At: Fowlers Farm, Front Lane, Blunsdon.

**PC agreed to support subject to Conservation Area Officer’s approval of proposals.**

80. DEER FIELD - DISCUSSION RE POSSIBLE USES

Cllr Jankinson outlined back ground: Swindon Gospel Trust owned field off Broadbush, large

congregation currently met in several venues and the aim was to build its own church premises

on the land; it had been suggested that a number of dwellings could form part of site to fund

the project, but this was not welcomed by PC and alternative ideas had been invited.

PCllrs agreed not to discuss as it was opposed to principle of development of the field which

was within area of coalescence between NC5, Kingsdown, and village. Church to be advised

accordingly, with comment that such plans may be acceptable elsewhere.

81. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Consultation day had been successful with about 130 visitors, almost 100 completed

questionnaires submitted. New volunteer, Tony Grifffiths, had joined the team.

82. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED TO 20th AUGUST 2018

1. SBC Members Bulletins 929 and 930 - *emailed to PC.*
2. Email from resident re pavement works in Sutton Park – *forwarded to SBC.*
3. Email from resident to Cllr Jankinson with comments on Ermin Street traffic proposals.

83. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. SBCllr Bishop queried Blunsdon House Hotel planning appeal: Cllr Jankinson advised that after 4 days it had been adjourned until 3rd September. SBCllr Bishop asked to be included in defibrillator training. He made offer of assistance with grants in future.
2. RFO advised quotes were being sought to repair Village Hall small room/porch roof valley where slates lead box gutter had split and tiles slipped.

84. PARISH MATTERS

1. Cllr Tayler had begun sorting through Village Hall chairs; best condition chairs to be moved into Hall, those requiring re-upholstery or repairs would be store in shed.
2. Cllr Compton reported that Royal British Legion would add PC logo to centre of wreath at no charge – *to be arranged.*
3. Cllr Jankinson had been invited to meet with Rachael Adams, PO dealing with Sams Lane application on 21st August; Cllr Tayler also to attend.
4. Cllr Jankinson reported that a security camera had been purchased to siting at new PC office.

85. SUMMONS TO ATTEND NEXT MEETING

Cllrs were summoned to attend the next meeting on Monday 3rd September at 7.30pm, at

Blunsdon Village Hall.

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

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Chairman, 3rd September 2018

**Summary of Actions**

Staff PRP – date set for meeting, Cllrs Jankinson and Collingwood

Defibrillator – cheque to be issued following meeting on 2th Aug

Methodist Church – Hedges and grass still need attention, with PB

Widhill Lane /Hills – before and after photos to be supplied to HE/CJ

Cllrs Emails – info circulated.

Trees Churchyard – awaiting photos and works from GM contractor to enable application to SBC

Broadband – Cllr Jankinson investigating.

Blunsdon Surgery card payments - no reply

Blunsdon Hill Footpath – Clerk to write to developer

War memorial – grant accepted, provision for remaining 50% to be made in next year budget

Hills Site Maintenance – Cllrs further quotes for one off visit this year. Dog Bin required on Open Space.

MUGA £50,000 – RFO to follow up

Deer Field site – Clerk to contact owner with PC resolution