Minutes of the Eleventh Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 15th October 2018 at 7.30pm at Blunsdon Village Hall.

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

1 member of public

Apologies: Cllrs Jankinson and Collingwood; SBCllr Bishop.

118.  DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

RECESS – Member of public expressed strong objection with several reasons to Goods Vehicle Operators Licence application for barn at St Leonard’s Farm.

119. MINUTES OF THE TENTH ORDINARY MEETING

Proposed by Cllr Keates and seconded by Cllr Tayler, all agreed they be accepted as

a true record.

120. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES 1st OCTOBER 2018

1. Staff PRP – *c/f.*
2. Defibrillator – *several residents had registered interest in training.*
3. Trees at Churchyard – *awaiting GM contractor’s schedule of works etc, c/f.*
4. Broadband – *Cllr Jankinson to investigate, c/f.*
5. Blunsdon Hill footpath – *c/f.*
6. War Memorial – *contractor had cleaned; SBC Conservation Officer had visited and queried*

*need for re-lettering; contractor had advised it should be done; c/f.*

1. Memorial Tree for Garden Club member – *green in Sutton Park likely location; Garden* Club *dealing with.*
2. Speedwatch – *St Andrew’s PC had been informed Blunsdon team would no longer carry out*

*checks in their parish.*

1. Village Hall loft insulation *– quote received but contractor withdrew in view of health and safety issues. RFO had arranged to meet rep of Green Home Energy Services who would prepare survey and seek quote from recommended contractors at cost of £50.*
2. *Sam’s Lane planters – Garden Club members to repair if possible, or Club to replace.*

121. FINANCE

Cllr Rogers proposed, Cllr Compton seconded, all agreed, payments numbered 94 to 117

totalling £46,517.79 and receipts numbered 91 to 110 totalling £47,502.67.

1. External auditors had issued interim report with invoice (cheque to be held until final report received); SLCC was aware of PCs’ concerns with auditors failing to meet published timescale and advised on complaints procedure, if it was felt necessary to follow up. PCllrs agreed not to make formal complaint.

122. PLANNING DECISIONS ADVISED BY SWINDON

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.

S/HOU/18/1492 – Erection of a first floor, two storey and single storey rear extensions

At: Wharfdale, Broadbush, Blunsdon

**Both granted, with conditions.**

S/HOU/18/1171 - Erection of a detached annexe

At: The Old Police House, 38 Ermin Street, Blunsdon.

**Permission refused.**

S/LDP/18/1433 – Certificate of Lawfulness (proposed) for the erection of a garage

At: 55 Pearce Close, Kingsdown.

**Certificate granted.**

123. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED FOR COMMENT

S/18/0938 – Erection of 218W flexible electricity generation facility (FEGF) 2no containers,

sub-station, 3 metre high security/acoustic fencing, CCTV and associated works,

with access from Turnpike Road

At: Land off Turnpike Road, Blunsdon.

**PC agreed to object; in line with previous similar application S17/0863:**

**a) The description of the application does not reflect the scale of the proposals, ie 15 gas set containers, a mains gas control unit, 3 substation and meter units, a container unit, and another small unit, so a total of 21 structures; b) Whilst a traffic management plan showing access to the site from the public highway has been provided, there is no explanation as to how large vehicles will negotiate the right angled bend part way along the track to the site; c) This track is an ancient route bounded by very mature trees and hedgerows which would be very likely to be damaged by use by heavy vehicles;**

**d) There are several errors in the documents provided, eg a reference to Bath Road (there is no Bath Road anywhere near the site, suggesting that yet again this is a generic application supposedly adapted to suit this location ); the use of farm buildings north of the development as a temporary compound during construction (there are none); the reference to the only nearby Conservation Area (there are two in Blunsdon village);**

**e) The likely adverse impact on nearby residential properties is acknowledged by the applicant, indicating the proposed site is not suitable for this type of facility; there are several light industrial areas in the vicinity which would be more appropriate; f) There is the potential for atmospheric pollution caused by fumes from the gas burners and also the impact of noise from the generators; g)The application states the facility would “only operate less than 4% of the year” which confirms the negative impact far outweighs any benefit or need; h) The proposal is contrary to Policy NC5 of the current Swindon Borough Local Plan and the Kingsdown Master Plan as proposed in the Persimmon application for the development, which is currently under consideration;**

**i) It is alleged that the owner of the site has had no contact at all with the applicant and knew nothing about the proposal prior to being informed following the application being made.**

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

38 Sutton Park - Planning Officer had advised that applicant would be submitting

application to vary condition to alter materials to a render finish.

Hills site – plot to rear of 103 Ermin Street, non-material amendment application for gable

end window to be submitted.

5 Year Housing Land Supply – email reply from SBCllr Renard to Cllr Jankinson stating

that Local Plan Review would be opportunity to re-establish Plan-led system by taking co-

ordinated approach to development in Blunsdon and consequential infrastructure

requirements; PC’s input and support to this would be critical. To be discussed further with

SBCllr Sumner at next PC meeting.

124. SHELAA - DISCUSSION RE SITES

The result of the “call for sites” had now been made public and there were several in and

around Blunsdon including the St Leonard’s Farm site which could accommodate up to 4,297

homes. Cllr Rogers expressed need for PC to have support of Highways England; he would

consider SHELAA and prepare transport assessment; local campaign needed with media

attention to attract national interest. Cllr Tayler added that most problems at Cold Harbour

junction were not caused by village traffic, but by longer distance drivers travelling to and from

places such as Oxford. To be raised with SBCllr Sumner.

125. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Village Design Statement finished but being “tidied up”; nothing else to report.

126. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED TO 15th  OCTOBER 2018

1. SBC Members Bulletins 937 and 938m emailed to PC.
2. Email from resident re Widhill Lane hedge and POS.
3. Email re footpath maintenance in Sutton Park, Sams Lane and Churchill Avenue: contractor to treat paths with weedkiller – *Cllrs agreed to query what would be done to deal with holes/cracks caused by weed growth.*
4. Email from Chiseldon Clerk – invite to GDPR briefing at Chiseldon PC – *Cllr Morris offered to attend if required.*
5. Email from Sutton Park resident re Goods Vehicle Operators Licence application – *Cllrs agreed to send strong objections on grounds of unsuitability of site in Conservation Area, only accessible (from any direction) by narrow single track lanes completely unsuitable for regular use by commercial vehicles; drainage under road near to this site with serious potential for damage caused by heavy vehicles; no infrastructure in area to accommodate anything more than light local traffic; no street lighting, pavements or safe waiting places for pedestrians, no lay-bys and very limited passing places, certainly none sufficient in size/length to take large vehicles; lanes bounded by deep ditches in many places which could be hazardous for vehicles trying to pass and also subject to blocking by weight on verges; ancient hedgerows along sections of the lanes could be damaged; lanes very well used daily by walkers, children, horse riders and dog walkers, all be at risk by large vehicles; road layout in vicinity of the site was such that access for emergency vehicles could well be obstructed by large vehicles and trailers.*

127. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Recreation Areas – RoSPA report on Linley Road play area received: no high risk issues, medium risks included cracks in grassed areas (due to very dry weather), worn cradled seats; Mark Jones was working through issues for attention.

Cllr Ainscow raised problem of parking on pavements around Sutton Park on junior football match days; reported to Club chair and to be discussed at committee meeting that evening; decision awaited on action to be taken by Club.

Cllr Ainscow reported dog waste bin by RG ground gate was often overflowing and suggested bin sited on other side of car park be relocated next to it.

1. Village Hall – smell of gas noted several times since heating in use; Centraheat had carried out tests and found no leaks and boiler serviced; British Gas to be called out if it recurred.
2. WALC(SAC) – Cllr Compton reported that he and Haydon Wick Cllr Hailstone were dealing with banking issues with new mandate being prepared.

128. PARISH MATTERS

1. Cllr Selwood reported that a resident had been injured on footpath along field edge to the rear of Blunsdon House Hotel, where a trench had been laid; SBC Rights of Way officer was visiting to investigate and check alignment of path, and he had queried ownership of field.
2. Cllr Rogers reported that trenches in parts of NC5 site were possibly Thames Water mains works.
3. Cllr Compton reported several complaints regarding new dwelling under construction off Chapel Hill: it was alleged that it was not in accordance with approved plans, being higher and not in exact position. SBC Planning Enforcement to be advised.

129. SUMMONS TO ATTEND NEXT MEETING

Cllrs were summoned to attend the next meeting on Monday 5th November at the earlier time

of 6.30pm, at Blunsdon Village Hall.

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

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Chairman, 5th November 2018

**Summary of Actions**

SHELAA – Cllr Sumner attending on 5th November at 6.30pm; Cllr Rogers to prepare traffic

assessment.

Staff PRP – c/f.

Defibrillator – training to be arranged.

Widhill Lane/Hills – remedial works still to be done.

Churchyard trees – awaiting info from GM contractor to enable application to SBC.

Broadband – Cllr Jankinson investigating with Cllr Selwood’s help if needed.

Blunsdon Hill footpath – c/f

War Memorial – cleaning completed, Conservation Officer’s decision on re-lettering awaited.

Memorial Tree – Garden Club progressing.

Village Hall loft insulation – survey completed and quotes awaited.

Rec Hedge – GM contractor to trim Broadbush side hedge.

RG re-siting of dog waste bin – GM contractor instructed to move.

Sam’s Lane planters – Garden Club dealing with.

GVOL application – comments of objection sent.

Footpath at rear of BHH – awaiting SBC RofW officer’s report.