Minutes of the Eighteenth Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 4th February 2019 at 7.30pm at Blunsdon Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Jankinson, Ainscow, Boyd, Collingwood, Compton, Keates, Morris, Rogers, Selwood

& Tayler

The Blunsdon Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group gave a presentation to the PC.

A draft of the Plan was presented along with the Village Design Statement, which sets out the Village character and is a guideline for developers to follow.

The NHP is almost ready for consultation with residents, further consultation and examination will be arranged by SBC. It is hoped the Plan will be adopted by the end of 2019. The main advantage of having the NHP is that the PC will receive 25% of CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) when development takes place, without a Plan it is 15%

Apologies: None

202. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

203. MINUTES OF THE SIXTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING

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

a true record.

204. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES 21st JANUARY 2019

1. Defibrillator – Training for Scouts arranged for 8th March at 6.30pm. Replacement back light

for the cabinet has been ordered. Solar Light needs to be mounted on an arm to give better light coverage.

1. Trees at Churchyard – *Awaiting schedule of works from GM contractor*
2. Recreation Ground Hedge – One off cut to be charged by GM contractor. On going maintenance will be included in price already quoted for contract
3. Pavilion *–* Some repointing necessary, Cllr Tayler actioning.

PAT testing and Pump/shower service arranged

1. Photos of Widhill – No discs found. Cllr Boyd to make enquires
2. Open space audit – Cllr Selwood attended meeting at SBC. SBC to send presentation to Clerk for circulation. Money saving exercise for SBC. If PC do audit it is not binding and will be verified by SBC.
3. Allotments – first lettings complete by 1st Feb 2019, progress is slow
4. GM contract meeting took place, very positive. New paperwork prepared and agreed
5. Ermin street improvements and High Street Entrance – Meeting 12th Feb 2019
6. Cllr Allowances – message in magazine, Facebook and WEB reporting BPC agreed not to take any allowances
7. Lorries at bottom of Blunsdon Hill – Cllr Morris to take photos of damage, contact Linden Homes.
8. Kingsdown Lane – litter clearance undertaken by Groundsman. Fly tipping on private land.

SBC asked to enforce.

1. Dog mess in hedges – message posted on Facebook, Cllr Boyd has placed an article in next Magazine.
2. Key messages – PC Vacancy, Sutton Park and Berton Close Parking issues, Cllr Allowances.

205. PLANNING DECISIONS ADVISED BY SWINDON

S/18/1891 – Demolition of existing house and erection of 2no. dwellings and associated works.

At: 110 High Street Blunsdon SN26 7AB

**Planning Permission Granted with Conditions**

S/HOU/18/1763 – Conversion of garage into living accommodation.

At: The Old Police House 38 Ermin Street Blunsdon SN26 8AA

**Planning Permission Granted with Conditions**

S/HOU/18/1856 – Conversion of garage into living accommodation

At: 37 Minerva Heights Swindon SN26 8AB

**Planning Permission Refused**

206. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED FOR COMMENT

S/RES/18/1851 – Erection of 37 dwellings with provision of parking, landscaping and

associated works. Reserved Matters application following S/OUT/16/2034.

At: Land South of High Street Blunsdon Swindon Wilts

**PC agreed to support but noted that no fitness area and equipment were mentioned**

**as per discussions at PC engagement meeting. In addition, the PC support the comments**

**made by Highways and Police.**

S/HOU/19/0108 – Erection of a single storey side and rear extensions

At: 72 High Street Blunsdon SN26 7AE

**PC agreed to support however were surprised to see a staircase as the plans are for a**

**single storey, some clarification would be appreciated. In addition, the PC were**

**concerned about the proximity of the back door to the boundary.**

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

The Chair updated the PC on a meeting with Ainscough re Hill Cottage Site.

Sec 106 contributions of £51k for Recreation Ground have been secured, CIL still to be

calculated.

PC concerns about the speed limit on Blunsdon Hill, where site would be accessed, were

discussed – Ainscough and SBC Planner also had some concerns, but Highways appeared to

support £50mph.

Heritage Trail preservation was also discussed. This along with speed issue should be raised

at Reserved Matters App.

207. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The NHP Steering Group presented current plan to PC.

208. G M CONTRACT

Cllr Selwood updated PC on the meeting with GM Contractor and the updated paperwork to

strengthen the working relationship.

The PC agreed to accept the quote for a 3 year contract. *Clerk to issue formal acceptance and*

*an updated SLA document.*

209. PARKING – SUTTON PARK

Cllr Ainscow updated the PC about resident`s complaints and concerns around the parking

situation at the Recreation Ground. Residents have been verbally abused when trying to

prevent people parking outside their homes and on verges.

PC agreed parking was inadequate and resolved to find a solution.

*Clerk to arrange meeting with BFC, CC and School to agree solution.*

210. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED TO 4th FEBRUARY 2019

1. SBC Members Bulletins 952 & 953 emailed to PC.
2. Email from resident re a new path from Blunsdon Hill to TGV Academy. *PC agreed with suggestion, Clerk to make enquiries with SBC*
3. Email from resident re article in Magazine – Ermin street improvements and comment re PC allowing development. *Clerk to reply*
4. Email from resident re parking in Berton Close *PC agreed to put article in magazine and Facebook.*
5. Email from Charity, Hope for Tomorrow, re Clothing Bank. *PC did not support*
6. Email from Charity, Scope, re clothing bank. *PC did not support – clothes can be recycled in usual way.*
7. Email from resident re Spring Clean. *Cllr Morris to liaise*
8. Email from resident re message to residents re bin lids/rubbish. PC noted with thanks.

211. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Standards Board – Cllr Compton reported that a meeting of the Board was being held in

the next week.

Recreation Committee – meeting with FC, CC and School re parking.

Pay review – the PC discussed staff reviews and Performance Related Pay. They agreed not

to link pay to annual review. *Dates for staff reviews to be booked and revised pay rates for*

*2019/20 to be part of Agenda for 18th Feb 2019.*

212. PARISH MATTERS

Cllr Compton reported that he had spoken to a resident in Widhill Lane about parking in the

Turning Circle, parking still an issue.*PC to write to Resident of Rose View Widhill Lane*

Cllr Collingwood reported that Footpath sign badly damaged. *Clerk to report to M Fry*

Cllr Jankinson gave his apologies for the next meeting

Clerk reported that there had been 2 responses with offers of help for the prospective Village

Fete and an offer of the use of grounds at BHH has been made by John Clifford.

213. KEY MESSAGES

PC Allowances - The PC have agreed not to accept any allowances for their work.

Parking – Berton Close, message re not parking on grass. Sutton Park - meeting with BFC,

CC and school to be arranged.

214. SUMMONS TO ATTEND NEXT MEETING

Cllrs were summoned to attend the next meeting on Monday 18th February 2019 at 7.30pm

at Blunsdon Village Hall.

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

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Chairman, 18th February 2019

**Summary of Action**

Defibrillator – Scouts training arranged 8th March

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

Rec Hedge – To be included in GM quote from April 2019

Pavilion – PAT test, Pump service. arranged

Photos of Widhill – No discs available, Clly Boyd to make enquiries

Open Space audit – Cllr Selwood attended meeting. SBC presentation to be circulated when received

High Street Entrance works – Meeting arranged 12th Feb

GM contract – meeting with GM contractor, documents revised and to be issued – Cllr Selwood and Clerk

Cllr Allowances – article in Magazine and Facebook – Cllr Boyd to prepare for magazine

Lorries at bottom of Blunsdon Hill – Cllr Morris to get photos of damage, contact Linden Homes

Kingsdown litter – MJ has done some work. Fly tip with SBC to enforce

Dog mess in hedges – Cllr Boyd to prepare article for Magazine

Back light for defib cabinet – replacement light on way

Recreation Ground – clerk to arrange meeting re parking with BFC CC and school

Correspondence – Clerk to respond on behalf of PC

Staff reviews – dates to be agreed

Parking in Widhill – Clerk to write to resident

Footpath sign – Clerk to contact M Fry

Key Messages – Clerk to post on Facebook and BLOG