Minutes of the Nineteenth Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18th February 2019 at 7.30pm at Blunsdon Village Hall.

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

& Tayler

Apologies: Cllrs Jankinson, Collingwood and Morris

SBC Cllr Bishop

215. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

216. MINUTES OF THE EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING

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

a true record.

217. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES 4TH FEBRAURY 2019

1. Defibrillator – Replacement back light has now been fitted. Solar Light moved to give

better coverage.

1. Trees at Churchyard – *Awaiting schedule of works from GM contractor*
2. Pavilion *–* Some repointing necessary, Cllr Tayler actioning.

PAT testing and Pump/shower service arranged

1. Photos of Widhill – Discs now found.
2. Open space audit – Cllr Selwood attended meeting at SBC. Presentation still awaited from

SBC.

1. Allotments – lettings continue at a slow pace.
2. GM contract – awaiting signatures.
3. Ermin street improvements and High Street Entrance – Meeting 12th Feb 2019, drawings made available. Spring start for project.
4. Lorries at bottom of Blunsdon Hill – Cllr Morris to take photos of damage, contact Linden Homes.
5. Parking at Recreation Ground – meeting arranged for 18th March 2019
6. Parking in Widhill Lane – letter sent to resident
7. Footpath sign at bottom of Castle Hill – Clerk to report to M Fry
8. Key messages – NHP update.

218. FINANCE

a. The RFO outlined the options for the PC to consider in respect of salaries for 2019/20.

The PC agreed to award 3%, RFO to notify staff.

b. The RFO reported that a further regular booking for the Methodist Hall had been secured.

c. Cllr Tayler proposed, Cllr Compton seconded, all agreed, payments numbered 159 to 169

totalling £9,112.08 and receipts numbered 171 to 188 totalling £2,655.66

219. PLANNING DECISIONS ADVISED BY SWINDON

NONE

220. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED FOR COMMENT

S/18/0938 - Erection of a 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; route for construction access from Kingsdown Lane.

At: Land off Turnpike Road Blunsdon Swindon

**PC agreed to maintain objection in line with all previous comments and would add that**

**Kingsdown Lane is narrower than Turnpike Road and therefore does not improve access. The location is part of NC5, see persimmon objections.**

**The location is not sustainable, particularly in view of the recent announcements about employment in the area.**

**It would appear that none of the Landowners have been approached about cabling and pipework across their properties.**

S/HOU/19/0183 – Erection of a two storey extension and detached garage with ancillary

domestic use.

AT: 93 Ermin Street Blunsdon SN26 8AA

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

S/19/0171 – Outline application for up to 52no. dwellings – Access not reserved. (Variation

of condition 15 regarding construction working hours)

At: Former Thames Water Site High Street Blunsdon SN26 7AG

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

S/19/0199 – Erection of single storey building to store ground maintenance vehicles, plant

and equipment.

At: Blunsdon House Hotel The Ridge Blunsdon SN26 7AS

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

221. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Village Character Assessment is now on the NHP Website. The Village Design

Statement and the Site Allocations will be complete this week.

The Plan should be available for consultation by end of April 2019

SBC for assessment by end of June 2019

Inspection by end of July 2019

222. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED TO 18TH FEBRUARY 2019

1. SBC Members Bulletin 954 & 955 emailed to PC
2. Email Katie Fielding WALC Newsletter emailed to PC
3. Local Councils Update issue 225
4. LCR Magazine
5. Email from resident re Berton Close Parking message - noted
6. Email re Renewable Energy Highworth – Clerk to invite to PC Meeting
7. Email from resident re bonfires at St Leonards Farm – clerk to contact SBC

223. COMMITTEE REPORTS

WALC – next meeting cancelled. New CX meeting with Chairs of Parishes instead on

25th February 2019. Cllr Boyd to attend

224. PARISH MATTERS

Cllr Compton reported that the mud on Ermin Street coming from TGV vehicles – Clerk to

report to Planning.

Cllr Compton reported that a resident was concerned that works to tidy Hills boundary had

resulted in weeds and trimmings being thrown to Widhill side. Clerk to contact Hills.

Cllr Boyd reported that following a meeting with Inspector Bridge an area Consultative

Group covering Haydon Wick, St Andrews and Blunsdon. Cllr Morris was suggested as

PC rep. Cllr Boyd to contact Cllr M.

Cllr Selwood updated the PC about the meeting with Sam Wright to progress Ermin Street

improvements. Drawings available in the PC office. Planning a Spring 2019 start for Phase 1.

Phase 2 – look at new village entrance, extra lane at Cold Harbour.

Cllr Boyd reported that the Dog Show plans have been cancelled, but if there is a Village Fete

they would like to include the show as part of this event.

Cllr Boyd – Village Hall grit bin is empty. Clerk to report to SBC.

225. KEY MESSAGES

NHP update/timetable

226. SUMMONS TO ATTEND NEXT MEETING

Cllrs were summoned to attend the next meeting on Monday 4th March 2019 at 7.30pm

at Blunsdon Village Hall.

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

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Chairman, 4TH March 2019

**Summary of Action**

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 – Discs found

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

GM contract – awaiting signatures

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

Back light for defib cabinet – replacement light fitted, solar light moved

Recreation Ground – meeting 18/3

Footpath at Castle Hill – Clerk to report to MF

Pay Award – RFO to notify staff

Renewable Energy – Clerk to invite to PC

Mud on Ermin Street – Clerk to report to SBC Planning

Widhill/Hills boundary – Clerk to contact Hills

Police Consultative Group – Cllr Boyd to approach Cllr Morris

Correspondence – Clerk to respond on behalf of PC

Grit Bin – Clerk to report to SBC

Key Messages – Clerk to post on Facebook and BLOG