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

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

& Tayler

Apologies: Cllr Keates

227. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

RECESS – A resident addressed the PC about the Village Dog Show. The Chair confirmed

that the PC had not agreed a Village Fete however, the School would be having a Fete in the

summer, date to be confirmed, and that the Dog Show could be part of this event.

228. MINUTES OF THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY MEETING

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

a true record.

229. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES 18TH FEBRAURY 2019

1. Trees at Churchyard, GM Contractor confirmed that it was leaf droppage that was an issue, not the branches. Review once leafage returns to trees.
2. Open space audit – Cllr Selwood attended meeting, presentation and assessment documents now received. *Agenda item for 1st April meeting.*
3. Allotments – lettings now complete for 8 plots. Final Plot proving difficult to let because of location.
4. GM contract – now signed and ready to be issued. (issued on 7th March 2019)
5. Lorries at bottom of Blunsdon Hill – Photos received. *Clerk to report*
6. Parking at Recreation Ground – meeting arranged for 18th March 2019, Cllr Ainscow to Chair.
7. Renewable Energy – representative invited to attend PC meeting.
8. Widhill Lane -*Letter to HE/CJ re maintenance of boundary*
9. Police Consultative Group – Cllr Morris confirmed as PC rep
10. Grit Bins – List of all provided by SBC. *Sams Lane bin needs to be re sited*

230. PLANNING DECISIONS ADVISED BY SWINDON

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

**Planning Permission Refused**

231. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED FOR COMMENT

S/OUT/19/0218 – Outline application for the erection of 1no. dwelling

At: Ringstones 1 Kingsdown Lane Blunsdon SN25 5DL

**PC agreed to object as they support the comments made by resident of No 3 Kingsdown**

**Lane. The proposals are contrary to the Swindon Residential Design Guide in respect of**

**guidance on backland development.**

S/HOU/19/0282 – Erection of a detached single storey annexe to rear.

AT: Eldswyn Kingsdown Lane Blunsdon SN25 5DL

**PC agreed to object as the design of the proposal is unacceptable with the glass south**

**facing wall. There are no kitchen facilities, therefore not self-contained. The proposal is**

**an over intensification of the plot and is not in keeping with surrounding area. Finally,**

**there is no room for additional cess pit facilities.**

S/OUT/18/2007 – Outline application for the demolition of existing warehouse and

outbuildings and the erection of 5no. dwellings and associated works – access not reserved.

At: Lindseys Yard Turnpike Road Blunsdon SN26 7AE

**PC agreed to maintain objection** **“With regard to this recent application if you are confident that this application, and it’s SUDS plan and the disposal of run-off and effluent from the Klargester on this site will have no significant harmful effect on the Bydemill Brook watercourse, then we will withdraw our objection. You must consider the recent grant of planning for 5 large houses to the adjacent site, which will also discharge into the same watercourse. Both sites appear to have significant contamination to the land upon which they will be built. The soil structure in that area is significantly non-permeable and we already have had issues at No1 Kingsdown lane where we have had to involve the Environmental Health department to resolve issues with contaminated run-off.” There are now permissions for 13 additional dwellings with no connection to the sewage system. In addition, the PC is concerned that a neighbouring resident claims this proposal impinges land that is part of his property.**

232. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

No update.

233. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON FOR 18TH MARCH 2019

Both the Chair and the Vice Chair are absent for the meeting on the 18th March 2019, so a

a Chair needed to be elected. Cllr Compton was nominated, and all present voted in favour.

234. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED TO 4TH MARCH 2019

1. SBC Members Bulletin 956 & 957 emailed to PC
2. Clerks and Councils Direct issue 122
3. Email from CPRE – Best Kept Village Award
4. Email from resident re Thames Water Site – Clerk responded re working hours.
5. Email from resident in Sams Lane re Shipping Container for Storage. *Clerk to contact Planning Officer.*

235. COMMITTEE REPORTS

WALC – Confusion/query about future of WALC and its relationship with Borough.

Cllr Compton to pursue and advise.

Recreation Ground – meeting on 18th March 2019, Cllr Ainscow to Chair. Dog Fouling

to be added to Agenda.

236. PARISH MATTERS

Cllr Selwood queried the removal of trees on Thames Water Site, Chair confirmed that the

works were in line with approval.

Cllr Compton reported that ivy growing on trees in Ivy Lane was causing issues for a

resident.

Cllr Compton reported that letter to resident in Widhill lane re parking had been received.

Cllr Jankinson reported that a new sign, for Newland Homes, erected on Ermin Street had

now been removed.

Cllr Jankinson reported that the Speedwatch team had been out on High Street and that the

Police were on Ermin Street.

Cllr Jankinson reported that he had spoken to the Police about the abandoned car (already

reported) in the car park on Ermin Street.

Cllr Boyd reported that he had had a letter from a resident who had cleared rubbish from

the tennis courts. *Letter of thanks to be drafted.*

Cllr Boyd reported that there was a notice about the Spring Clean in Magazine. Cllr Morris

waiting to hear from organizer.

Cllr Boyd reported that Cllr Keates had contacted him about overflowing drain near the

Copse. Clerk confirmed reported to SBC and Agent for Owners.

Cllr Rogers reported that he thought there may be a line of sight issue, at Cold Harbour,

looking to Ermin Street, caused by raised bed.

Cllr Rogers commented on the Honda news and his concerns about impact on Housing when

sales are already slow.

237. KEY MESSAGES

CPRE – associations/societies to be approached for input.

dog fouling at Rec – message re PC needing to consider lead only access or total dog ban if

Situation does not improve. *Clerk to investigate Bylaws*

238. SUMMONS TO ATTEND NEXT MEETING

Cllrs were summoned to attend the next meeting on Monday 18th 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, 18TH March 2019

**Summary of Action**

Churchyard trees – review when trees in leaf

Open Space audit – Cllr Selwood attended meeting. Agenda item for 1st April

GM contract – documents signed

Lorries at bottom of Blunsdon Hill – Photos provided, clerk to report

Recreation Ground – meeting 18/3

Widhill/Hills boundary – Clerk to contact HE and CJ

Correspondence – Clerk to respond on behalf of PC

Grit Bin – Clerk to report Sams Lane bin to SBC

Allotments – consider Plot 5 Hills site

Storage Container Sams Lane – Clerk to contact Planning

Tennis Courts – Rubbish Clearance, Letter of thanks required

Dog Fouling – Clerk to investigate Bylaws

Key Messages – Clerk to post on Facebook and BLOG