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

Present: Cllrs Ainscow, Collingwood, Compton (Chair), Morris, Rogers

SBC Cllr Bishop (7.50pm)

Apologies: Cllrs Jankinson, Boyd, Keates, Selwood & Tayler

239. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

RECESS – Residents of Beech Lea addressed the PC with their concerns over the footpath that

runs behind their properties and is owned by them. The proposals to resurface this area as part

of the development S/17/0528 are of concern to the residents. It was agreed that the residents

would provide the PC with copies of all objections to SBC and that the PC would support

their objections and copy them to Ward Cllrs.

S/OUT/19/0325 – The Agent and Landowner addressed the PC and outlined the changes to the

Application made since the previous application was refused. They requested a meeting with

the PC to discuss the application in more detail. The Chair agreed to this request and the Clerk

was asked to arrange a meeting before 1st April 2019.

240. MINUTES OF THE TWENTIETH ORDINARY MEETING

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

a true record.

241. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES 4TH MARCH 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. Parking at Recreation Ground – meeting took place on 18th March 2019, Cllr Ainscow to update meeting under Committee Reports.
5. Widhill Lane –Email to HE and CJ sent, no response to date. *Clerk to chase*
6. Grit Bin at Sams Lane reported for re siting.
7. Storage Container at Sams Lane – confirmed as needing Planning Permission. Resident advised.
8. Dog Fouling – PC investigating Byelaws.

242. FINANCE

1. RFO updated PC on the recent meeting with SBC to discuss Sec 106 monies. It was agreed that no funds needed a deed of variation. SBC Russell Weymouth was to work up some Landscaping Plans to support the objectives of the current project to slow and improve traffic flow around the Village. There is £244k to spend on this initiative.
2. RFO confirmed that PAT testing had been done at Pavilion – Kettle, Cooker and Hob all failed. Kettle to be replaced. Cooker not used so space to be used as a cupboard. New Hob to be installed. PC approved costs of £50 to remove and install cooker and hob and £80 to purchase new Hob.
3. RFO explained replacement cheque for NALC, original gone astray.
4. RFO explained income from Methodist Hall, accounting adjustment in line with MH agreement.
5. Cllr Morris proposed, Cllr Ainscow seconded, all agreed, payments numbered 170 to 186

totalling £19,224.05 and receipts numbered 189 to 205 totalling £2,183.40

1. PC agreed to carry forward the Wages Review until 1st April 2019. *Clerk to add to Agenda*

243. PLANNING DECISIONS ADVISED BY SWINDON

NONE

244. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED FOR COMMENT

S/OUT/19/0294 – Outline application for up to 43no. dwellings and associated works- Access

not reserved.

At: Land off B4019 Broad Blunsdon Swindon SN26 8DJ

**PC Agreed to Object – materials and appearance not in keeping with local**

**characteristics, open space and landscaping is the easement space with no landscaping.**

**Design using principles from outside the area.**

**Access and egress on to Turnpike, a junction already over capacity and B4019 also at**

**capacity. Poor public consultation, no Statement of Community Involvement**

**Significant trees not surveyed.**

S/OUT/19/0313 – Outline application for an extension to existing CoOp store.

At: CoOp Stores Hyde Road Swindon SN2 7SE

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

**PC noted however, that the extension requires a corresponding reduction in parking and**

**that the boundary hedge to residential properties may be inadequate.**

S/OUT/19/0325 – Outline application for the erection of 8no. dwellings – all matters reserved.

At: Land South of B4019 Broad Bush Blunsdon Swindon

**PC agreed to defer until 1st April and to meet with Agent and Landowner beforehand.**

**Comments to be sent to SBC on 2nd April as agreed with Planning Officer.**

S/HOU/19/0366 – Erection of first floor side/front extension

At: 38 Loveridge Close Swindon SN2 7UD

**PC agreed to defer until 1st April.**

245. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

No update.

246. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED TO 4TH MARCH 2019

1. SBC Members Bulletin 958 & 959emailed to PC
2. Local Councils Update 226
3. Email from resident re Web suggestion – Help Wanted Area. *PC agreed to implement*
4. Email from Garden Club re garden opposite Cold Harbour. *PC agreed to take back up keep of this area. Clerk to ask PS.*
5. Email from resident re Parish Vacancy – Clerk already responded.

247. COMMITTEE REPORTS

WALC – Meeting on 21st March 2019

Recreation Ground – Cllr Ainscow updated PC on meeting with BFC, and School. Cricket

Club not represented.

Signage for match days to be investigated – PC agreed

Flyer to all residents asking them to also park considerately – PC agreed

Dog Fouling – new signs to be investigated – PC agreed

Byelaws already being investigated

In addition, it was agreed that a meeting just with BFC should take place to discuss pitch

maintenance programme. *Clerk to arrange.*

248. PARISH MATTERS

Cllr Ainscow reported the damaged signage at Cold Harbour chicane. Already reported to

Highways.

Cllr Rogers reported bus waiting at Cold Harbour which doesn’t help with congestion. There

is a Bus Stop there so buses may wait to deliver timetabled service.

Cllr Rogers reported his concerns over Emergency Response times given the volumes of

traffic and the capacity of the roads. *Cllr Rogers to draft a letter*

Cllr Morris queried date of APA, Clerk confirmed 29th April 2019.

Cllr Bishop asked if the gullies along Broadbush had been cleared. *Cllr Bishop to follow up.*

249. KEY MESSAGES

Spate of Burglaries in Village – be vigilant.

Parking – please park considerately, don’t block walk ways and dropped kerbs

250. SUMMONS TO ATTEND NEXT MEETING

Cllrs were summoned to attend the next meeting on Monday 1ST April 2019 at 7.30pm

at Blunsdon Village Hall.

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

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Chairman, 1st April 2019

**Summary of Action**

Churchyard trees – review when trees in leaf

Recreation Ground – meeting 18/3, actions circulated to attendees

Widhill/Hills boundary – Clerk to contact HE and CJ, no response Clerk to chase

Correspondence – Clerk to respond on behalf of PC

Allotments – consider Plot 5 Hills site

Dog Fouling – Clerk to investigate Bylaws

Wages Review – Clerk to add to Agenda for 1st April

Planning 0325 – Clerk to arrange meeting

Web Page – Help Wanted Area, Clerk to arrange

Garden at Cold Harbour – PC to take back up keep. Clerk to ask PS.

Meeting with BFC re Pitch maintenance. Clerk to arrange

Emergency Service response – Cllr Rogers to draft letter

Gullies along Broadbush – Cllr Bishop to follow up.

Signage for Match Day and Dog Fouling to be investigated/designed

Key Messages – Clerk to post on Facebook and BLOG