Minutes of the Twenty Second Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 1st April 2019 at 7.30pm at Blunsdon Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Boyd, (Chair) Ainscow, Compton, Morris, Selwood & Rogers

Apologies: Cllrs Jankinson, Collingwood, Keates, & Tayler

251. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

252. MINUTES OF THE TWENTY FIRST ORDINARY MEETING

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

a true record.

253. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES 18th 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 15th April meeting.*
3. Allotments – lettings now complete for 8 plots. Final Plot proving difficult to let because of location.
4. Parking at Recreation Ground – Flyer produced for residents. *Cllr Ainscow to deliver*
5. Widhill Lane –Email to HE and CJ sent, no response to date. *Clerk to chase*
6. Dog Fouling – PC investigating Byelaws. With SBC
7. Help wanted area to be added to Web, Clerk has contacted provider.
8. PC to take back Garden opposite Cold Harbour. *Cllr Boyd to check date of transfer.*
9. Recreation Ground – *Pitch Maintenance meeting needed, Clerk to arrange*
10. Emergency Service response times – c/f *Cllr Rogers drafting letter*
11. Signage for match days and dog fouling – format and content to be agreed, purchased and installed.

254. PLANNING DECISIONS ADVISED BY SWINDON

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

Outbuildings and erection of 5no. dwellings and associated works – access and layout not

Reserved.

At: Lindseys Yard Turnpike Road Blunsdon SN26 7AE

**Planning Permission Granted with Conditions**

S/LBC/18/0549 – Replacement front dormer windows

At: Larges House, Front Lane Blunsdon SN26 7BJ

**Application Withdrawn**

HGV Licence Application for Operating Centre at Groundwell Distribution Centre, 30 vehicles and 60 trailers.

S/OUT/19/2018 – Ringstones 1 Kingsdown Lane. Advice from Planning Officer that no grounds to reject and no defence at appeal. PC agreed to maintain objection and for Planning Committee to hear the application.

S/17/0528 – Holdcroft. Planning Officer guidance re Footpath. The matter is a Highways issue and the developer can request permission to develop/tarmac footpaths even if they have no right of way. However, they would need resident`s approval. In respect of the lampposts, the developers would need agreement of all Landowners to install on resident`s side of lane.

*PC to contact Hills re expectation to liaise and consult residents.*

255. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED FOR COMMENT

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

At: Land South of B4019 Broad Bush Blunsdon Swindon

This application was deferred from 18th March. Meeting was held with Agent and Landowner

when explanation of the application and changes were provided. Cllr Boyd updated the PC in

relation to this meeting and a discussion then took place.

**The PC agreed to object for the following reasons:**

**Same reasons for refusal by SBC as before. In area of non-coalescence, outside settlement boundary, outside defined village ‘envelope’ in conflict with SBCLP2026 which sets out to keep Village separate from the proposed urban extension Kingsdown NC5. There is a need to ensure that development takes place in a manner that does not adversely affect the adjacent context character. Need to maintain the countryside feel of the Village.Access/Egress directly opposite Hills site for 54 dwellings.**

**Design and Access Statement**

**NPPF 91, there is no ‘clear and legible’ pedestrian/cycle access nor communal space to promote ‘community cohesion’. No access/egress from this site can be seen as safe.**

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

At: 38 Loveridge Close Swindon SN2 7UD

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

256. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A Development Brief has been prepared for 3 selected sites. One site has now made Planning

Application for 42no. dwellings. Consultation of draft plan is scheduled for June/July 2019.

257. PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AUDIT

Cllr Selwood explained the Public Open Space Audit and the review of the Settlement

Boundary. The PC agreed in principle to assist SBC with this task which need to be

Completed by 17th May 2019. *Cllr Selwood to circulate Template. Clerk to add to next Agenda when Cllrs will bring forward any areas to be added.*

258. ALLOTMENTS

Clerk reported that 2 allotments previously agreed for rental have not been completed and

therefore, the offer would need to be withdrawn. Plot 5 remains unlet because of its position.

There are now only 3 people on list all of who want Newland site when transferred.

259. WAGES REVIEW

There had been a misunderstanding, on 18th February, of NALC policy and the Chairman`s

proposal was not considered in his absence. The proposal was the NALC policy should be

followed and both Clerk and RFO be moved to next SCP. This is in line with policies and

actions of neighbouring parishes and reflects increased responsibilities/workload since last

review.

Clerk reported that during Annual Review the PC employed Groundsman had requested

the purchase of various equipment as he currently uses his own. PC agreed to investigate

request and discuss in detail at next meeting. *Clerk to add to Agenda.*

260. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED TO 1st APRIL 2019

1. SBC Members Bulletin 960 & 961 emailed to PC
2. Local Councils Update 227
3. Email from resident with suggestions for traffic calming – Clerk response that it would be considered when other measures are out for consultation.
4. Email from resident re cars parked at SR Motors – Clerk emailed SR motors and responded to resident.
5. Emails from 2 residents re Parish Vacancy – information supplied.
6. Email from SBC re volunteering – PC agreed Footpath clearance. *Clerk to respond*
7. Email from resident re Footpath 23 and PROW at Beech Lea.
8. Note from resident re new bridge over footpath near Grains Farm – *Clerk to contact MF*

261. COMMITTEE REPORTS

WALC – Meeting on 21st March 2019 letter was drafted, legally checked and sent to SBC

CX re activities under Parish Charter. CX responded that she would investigate and resolve

matters of communication and meetings.

262. PARISH MATTERS

Cllr Rogers reported his concerns about speeding along Broadbush, his observation was that

90% of traffic exceeded the 30mph limit.

Cllr Compton reported that he had found an old photo of Widhill Lane, pre-Hills development.

Clerk reported that the GM contractor had experienced issues with litter bins as household waste had been deposited in bins. *PC agreed this as Key Message*

Clerk reported that there was a new PCSO and that an email had been sent requesting a regular liaison meeting – to date no response.

263. KEY MESSAGES

No Household Waste in Parish litter bins

Reminder of entry to BKV.

264. SUMMONS TO ATTEND NEXT MEETING

Cllrs were summoned to attend the next meeting on Monday 15th 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, 15th April 2019

**Summary of Action**

Churchyard trees – review when trees in leaf

Recreation Ground – meeting required re pitch maintenance

Flyer to Sutton Park residents – Cllr Ainscow to deliver

Widhill/Hills boundary – Clerk to chase HE & CJ

Allotments – clerk to withdraw offer

Dog Fouling – Clerk to investigate Bylaws with SBC

Web Page – Help Wanted Area, with WEB provider

Garden at Cold Harbour – PC to take back up keep. Cllr Boyd to check date

Emergency Service response – Cllr Rogers to draft letter

Signage for Match Day and Dog Fouling – format and design to be agreed

PC to contact Hills re Footpath 23

POS Audit – Cllr Selwood to circulate, all to consider.

Groundsman equipment – Agenda item for 15th April

SBC Volunteering – Clerk to contact SBC

Bridge over footpath – Clerk to contact SBC

Key Messages – Clerk to post on Facebook and BLOG