Minutes of the First Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 7th May 2019 7.30pm at Blunsdon Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Jankinson, Ainscow, Compton, Morris, Selwood and Tayler

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Nominations for the position of Chairman were invited. Cllr Ainscow proposed Cllr Jankinson, this was seconded by Cllr Tayler. No other nominations were made. Voting was unanimous.

Cllr Jankinson elected as Chairman.

2. ELECTION OF VICE – CHAIRMAN

Nominations for the position of Vice Chairman were invited. Cllr Jankinson proposed Cllr Boyd, this was seconded by Cllr Selwood. No other nominations were made. Voting was unanimous

Cllr Boyd elected as Vice Chairman.

3. DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Forms were provided and signed by Chairman, Vice Chairman was absent and nominated and elected in his absence. Form to be signed on return.

Cllr Morris announced his resignation from Blunsdon PC, he is to be co opted to St Andrews. Cllr Morris to provide resignation in writing. Cllr Jankinson thanked him for all his hard work and wished him well in his new position and requested that the necessary advertisement for arsing vacancy was dealt with immediately.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Collingwood & Boyd

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

The meeting was taken into Recess. Cllr Jankinson explained to the prospective Parish Cllrs that the matter would be deferred until 3rd June meeting, to allow the due process to be completed as a result of Cllr Morris resignation.

6. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS/REPS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

a) Planning – Cllr Jankinson, Cllr Boyd, Cllr Tayler & Cllr Keates

b) BVH, Methodist Hall & Cemetery – Cllr Keates, Cllr Boyd & Cllr Compton

c) Recreation Ground, Open Space & Allotments – Cllr Ainscow & Cllr Selwood

d) Governance & Staffing – Cllr Collingwood

e) Transport & Highways – Cllr Rogers

f) Footpaths & Rights of Way – Cllr Selwood & Cllr Ainscow

g) Communications – Cllr Boyd

h) Education – Cllr Jankinson

i) Finance – Cllr Jankinson, Cllr Boyd & Cllr Selwood

j) Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Jankinson, Cllr Boyd & Cllr Keates

k) Community Safety Partnership – Cllr Selwood\*\*

l) Wilts Assoc of Local Councils (Swindon Area Committee) – Cllr Compton & Cllr Jankinson

m) Wilts Assoc of Local Councils – none

\*\* Cllr Selwood agreed to attend first meeting on 15th May at 2pm, to be reviewed thereafter.

7. STANDING ORDERS

Cllr Boyd to review and amend where appropriate/necessary.

8. MINUTES FROM THE TWENTY THIRD ORDINARY MEETING

Proposed by Cllr Compton, seconded by Cllr Tayler, all agreed they be accepted as a true record.

9. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Recreation Ground – quote for pitch maintenance outstanding and removal of bags. *Clerk to chase*

b) Widhill/Hills Boundary, no response from HE or CJ – *Chair to raise with RA at next meeting.*

c) Allotments – payment for one Plot outstanding. RFO has sent final reminder. Plot 5 has proved

difficult to let, PC agreed to offer to current allotment holders for half price. *Clerk to action*

d) Dog Fouling – signage for Rec agreed. SBC not responded to requests for assistance. PC agreed

to source themselves. *Clerk to action.*

e) Web Page in progress for Help Wanted Area – cost £180 to £200. PC agreed.

f) Garden at Cold Harbour – PC responsible from 01 Jan 2020, needs attention now. *Cllr Boyd to*

*action with Garden Club.*

g) Emergency Service Response – c/f *Cllr Rogers to draft*

h) POS Audit – PC agreed no resources to complete this for SBC. *Clerk to advise SBC*

i) BVH Car Park weeds need further attention, following spraying. *Clerk to follow up.*

j) Community Clean Up – scheduled for 12th May at 1pm

10. FINANCE

a) Annual Audit – Annual Governance Statement. The Chair went through this with PC. The PC resolved to approve, and it was signed accordingly.

b) Annual Audit – Accounting Statements. The Chair went through these with PC. The PC resolved to approve, and it was signed accordingly.

c) RFO reported that the first instalment of CTax payment had been received from SBC and that a CIL payment of £27197.16 has been receipted.

d) RFO requested that if any payments needed to be made before the next meeting, Cllr Boyd could sign/authorise. PC agreed.

e) Cllr Jankinson recommended that the PC approve the purchase of a laptop for the RFO, approx cost of £450.00. PC agreed purchase.

f) Cllr Compton proposed, and all agreed Payments numbered 13 to 24 totaling £ 46,788.11 and receipts numbered 15 to 30 totaling £70,088.16

11. PLANNING DECISIONS ADVISED BY SWINDON

S/OUT/19/0313 – Outline application for an extension to existing Co-Op store.

At: Co-oP Stores Hyde Road Upper Stratton Swindon SN2 7SE

**Planning Permission Granted with Conditions**

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

At: 38 Loveridge Close Upper Stratton Swindon SN2 7UD

**Planning Permission Granted with Conditions**

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED FOR COMMENT

S/HOU/19/0570 - Erection of detached garage.

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

**PC agreed to object as the proposal is the same size as that previously refused as too large and**

**too prominent for the site.**

S/HOU/19/0585 – Erection of a two storey rear extension and detached garage.

At: 93 Ermin Street Blunsdon SN26 8AA

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

S/HOU/19/0678 – Erection of a single storey detached annexe and associated works. (Amendment

to permission S/HOU/18/0268)

At: Land to rear of 1 The Copse Blunsdon SN26 7BW

**PC agreed to object:** Closer to the Chapel than previous application, roof lights suggest upper floor construction – condition 5 of previous permission prevents this, taller building and greater impact. Does not protect setting of Chapel DE1/EN10 and NPPF. Not proportional to size and function, now overbearing, large scale and massing.

S/HOU/19/0617 – Erection of single storey side extension

At: 24 Malthouse Close Blunsdon SN26 7BG

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

S/OUT/19/0467 – Outline application for the erection of up to 80no. dwellings – Access not

reserved.

At: Land East of Turnpike Road Blunsdon

**PC agreed to object:**

The relevant policies are:

* DE1 (High Quality Design);
* SD1 (Sustainable Development Principles);
* SD2 (The Sustainable Development Strategy); ‘at the other villages in the Borough, proportional to their size and function, development will be supported within the rural settlement boundaries as shown on the Policies map, or on land allocated in a Neighbourhood Plan or Site Allocations DPD as detailed in Policy LN1 where it delivers (at least) the quantum of development identified in the Plan and responds positively to address local needs; development proposals in rural and countryside locations outside the rural settlement boundaries as shown on the Policies Map will be permitted where: ·
  + local needs have been identified and allocated through a Neighbourhood Plan or Neighbourhood Development Order; · and/or
  + it supports the expansion of tourist and visitor facilities in appropriate locations where identified needs are not met by existing facilities in a rural service centre; or ·
  + it is in accordance with other policies in this Plan permitting specific development in the countryside.
* SD3 – Delivery impact and health impact not considered
* TR1 (Sustainable Transport Networks); see below
* TR2 (Transport and Development); see below
* IN1 (Infrastructure Provision); there is no provision of infrastructure in an area where there is a disastrous LACK of infrastructure to cope with existing development and with already consented 286 additional dwellings plus 1650 from NC5
* EN5 (Landscape Character and Historical Landscape); no reference to potential archaeological sites
* EN10 (Heritage Environment & Heritage Assets) – see below

1.3.6 Desk Study no onsite investigation apart from bore holes – does not mention NCA 109 Mid Vale Ridge.

* No archaeological study done in a sensitive area – tests done for A419 found Iron Age Roman and Medieval relics close to proposed site
* High risk of ground water flooding – no suds plan – LLFA recommends refusal
* Traffic Statement has used Sams Lane data, but 4.3 uses ‘Rural Minor’ growth factors in calculations but urban extension movements (1650 dwellings) will be included so will not be ‘Rural Minor’ but Urban Major!
* Calculations based on 2011 Census data for traffic movement
  + Village was 613 dwellings
  + 30% of residents were over 60 (Swindon 19%) and 31.5% not in employment these proportions have changed significantly and demonstrated by Turnpike junction being ‘over capacity’ at am and pm peaks
* Impact on rural lane turnpike with 2 listed buildings
* Conjoined with traffic from NC5
* New developments for 10+ dwellings on Kingsdown Lane not taken into consideration

Site is located outside of a settlement boundary. Site has a number of TPO protected trees along the northern and eastern boundary, and a listed building (Milestone) along the south western boundary of the site also close to ‘The Old School’ GII listed. Site is in the Mid Vale Ridge NCA and LCA. Grade 3a agricultural land. Site may be contaminated due to historic land use. Site currently lacks access on foot or by bus to services and facilities. The western boundary is bound by multiple properties which front onto Turnpike Road and back onto the site. In most circumstances the rear gardens back onto the site creating a sensitive boundary and a massive impact on residents in terms of loss of amenity

Plans and design are based on Urban Design principles in the rural area of Blunsdon.

BENP now out for REG 14 Consultation so carries material weight. Development is in an area of proposed non-coalescence.

Locally important asset (Coldharbour Pub) surrounded by development

Sustainable Development

Initially there is no amenity or core services provided within the development for its residents considering the poor local core services – means a car ride to support sustainable living within the development

13. NHP UPDATE

Regulation 14 consultation now under way for six weeks. There is a consultation evening on 8th

May 4pm to 9pm at BVH. Cllr Jankinson requested that Parish Cllrs go along to support.

14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Feedback from APA – Cllr Jankinson reported that the meeting was well attended and went well.

The presentation on Safety and Crime presented by Inspector Bridge was well received and

very informative. The Ward Cllrs were not in attendance because of Purdah.

Suggestion for the Open Space to form a Gateway were received, further to this a suggestion for a

Pocket Park, which may be eligible for a Government Grant, was made. The location of this site

can be found in the Draft NHP Appendix J, plan of developments, space shown in red. *Cllr Boyd*

*to place article in Magazine asking for further suggestions for use.*

15. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED TO 7TH MAY 2019

1. SBC Members Bulletin 964, 965 & 966 emailed to PC
2. LCR Magazine – Spring 2019
3. Clerks and Councils Direct - issue 123
4. Local Councils Update - issue 228
5. Email re Spring Clean – 12th May 1pm
6. Email from resident re traffic on Turnpike Road – Clerk responded re plans in progress
7. Email from resident declining offer to be considered for co option.

16. PARISH MATTERS

Clerk requested approval and signature for Burial Certificate. Certificate approved Plot 181N.

Cllr Ainscow reported that the bags of soil at REC still had not been removed. *Clerk to chase*

Cllr Ainscow reported that the Planters in Sams Lane needed attention. Cllr Boyd to speak with

Garden Club.

Cllr Morris expressed his thanks for the help and support he received during his time as PCllr.

He wished the PC success in their endeavours and wished the prospective Cllrs “good luck”.

Cllr Jankinson reported that he had written to SBC about the lack of progress on the MUGA

Project, requesting an urgent update and querying the need for a new Project Manager. Cllr

Jankinson to send project details to Cllr Selwood for review.

Cllr Jankinson raised the issue of a Village Fete. Article for Magazine asking for further volunteers

(we have three) to form a Committee to arrange a Fete in Summer 2020.

17. KEY MESSAGES

Village Fete – volunteers for committee

Allotment Waiting List – Newland Plots.

18. SUMMONS TO ATTEND NEXT MEETING

Cllrs were summoned to attend the next meeting: Monday 3rd June 2019 7.30pm, at Blunsdon

Village Hall.

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

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Chairman, 3rd June 2019

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

Recreation Ground – clerk to chase quote for pitch maintenance

Widhill/Hills boundary – Chair to raise with R. Adams

Allotments – Plot 5 to be offered half price. Email re tidying plots. Plot 6 offer to be cancelled.

Dog Fouling – Signs for rec to be sourced

Web Page – Help Wanted Area, work in progress cost £180 to £200

Garden at Cold Harbour – Cllr Boyd to request action from Garden Club

Emergency Service response – Cllr Rogers to draft letter c/f

PC to contact Hills re Footpath 23 – response received

POS Audit – PC agreed not to progress. Clerk to inform SBC

Bags to be removed from Rec – Clerk to contact GM

Planters at Sams Lane – Cllr Boyd to contact GC

Clearing of weeds etc at BVH Car Park – Clerk to notify Caretaker following spraying

Cllrs Selwood & Boyd to attend Air tattoo planning meeting on 23rd May 2019

Cllr Jankinson to send Cllr Selwood MUGA project plan

Community clean up – arranged for 12th May at 1pm

Magazine article re POS and Volunteers for Fete – Cllr Boyd

Key Messages – Clerk to post on Facebook and BLOG