Minutes of the Seventh Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 19th August 2019 7.30pm at Blunsdon Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Jankinson, Boyd, Compton, Doell, Nash, Rogers, Selwood & Tayler.

89. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Ainscow, Collingwood and Keates.

90. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

91. MINUTES FROM THE SIXTH ORDINARY MEETING

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

92. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Recreation Ground overhanging trees and weed removal – to be raised with GM contractor at

September meeting.

b) Widhill/Hills Boundary – awaiting feedback from HE.

c) Allotments – Plot 6 notice given and agreement ended; new tenant in place and fee paid.

d) Emergency Service Response – Cllr Rogers had received response from HE (min 98).

e) MUGA – Cllr Jankinson reported on emails with Steve Jorden: action to be taken and plans now

awaited from Russell Weymouth and David James; Steve Jorden would contact Sarah Screen

regarding S106 funds of £100,000 for Ermin Street works which would not be paid until TGV

haul road upgraded; he would chase up Russell Weymouth regarding Ermin Street landscaping

using £250,000 S106 money.

f) Linden Homes – Cllr Jankinson had emailed Rachael Adams: posts were re-positioned but not

correctly, resurfacing of path to be carried out up to High Street. Vehicle parked on grass verge

preventing grass cutting – PC note to be placed under windscreen.

h) Financial Orders and Finance Committee documents – *Cllr Jankinson still to circulate.*

i) A419 exits – Cllr Jankinson to arrange drone pictures in September.

j) Quote to removed hedge/shrubs at Sams Lane/Churchill Avenue – GM contractor instructed.

k) Litter at Hyde Road and need for new bin - *Clerk to raise with Contractor at September meeting.*

l) School Hedge – Cllr Jankinson had raised with Chair of Governors and action to be taken asap.

m) Cllr Bishop – B4019 issues, Turnpike Road parking enforcement, update awaited.

n) The Mount – photographs awaited from Cllr Collingwood.

93. FINANCE

Cllr Compton proposed, Cllr Doell seconded, all agreed, that payments totalling £22,7669.31,

receipts 61 – 79 totalling £1745.25 and transfer of £20,000, be approved.

1. External Audit – RFO reported that audit had been completed and report issued: Risk Assessment review not carried out during financial year but since completed; recording of out of date cheque amended.
2. Parish Councillor and Chairman allowances – Cllrs agreed to defer discussions until November budget meeting.

94. PLANNING DECISIONS ADVISED BY SWINDON

S/RES/18/1851: Erection of 37 dwellings with provision of parking, landscaping and associated

works. Reserved matters application following S/OUT/16/2034

At: Land south of High Street, Blunsdon.

**Planning Permission Granted with conditions.**

95. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED FOR COMMENT

S/19/1144 – Erection of one dwelling and associated works

At: 15 Ermin Street, Blunsdon SN26 8AA

**PC agreed to object as proposal was backland development contrary to Swindon Residential Design Guide with amenity space smaller than host dwelling; it would create over intensification of the site; Officer’s Pre-App advice stated location was in Urban Area however as within Blunsdon village it would not satisfy Policy SD2; plans were inaccurate as Design and Access Statement referred to cycle and bin storage but plans indicated only an “area” for this****, not a structure.**

S/19/1085 – Erection of one dwelling, detached garage and associated works (without compliance

with condition 2 of permission S/18/1159 relating to drawing numbers).

At: Land at 116 High Street, Blunsdon, SN26 7AB

**PC agreed to raise no objections.**

S/19/1190 - Change of use from Class A1 (retail) to Class D2 (gymnasium)

At: Co-op Convenience Store, Hyde Road, Upper Stratton, SN2 7SE

**PC agreed to support however were concerned at loss of amenities, such as local food and provisions store, cash machine and parcel collection point.**

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

S/HOU/18/0855, Down Elms House - notification of non-material amendment.

Stanton Fitzwarren – proposed solar farm – PC agreed not to comment.

Community Development proposed by Upton Construction – PC agreed to include in next Village Magazine; not all residents had received leaflet.

Local Plan Review – Meeting with Phil Smith and SBCllr Sumner at Village Hall on Tuesday 27th September at 6.30pm.

96. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Cllr Jankinson reported that all modifications were completed and were now with the SBC design team to prepare a document; it would then go to Phil Smith to ensure it met the “basic conditions”; this would be follow by a six week period for public consultation, during that period an inspector would be appointed who would consider any public comments, review the draft, and check it for legality and soundness.

97. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED TO 19th AUGUST 2019

1. SBC Members Bulletin 980, emailed to Cllrs.
2. WALC Newsletter August 2019 – circulated by email.
3. Email from resident – business activity and tree works at The Old Rectory *(Clerk to follow up on trees).*
4. Email from resident - need for VAS sign on Ermin Street *(RFO to look into costs of solar sign).*
5. Email from resident – objection to 20mph limit.
6. Email from resident – leaflet from Upton Construction Development.

98. COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Recreation Areas** – Cllr Selwood raised issues on behalf of Cllr Ainscow: car parked on grass

verge in Sutton Park during match – had PC decided on use of sandwich boards warning against

parking on verges etc? a couple of hazardous holes in Rec Ground; dog fouling of Ground.

PC agreed not to use temporary signs (due to health and safety issues, who would be

responsible for erecting, removing and storing) but RFO to obtain quote for permanent signs on

Sams Lane directing drivers to parking area next to tennis courts; GM contractor to be asked to

fill holes; reminder in next Village Magazine regarding clearing up after dog fouling.

**Traffic/Transport** - Cllr Rogers reported that HE had replied to him on 12th August quoting

information from their own report of March; several points by PC had not been addressed;

his reference to 30% traffic increase had been questioned though this was HE’s own figures;

HE’s traffic measuring points were between M4 junction and Commonhead, and Cricklade, not

on the most congested stretch of the A419 around Blunsdon. Cllr Rogers would look into their

modelling and respond. He had considered the Eastern Villages road proposals and felt

Commonhead roundabout would be unlikely to cope, bridge to be installed after 2021.

99. PARISH MATTERS

Cllr Jankinson reported fallen tree from School grounds over into Recreation Ground. GM

contractor had dealt with and invoice to be passed to School for payment.

Cllr Jankinson reported problem at Linley Road play area where some areas of the wet pour safety surface had come away from the edging. Clerk to contact Ministry of Play.

Cllr Jankinson reported positive Village Fete meeting with six ladies already having made a start on plans. RFO to contact Scout Group re possibility of loan of marquees/large tents. Clerk to look into insurance and licencing matters.

Cllr Compton had received complaint about BBQ remains and large bag of dog waste left in field by footbridge off Widhill Lane. He had noted Police presence in the Lane.

Cllr Compton reported developer interest in property at end of Widhill Lane.

Cllr Rogers reported sheep straying onto B4019 on several occasions.

100. KEY MESSAGES

Review of Local Plan.

Ermin Street works progressing.

101. SUMMONS TO ATTEND NEXT MEETING

Cllrs were summoned to attend the next meeting: Monday 2nd September 2019 7.30pm, at Blunsdon Village Hall.

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

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Chairman, 2nd September 2019

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

Recreation Ground – Quotes for overhanging trees, weed, and holes in pitches to be addressed at Sept meeting.

Widhill/Hills boundary – Awaiting feedback from HE

MUGA – Works to update plan and costings underway, meeting mid sept.

Linden Homes posts – Enforcement notice to be placed on windscreen

Finance Committee and Orders – Cllr J to circulate

A419 exits – Cllr J to arrange photos to be done in sept

Litter at Hyde Road – Potential new bin on footpath – sept GM meeting

School Hedge – School to arrange ASAP

Local Plan – meeting with SBC to be arranged

Cllr Bishop – weeds, sweeping and overhanging branches on B4019 also enforcement of parking

on Turnpike junction.

The Mount road surface – Cllr Collingwood to supply photos

Cllr Allowances – Nov Finance meeting

Trees overhanging old rectory – Clerk to contact Tree Surgeon

VAS – RFO to look at costings

Dog fouling – article in BV Magazine

Tree removed from REC – Invoice to be sent to school

Linley Road – Ministry of Play instructed to repair wet pour

Licensing and Insurance for Fete – Clerk to investigate

Key Messages – Clerk to post on Facebook and BLOG