Minutes of the Tenth Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 7th October 2019 7.30pm at Blunsdon Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Ainscow, Boyd (Chair), Collingwood, Compton, Keates, Rogers, Selwood & Tayler.

SBC Cllr Bishop

128. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Jankinson, Doell & Nash

129. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

Recess – A member of the public addressed the PC about the area of Non coalesence in Blunsdon.

The Chair explained that this is in effect a buffer to protect the boundaries of the Village.

However, because of the lack of five year housing land supply none of SBC Planning Policies

can be relied upon. Therefore, these areas cannot necessarily be protected from development.

Cllr Bishop was asked for his view, he declined to comment.

130. MINUTES FROM THE NINTH ORDINARY MEETING

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

131. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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

b) MUGA – Meeting with SBC held. Detailed costed options within 6 weeks. Target to submit

Planning Application before Xmas 2019.

c) A419 exits – Cllr Jankinson to arrange drone pictures meeting with Photographer arranged.

d) Litter at Hyde Road – new bin supplied and sited.

e) School Hedge – sides have been trimmed, works still need on top of hedge. School notified.

f) Cllr Bishop – B4019 some weed killing has been done. Overhanging trees obscuring the

highway still outstanding. *Cllr Bishop to chase*

1. Trees at Old Rectory and Cemetery - quote approved. *Clerk to arrange quotes for Tree Safety Report/Survey.*
2. Local Plan Review – PC response submitted by Cllr Jankinson. Information day on 19th October to be arranged.
3. Recreation Ground signage – Wording and locations agreed. *Signs to be erected w/b 7th Oct 2019.*
4. Banking arrangements for VF Committee. *Clerk to list on next Agenda.*
5. Road Names for Holdcroft – see Item 9 on Agenda

132. PLANNING DECISIONS ADVISED BY SWINDON

S/19/1144 – Erection of 1no. dwelling and associated works

At: 15 Ermin Street Blunsdon SN26 8AA

**Planning Permission Refused**

S/TWC/19/1395/LAND – Works to trees in Conservation Area

At: The Retreat 45 High Street Blunsdon

**Tree Works approved**

S/19/1085 – Erection of 1no. dwelling, detached garage and associated works

At: Land at 116 High Street Blunsdon SN26 7AB

**Planning Permission Granted**

S/19/1910 – Erection of a single storey extension to facilitate spa pool, sauna and steam room

together with associated plant room.

At: Blunsdon House Hotel The Ridge Blunsdon SN26 7AS

**Planning Permission Granted**

133. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED FOR COMMENT

S/HOU/19/1352 - Extensions to and increase of height of roof and single storey rear extension. At: 113 Ermin Street, Blunsdon Swindon SN26 8AA

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

S/HOU/19/1385 - Erection of a two-storey side extension.

At: 11 Jupiter Close, Swindon SN26 8AH

**PC agreed to object as means of access not shown. Access must be from existing dwelling and the two current parking spaces must be maintained.**

**The street scene would be adversely affected as the extension would mean dwelling not in keeping with surrounding properties.**

**The PC also support the resident comment about not accessing this location from Widhill Lane, which is a private road.**

S/19/1323 - Re: Erection of single storey building to provide storage for grounds maintenance equipment. S/19/0199 **application withdrawn.**

At: Blunsdon House Hotel, The Ridge Blunsdon Swindon SN26 7AS

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

S/HOU/19/1433 - Re: Erection of first floor single storey side/rear extension with balcony.

At: 3 The Copse, Blunsdon Swindon SN26 7BW

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

S/PIP/19/1356 & S/PIP/19/1357 – Planning permission in principle Kingsdown Lane.

The PC object to this in principle application as they are concerned about the overall long term aspirations for this site. This application does not acknowledge the current use of the site which is at odds with the prevailing Planning Approval and S/17/0360 remains undetermined.

It is therefore not clear whether all or part of this site will remain as is the current operation – paint shop, or if it would be wholly residential.

The PC has objected to a number of applications in this location for the following reasons:

* Access to the location via a narrow lane
* Drainage issues leading to ditches flooding
* Flooding issues, run off and effects on Bydemill Brook
* No improved infrastructure - road network and Cold Harbour Junction inadequate

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

The PC has responded to a Confidential Pre App submitted to SBC.

Local Plan Information Day – The PC agreed that this would only go ahead if SBC Officers

were in attendance to answer questions. *Cllr Jankinson liaising with Phil Smith.*

134. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Draft Submission now with SBC. Copy in PC Office for inspection by residents.

Referendum planned for March 2020. Final approval – target April 2020

135. TRAFFIC CALMING – BROADBUSH

Meeting arranged with SBC Officer for 29th October 2019

Cllr Selwood reported that Speed monitoring on Broadbush was imminent.

At next Safety Partnership meeting Cllr Selwood will check with Police if new Speedwatch

Cameras that record data are acceptable/approved.

136. STREET NAMING S/17/0528 HOLDCROFT

The PC approved a Blacksmith related theme for this site as there was formerly a Blacksmith on

High Street. *Clerk to notify SBC*

Other themes to be kept for future use were historic Reverends and Public Houses

137. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED TO 7th OCTOBER 2019

1. SBC Members Bulletin – 986, 987 & 988 emailed to Cllrs.
2. Local Councils Update – 233 Oct 2019
3. Letter from resident – hedgerow Ivy Lane. *Clerk to contact Oxleaze Farm.*
4. Email from resident re litter bins – *Clerk to notify no additional bin as would encourage more use for household waste*
5. Email from resident re Notice on Allotment – PC to decide if refund of balance of year.

**PC agreed no refund as ongoing maintenance until re let. Clerk to update Agreement document.**

1. Email from resident – volunteer clean up group. *Clerk to notify about Litter Picks*
2. Email from resident – padlock on side gate at Methodist Church
3. Email SBC Waste Team – changes to collection day Blunsdon

138**.** COMMITTEE REPORTS

BVH – has leaking roof that requires repair. PC asked for additional quote to be obtained as

current quote was over £3000. *RFO to obtain quote*

Rec Ground -Minor leak Pavilion roof. Quote for repair approx. £300. PC approved quote for works.

WALC – Cllr Compton to continue as Chair and representative on Standards Board.

139. PARISH MATTERS

Cllr Selwood reported that we had a quote to resurface grassed area at Car Park on Ermin

Street - £2500. PC agreed additional quote from Kingsdown Garden Centre. *Cllr Selwood to*

*draft spec, Clerk to obtain quote.*

Cllr Selwood reported that the hedges in Hyde Road needed trimming. PC and GM contractor

considered these to be SBC works as they are on Highway. Contract shows dark blue, hedges

transferred to PC. PC agreed urgent work required, GM contractor will do works at cost.

PC agreed limit of £500. *Clerk to arrange works, report to Chair if not within budget.*

Cllr Tayler reported a Fly Tip at Kingsdown Lane. *Clerk reported to SBC*

Cllr Compton reported that a resident on Ermin Street was unhappy that the crossing was too

close to the entrance to his property. *Cllr Boyd made an inspection and could see no issues.*

Cllr Compton reported that cars on Ermin Street were parking near/on traffic calming.

Cllr Rogers reported that the gullies along Broadbush needed clearing. Cllr Bishop confirmed

he had a job number for this work.

Cllr Ainscow requested that PC consider works to widen road/reduce verge at Sutton Park.

PC agreed this should be added to CIL priority list. *Clerk to update list.*

Cllr Ainscow enquired about GP Surgery at Berton Close and reported parking issues.

PC confirmed that new surgery facilities had been offered by developers and that the Practice

was not interested in moving or expanding.

Cllr Ainscow requested that verges that edge pavements receive better trimming/weeding.

*Clerk to raise at next GM Meeting*

140. KEY MESSAGES

Copy of Draft NHP at PC Office for viewing.

141. SUMMONS TO ATTEND NEXT MEETING

Cllrs were summoned to attend the next meeting: Monday 21st October 2019 7.30pm, at Blunsdon Village Hall.

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

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Chairman, 21st October 2019

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

Widhill/Hills boundary – Awaiting feedback from HE

MUGA – Costings due by end Oct. Plan app before Xmas

A419 exits – Cllr J meeting arranged

School Hedge – sides trimmed, top needs more work

Cllr Bishop – weeds, sweeping and overhanging branches on B4019

Trees overhanging old rectory – one quote received awaiting another

Tree Safety Survey - quote to be obtained

Local Plan – Public Meeting 19th Oct 2019, only if SBC attend

Rec signs – to be erected w/b 7th Oct

RFO to check with CoOp re bank account for VFC – Agenda for 21st Oct

Road names – Clerk to submit to SBC

Roadsweeper for High Street – Cllr Bishop to chase

Hedgerow Ivy Lane – Clerk to contact Oxleaze farm

Residents Corres – Clerk to respond as detailed

BVH roof – RFO to obtain further quote

Ermin Street grass at Car Park – quote to be obtained for resurface

Hyde Road – Clerk to arrange with GM Contractor

CIL Priorities – Clerk to update list with Sutton Park

Verges – trimming and weeding. Clerk to raise at next GM meeting

Key Messages – Clerk to post on Facebook and BLOG