Minutes of the Eleventh Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 21st October 2019 7.30pm at Blunsdon Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Jankinson (Chair) Ainscow, Boyd, Collingwood, Compton, Doell, Nash, Selwood & Tayler.

SBC Cllr Bishop

142. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Keates & Rogers

143. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Tayler declared an interest in Planning Application S/19/1490 Land at Eden Field, Kingsdown

Lane, Blunsdon.

Recess – Chris Beaver from Planning Sphere addressed the PC about the development at Hill

Cottage site Blunsdon. Backhouse Housing now own the site and are working on a Reserved

Matters application for 90 dwellings which they hope to submit in December.

The PC raised concerns about access to the site from a 60mph part of Blunsdon Hill and the fact

that there is no walkable or cyclable route from this site to the schools on TGV. Backhouse agreed

to investigate these matters as part of their application.

The PC also raised the issue of public support for a BMX type track.

144. MINUTES FROM THE TENTH ORDINARY MEETING

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

145. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Widhill/Hills Boundary – HE has supplied details of new Case Manager. PC awaiting an update

from him.

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

Planning Application before Xmas 2019. C/F

c. A419 exits – Work underway by photographer to compile portfolio of shots.

d. 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 – awaiting quote for tree safety report. *Clerk to chase.*
2. Local Plan Review – PC response on Website, Facebook notice to direct residents.
3. Recreation Ground signage – Additional sign agreed for first Sutton Park junction. *RFO to obtain quote.*
4. Access to Recreation Ground – *PC to investigate access from Broadbush at meeting with SBC on 29th October.*
5. Blunsdon FC – *Clerk to check on back to back matches*
6. Banking arrangements for VF Committee – Metro Community Account to be opened by VF Committee.
7. Hedgerow at Ivy Lane – *Clerk to contact resident of Oxleaze Farm*
8. BVH Roof – further quotes requested, none received to date. *RFO to chase*
9. Ermin Street grassed area by Car Park – further quotes to be obtained, spec and pro forma

ready for use. *Clerk to obtain quote.*

1. Hyde Road – works complete. GM Contractor did good and timely job.
2. Verges – trimming and weeding. *Clerk to add to November GM Agenda.*

144. FINANCE

a. VF Committee advised of requirements for Community Bank Account.

b. NHP – a budget of £4000 was agreed by PC 5 years ago. Unfortunately, this has not been

reviewed since that time. The work to produce the NHP has incurred £8375 over the last

3 years. PC accepted that more work was to be done and approved a budget of £10000 for

NHP works.

c. Parish Offer – SBC have written to Parishes asking if they have any Traffic Management

POS works that they would like delivered. PC discussed this and agreed that Recreation

Ground Car Park and Tree Maintenance should be listed. *Clerk to feedback to SBC*

d. RFO reported that the second half of the Precept had been receipted and that the grant

from War Memorial Trust had been received.

e. Payments for the PC Data Protection Licence had been made and for the annual Play Area

Inspections.

f. RFO reported that Castle Water had finally agreed to replace the water meter.

g. Cllr Compton proposed, Cllr Doell seconded, all agreed, that payments totalling £37744.97

and receipts 91 – 118 totalling £55596.49 be approved.

See attached sheet for details.

145. PLANNING DECISIONS ADVISED BY SWINDON

S/170/0360 – Change of use of portal framed shed (30x12x4) from canine care centre to use as

vehicle body shop and camper van conversion centre. (Retrospective)

At: Fairview Kingsdown Lane Blunsdon SN25 5DL

**Planning Permission Refused – PC to request information of enforcement from SBC**

S/PIP/19/1356&1357 – Application in principle for up to 3no. self-build dwellings

At: Land at Kingsdown Lane Blunsdon SN25 5DL

**Notice of Approval Granted**

S/19/1190 – Change of use from Class A1 (retail) to Class D2 (Gym)

At: CoOp Store Hyde Road Swindon SN2 7SE

**Planning Permission Granted with Conditions**

146. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED FOR COMMENT

S/19/1496 – Erection of a detached Bungalow

At: 15 Ermin Street Blunsdon SN26 8AA

**PC agreed to object as previous application was refused by SBC and there are no apparent**

**improvements to new application. There remains a lack of amenity and the dwelling is too**

**large in proportion to the garden.**

S/19/1490 – Erection of 1no.dwelling

At: Land at Eden Field Kingsdown Lane Blunsdon SN25 5DL

**PC agreed to object;**

**No indication of access on drawings**

**Insufficient Parking – 7person house, 2 parking spaces no garage**

**Contrary to Policy as within NC5**

**Planning permission consistently refuse since 1991**

**No mains drainage, traffic and infrastructure concerns.**

S/HOU/19/1385 – 11 Jupiter Close.

PC notified SBC about no access to new garage being shown on drawings. Concern about loss of

Parking spaces and access from Widhill Lane. Cllr Compton advised the Planning Officer to do a

site visit. *Clerk to offer meet on site.*

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

Sams Lane – meeting with Hayfield took place where details of the Community space were

discussed. The building will be delivered as a shell only.

Hayfield to look into likely costs of fitting out building and to see where any further assistance

could be given. Further meeting on Tuesday 29th October.

Turnpike Road – meeting with Bellway re 55 homes to be delivered.

PC was clear that the development gave nothing to the Parish and that the site had no amenities

or facilities within walking distance. NC5 not delivered and not accessible from this site.

147. 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

148. LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

PC response now on website.

149. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED TO 21st OCTOBER 2019

1. SBC Members Bulletin – 989 & 990 emailed to Cllrs.
2. SBC Email – M4 Tunnel display. Emailed to Cllrs
3. SBC Email – re Remembrance Sunday. *Clerk to respond PC to attend local service.*
4. HE Email – new contact detail for Widhill Lane.

150**.** COMMITTEE REPORTS

GM meeting notes circulated.

151. PARISH MATTERS

Cllr Bishop reported that there was a Poppy Dinner at Wrag Barn on 10th November.

Cllr Doell reported that SBC would not take any action against vehicle on Cold Harbour as it

was not a hazard or a distraction. SBC Land.

Cllr Compton will represent PC at Remembrance Sunday service. Wreath has been ordered.

Cllr Ainscow reported that a vulnerable resident had been approached at the door by Tradesman

for works that were not required.

Clerk reported that the Insurance claim for tree damage at Care Home was ongoing.

Clerk reported that the Play Area Rospa reports had been received. The issue with the surface

and large play frame had been investigated further and no action was needed.

152. KEY MESSAGES

Copy of Draft NHP at PC Office for viewing.

Work in Recreation Ground late Oct/Nov

153. SUMMONS TO ATTEND NEXT MEETING

Cllrs were summoned to attend the next meeting: Monday 4th November 2019 7.30pm, at Blunsdon Village Hall.

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

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Chairman, 4th November 2019

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

Widhill/Hills boundary – Awaiting feedback from HE

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

A419 exits – Portfolio being compiled

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

Rec signs – to be erected w/b 7th Oct, further sign required.

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

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

Parish Offer – Clerk to feedback to SBC

Jupiter Close – Clerk to contact PO re meet on site

Remembrance Sunday – Clerk to contact SBC re non attendance

Key Messages – Clerk to post on Facebook and BLOG