Minutes of the Twentieth Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 2nd March 2020 7.30pm at Blunsdon Village Hall.

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

SBC Cllr Bishop

259. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Collingwood

260. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

261. MINUTES FROM THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY MEETING

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

262. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Widhill/Hills Boundary – Reply due by 6th March 2020.

b. MUGA – Meeting with SBC 11th March 2020

c. Ditches on Broadbush still causing concern because of the poor workmanship. *Cllr Bishop to*

*chase up SBC for a response and appropriate works.*

1. Tree Survey – Quotes requested for agreed works. *Clerk to send reminder.*
2. Drainage ditch on Broadbush referred to SBC Planning, no response to date.
3. Burytown Lane – muddy roads - *SBC Highways to investigate.*
4. Pillars on Blunsdon Hill – *Works complete*
5. Speeding on Blunsdon Hill/Ermin Street – not raised at Safety partnership as no Police or SBC

Representative in attendance. *C/f*

1. Fence on Hillside reported to SBC.
2. BVH roof repairs – *date to be agreed, probably Easter holidays.*
3. BVH car park –leaves cleared.
4. Manor Farm – dangerous tree reported to SBC and chased.
5. High Street - shrubs to be trimmed around Bus Stop 3rd March 2020.
6. Key Messages – to be posted on Facebook and Blog.

263. PLANNING DECISIONS ADVISED BY SWINDON

NONE

264. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED FOR COMMENT

NONE

Other Planning Matters

**Meeting with SBC** to discuss development within Blunsdon took place on 24th February.

SBC were minded to refuse all pending applications in light of HE concerns about Cold

Harbour junction being over capacity and unsafe. However, they were concerned about this

being appealed and were unsure how robust HE would be in defending appeal.

SBC are remodelling the traffic numbers at Cold Harbour.

PC asked SBC to contact all developers with pending applications to advise determination

would not be made within timescales allowed because of HE position.

SBC noted that the speed on Blunsdon Hill was still 60mph and that Sec 106 monies were

outstanding from TGV because of the complications with the Haul Road. *SBC to investigate.*

The PC noted that A419 is part of the Strategic Road Network and as such an appeal against

refusal because of HE position would not be allowed.

**Parking at the Recreation Ground** – Planner has confirmed that in principle there would be

no problem increasing spaces and enquires to the Highway section would be made re

materials etc. *SBC Planning to advise.*

**Sams Lane** –Hayfield sent a flyer to nearby residents to inform them of works to cut back

vegetation to allow BT to perform works to their infrastructure.

**Thames Water Site** – Newland have had to site LEAP in the corner of site where PC hoped

to install fitness equipment. This was necessary for Newland to meet the Sec 106 obligations

and because a parcel of land had not transferred ownership from TW.

**Newland Allotments –** recent site inspection revealed that these are not ready for transfer and

work to bring them to required standard was needed.

265. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

The Examiner asked two questions:

The process for allocating sites and the size of those sites – a technical mistake was revealed

which will be corrected.

The process for establishing where and why a rural buffer should be sited. Response will be

made by the deadline of 5th March 2020.

266. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED TO 2nd MARCH 2020

1. SBC Members Bulletin issues 1005 and 1006 - emailed to Cllrs.
2. SBC Moonrakers junction event – emailed to PC. *Cllr Doell to attend*
3. Blunsdon Magazine – loaded on WEB
4. CPRE Best Kept Village Entry received – passed to RFO
5. Email from Swindon CAB re posters on Website. *PC agreed to post on WEB*
6. Email from resident re Sams Lane. *PC to send to SBC and Hayfield for comment*
7. Email from resident re Planning around Blunsdon – Chair responded
8. SBC Media release re Fleming Way – emailed to PC
9. Email from Hayfiled re flyer to residents in Sams Lane – emailed to PC
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16. Email from Hayfield re flyer to residents in Sams Lane – emailed to PC
17. Email from resident re Church pathway – PC agreed that PS should use domestic strength

products. *Clerk to notify PS.*

267**.** COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation Ground – BFC making an application for grant funding to improve pitches. PC

agreed to support application as it would help overall condition of the ground.

268. PARISH MATTERS

Cllr Ainscow noted work to repair potholes at Cold Harbour but reported that debris had been

left on the road. *Report to SBC*

Cllr Doell reported that Cold Harbour roundabout is often blocked and makes for dangerous

driving. PC felt that it was not clear this was a roundabout. *SBC for repainting of lines*

Cllr Boyd reported that he would be out of circulation for 3 to 4 months as he is having surgery

on 16th March 2020. He asked for a volunteer to take over his Magazine duties. Cllr Jankinson

volunteered.

Cllr Boyd tendered his resignation as Vice Chair. Cllr Selwood agreed to step in until May,

when roles on PC will be elected.

Cllr Keates queried progress on Village Fete. Chair confirmed progress was as good and

VF committee were doing a good job. Cllr Tayler has been nominated as lead on day of Fete.

Cllr Tayler reported that the bin at the top of High Street was overflowing again and suggested

an additional bin. PC agreed. *Clerk to request at next GM meeting.*

Cllr Bishop asked about the proposed development in Malthouse/Berton Close. Chair

confirmed that the PC had objected. Cllr Bishop to contact Richard Bell at SBC.

Cllr Jankinson reported that the condition of the layby and the adjacent speed humps were

not satisfactory. *Clerk to report to SBC*

269. KEY MESSAGES

Update on VF

Hayfield Flyer

Update on Planning meeting.

270. SUMMONS TO ATTEND NEXT MEETING

Cllrs were summoned to attend the next meeting: Monday 16th March 2020 7.30pm, at Blunsdon Village Hall.

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

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Chairman, 16th March 2020

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

Widhill/Hills boundary – Awaiting feedback by 6th March 2020

MUGA – meeting 11th March 2020

Slot cutting - with Cllr Bishop to raise concerns

Tree Safety Survey – reminder for works quote needed

Drainage ditch on Broadbush – Awaiting response from SBC

Dropped kerbs – With Cllr Penny as an accessibility issue.

Burytown Lane – Awaiting feedback from SBC Highways

Recreation Ground Parking – awaiting feedback from RA

Speeding on Blunsdon Hill/Ermin Street – Cllr Selwood, Safety Partnership

Damaged fence Hillside – reported to SBC

Flooding in Lower Village – reported to SBC

BVH roof repairs to be rescheduled

Manor Farm – tree reported to SBC

Shrubs at Bus Stop High Street – to be cut 3rd March 2020

Speed limit and Haul Road – with SBC to investigate

Moonrakers event – Cllr Doell to attend

Church pathway – PS to clear

Cold Harbour - pothole debris and line painting to be reported to SBC

High Street – new bin to be installed

Ermin Street – layby and speed humps to be reported to SBC

Key Messages – Clerk to post on Facebook and BLOG