Minutes of the Twenty Sixth Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 6th July 2020 7.30pm at Blunsdon Village Hall. This was a remote meeting held via Zoom.

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

SBC Cllr Penny

336. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Nash

337. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Tayler – S/20/0635

338. MINUTES FROM THE TWENTY FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING

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

Minutes were approved but not signed, this will be done at the first face to face meeting available.

339. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Widhill/Hills Boundary – Date of 1st Feb 2021agreed for transfer of POS. Deed of Variation

received. Hills to maintain and replant where necessary before handover date.

b. *\**Slot cutting underway on Broadbush between Sams Lane and Freke Arms.

1. Tree Survey – Quotes approved, works underway from 7th July 2020
2. \*Drainage ditch on Broadbush referred to SBC Planning, *no response to date.*
3. Parking at Recreation Ground – see Other Planning matters
4. 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 – Debris removed SBC advised no replacement of fence.
2. \*Ermin Street –Some repairs appear to have been done, further works required.
3. Sams Lane – PC concerns over works underway. *Clerk to arrange meeting on site.*
4. \*Path at Broadbush – *Reported to developer and SBC as alongside Highway.*
5. Kingsdown Lane – Cllr Bishop investigating which businesses have permission to operate. *Cllr Penny to follow up*
6. Boroadband in Lower Village, now underway with SBC support. PC agreed to add Hills site to project. *Clerk to contact Cllr Manro*
7. Speeding on Broadbush – Cllr Rogers presented findings of monitoring. Speedwatch also back in operation. Results to be collated and sent on to Police.
8. PC concerned at lack of action on several SBC issues – See items marked \*
9. Street Naming, Sams Lane – PC preferred options agreed with SBC.
10. Churchyard – PC agreed to follow Groundsman advice and not leave wild for any period next year.
11. Verges – PC to consider leaving natural for a period each year. *To be discussed at next GM meeting.*
12. Recreation Ground Hedge – replanting in gaps. *Cllr Selwood assessing.*
13. Commonwealth sign at Cemetery – sign vandalised and is not repairable. *PC to purchase replacement.*
14. Milestones – Turnpike stone has been missing for 15+ years and discussions to replace are in progress with developer. Stone on Broadbush need cleaning. *SBC CO to assess.*

340. PLANNING DECISIONS ADVISED BY SWINDON

S/HOU/20/0542 – Erection of a two storey side extension and dormer window to rear.

At: 13A Turnpike Road Blunsdon

**Planning Permission Refused**

S/ADV/20/0214 – Display of various illuminated and non-illuminated signage

At: Former CoOP Store Hyde Road Swindon SN2 7SE

**Grant Advertisement Consent**

S/TWC/20/0602 – Work to tree within Conservation Area. Fell to ground level Ash in rear

garden, north of dwelling.

At: 64 High Street Blunsdon SN26 7AE

**No Objection to works**

341. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED FOR COMMENT

S/20/0635 – Erection of 1no. dwelling and associated works

At: Land adjacent to Osmanton Kingsdown Lane Blunsdon SN25 5DL

**PC agreed to object. Previous application refused at Appeal. Foul drainage not**

**satisfactory. Within NC5 strategic allocation, this application is individual and is ahead**

**of the wider development. Outside Settlement Boundary. Not in Local Plan.**

**Traffic concerns as use of a green lane for access.**

S/HOU/20/0651 – Erection of a single storey front extension

At: 98 High Street Blunsdon SN26 7AB

**PC agreed to support providing PO is happy with the line of the building.**

S/HOU/20/0694 – Erection of a first-floor side extension

At: 18 Berton Close Blunsdon SN26 7BE

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

S/20/0519 – Erection of 1no new dwelling.

At: Brooklyn Lodge Broadbush Blunsdon SN26 7DH

**PC agreed to object. Revision to boundary line to improve access still not adequate, the**

**agrees with and supports the Highway Officer objections.**

Other Planning Matters

1. S/OUT/19/1267 Sams Lane Phase 2 – The PC agreed that the revised proposals were unacceptable as there is no buffer, increased traffic on an already busy road. Water main is an issue, the housing is smaller and a higher density than before.

The Cold Harbour junction is acknowledged as being over capacity, even before NC5 is factored in. Access should not be through Phase 1.

Statements on traffic, transport, drainage & design all rejected.

Chair to meet with Planning officers on 9/7. *Response to Turley after this meeting.*

1. MUGA **–** This project cannot be progressed until the noise surveys can be conducted.

The PC agreed that a Planning consultant should be appointed. Three companies approached, responses awaited.

1. Recreation Ground **–** quotes and specification awaited. *Cllr Selwood to update at next meeting.*
2. Land north of Turnpike Road – Planning Committee met with Nexus. This is NC5 allocation and therefore should not come forward for development ahead of the wider scheme.
3. HGV Application – received from Oak Furnitureland Group Ltd at Groundwell Distribution Centre Stephenson Road Swindon SN25 5AX. *Noted by PC.*
4. Woodbine Cottage, Kingsdown Lane –PO commented on works underway “As far as I understand it is an outbuilding in connection with Woodbine Cottage and doesn’t relate to the 2 planning applications.”

342. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

The Plan is on the SBC Full Council Agenda for 9th July 2020. Cllr Penny offered to present the

plan to Council. *Chair to draft notes for Cllr Penny.*

343. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED TO 6th July 2020

* SBC Members Bulletin 1122 & 1123 - emailed to PC
* Email from Blunsdon FC – future use of Rec Ground, Costs & Grant funding. *PC Rec Committee to meet and then meet BFC.*
* Email from Cllr Penny looking into PC issues.
* Email from PCSO – looking into Cannabis fields. *Awaiting feedback from PCSO*
* Email re Speedwatch – notice in next Magazine
* Email from VAS re use of rooms for social distanced support meetings – cost of cleaning etc would prohibit.
* Email re M4 weekend closures – emailed to PC
* Email from Hills re flooding in Widhill Lane – HE land causing issue. *Clerk to ask NK to forward evidence to HE.*
* Email from resident re gravel piles in Widhill Lane – PC agreed not a PC issue.
* Email from resident supporting article in Magazine about PC objectives
* Email from resident on Hills site – poor Broadband, passed to Cllr Selwood/Jankinson. *Clerk to update Cllr Manro.*
* 2 Emails from residents re trees on Hayfield site at Sams Lane – Chair emailed plans.
* Email from Cllr Penny – ditches on Blunsdon scheduled for works but Covid has delayed. Email today – works have started today. Flooding in lower village is due to culvert at end of Front Lane which is Owner`s responsibility.
* WALC newsletter July – emailed to PC

344. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. GM update – meeting to be held 7th July 2020

b. Pre School Update – none

c. Broadband Update – Hills site to be added to project.

d. BVH – PC approached by Slimming World about re opening. *RFO, Clerk and Chair to draw up proposals for next meeting.*

Chair suggested the PC look to recoup some of the Covid related losses from SBC. *RFO to estimate amounts lost.*

345. PARISH MATTERS

Cllr Penny reported that Highworth was now experiencing high levels of Planning

Applications, and that she was very concerned about traffic on B4019 and CH junction.

*Chair to forward HE Traffic Modelling.*

Cllr Collingwood reported that he had not seen the Magazine for a few months. *Chair to speak*

*with Editor.*

Cllr Keates reported an increase in youth activity – cars, alcohol, noise at The Copse, last seen

on 5th July, several instances.

Cllr Tayler reported that the hedge on Turnpike Road from Cold Harbour needing cutting.

Also, mud and turf cleared and dumped on grassed area. *Chair to provide contact details.*

Cllr Doell reported that vans are again parked for advertising on the CH junction. *Cllr Penny*

*agreed to follow up, as ownership of land not clear.*

Cllr Ainscow reported that a resident using Sutton Park to park cars. *Photos to be provided to*

*Chair.*

Cllr Jankinson enquired about the garden at the entrance to Village. *Cllr Selwood to speak to*

*Garden Club.*

Cllr Jankinson reported that a resident of Ivy Lane had contacted him as squirrels have been

chewing telephone cables. Cause is overhanging trees. *Clerk to report to SBC for enforcement*

*against landowner.*

Clerk advised that both Play Areas were open with notices about hygiene and useage.

346. KEY MESSAGES

Sams Lane – meeting

Parish Facilities – looking at safe opening

Play Areas – open with notices

347. SUMMONS TO ATTEND NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held remotely via Zoom 20th July 2020 at 7.30pm

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

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Chairman, xxxxxxx 2020

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

\*Slot cutting – work underway w/b 6th July

Tree Safety Survey – quotes approved, works underway

\* Drainage ditch on Broadbush – Awaiting response from SBC

Speeding on Blunsdon Hill/Ermin Street – Cllr Selwood to raise at next Safety Partnership

\* Damaged fence Hillside – No replacement

\*Speed limit and Haul Road – with SBC to investigate B/F from previous meeting

\*Ermin Street – layby and speed humps some repairs done, re reported

Sams Lane – with RA for implication of Archaeological find. Meeting required.

\*Path on Broadbush – trees belong to landowner – reported to SBC as well

Kingsdown Lane – Cllr Penny to follow up

Speeding on Broadbush – awaiting speedwatch results

Recreation Ground parking – Planning App to be made. Cllrs Jankinson and Selwood

SBC issues reported – Email Cllr Penny see items marked \* plus flooding in lower village

NHP – Full Council 9th July. Chair to do notes for Cllr Penny

Leaving verges natural to be discussed with GM

REC hedge replanting – Cllr Selwood to get costings

Commonwealth sign – Replacement required

Sams lane Phase 2 – clerk to respond to Turley

Blunsdon FC – Clerk to arrange meeting of Rec Committee

Cannabis fields – awaiting feedback from PCSO

Broadband on Hills site – contact Cllr Manro

PC facilities – plan for opening to be drafted

PC losses to be calculated by RFO

Blunsdon Magazine – Chair to speak with editor

Cold Harbour – Chair to provide contact, hedges and mud/turf

Advertising vehicles at CH – Cllr Penny to follow up

Sutton Park – photos of parking to be supplied

Village entrance – Cllr Selwood to approach GC

Ivy Lane – report trees to SBC

Key Messages – Clerk to post on Facebook and BLOG