Minutes of the Thirtieth Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 7th September 2020 7.30pm . This was a remote meeting held via Zoom.

Present: Cllrs Jankinson, Ainscow, Boyd, Collingwood, Compton, Doell, Keates, Nash, Rogers, Selwood & Tayler; SBC Cllrs Bishop & Penny; 3 members of the public.

387. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

388. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

The meeting was taken into Recess. All three members of the public spoke in opposition to the proposed extension to the Recreation Ground car park.

389. MINUTES FROM THE TWENTY NINTH ORDINARY MEETING

Proposed by Cllr Compton, 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.

390. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Tree Survey – All “red” works completed, also removal of overhanging branches behind Shop*.*

1. Broadbush gulley – SBCllr Penny advised this was a Thames Water matter. Ditch filled in by Hills development without SBC permission; to be followed up.
2. Speeding – SBCllr Penny advised one speed survey had been conducted on Blunsdon Hill, however, this was in the wrong place, another would be carried out end of September.
3. Kingsdown Lane – Cllr Penny had chased up SBC regarding which businesses have permission to operate.
4. Speeding on Broadbush – July speedwatch data now available. *Cllr Penny to investigate costs of Indicator signs with NPR technology, still awaited.*
5. Advertising vehicles at Cold Harbour – *Cllr Penny to follow up with HE.*
6. Village Entrance – Cllr Selwood reported work completed and area looked much better.
7. Tennis Courts – quote from Allbuild to remove weeds and clear up, £150. Cllrs agreed to accept.
8. Sams Lane/Sutton Park – Cllr Penny advised the pavement cracking was minor and not a SBC priority. Cllr Doell to forward SBC email he had received stating area would be checked.
9. Asbestos surveys – completed and Village Hall and Pavilion and reports awaited.
10. PC office – Cllr Jankinson reported that the Clerk was willing to work from home with equipment and files currently needed, with storage of other files at Hall upper floor, as a temporary measure until permanent office available. Cllrs agreed monthly allowance to be paid.
11. Meadow View – no response from SBC planning officer and Cllr Jankinson to make contact.
12. MUGA – meeting arranged for Cllrs Jankinson and Selwood with Ian Griffiths on 9th September, 2pm.
13. Government Planning Consultation – documents emailed to PCllrs that day. Cllr Jankinson to draft response and circulate for comment before submission.

391. PLANNING DECISIONS ADVISED BY SWINDON

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

At: 18 Berton Close, Blunsdon, SN26 7BE

**Planning Permission Granted**

392. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED FOR COMMENT

S/20/1020 – Erection of a two- storey side and rear extension and single storey front extension

at 35 Holdcroft Close, Blunsdon.

**PC agreed to Object as the front extension would extend beyond the building line and**

**side extension was unusual shape, both would result in a change to the street scene; also**

**the close proximity to the neighbouring dwelling and the loss of access from front to the**

**rear of the property.**

S/20/0840 – Conversion of garage with a room above to garage with a self contained annexe

above (restrospective)

at Home Farm, 51 High Street, Blunsdon.

**PC agreed to support subject to condition that use was ancillary to the host dwelling and**

**not a separate residence.**

S/20/0906 – Construction of 7 car parking spaces

at Blunsdon Recreation Ground, Sutton Park, Blunsdon.

**PC agreed not to comment.**

S/20/0943 – Erection of a single storey side extension

at Woodbine Cottage, Kingsdown Lane, Blunsdon.

**PC agreed to object as it appeared the proposed extension would impinge on a land drain;**

**the design was not sympathetic to the main dwelling (a condition of a previous permission**

**was that the extension must match the original building); an existing building, a “shed”,**

**had still not been completed.**

S/20/1033 – Erection of a garage

at 39 Bramwell Close, Kingsdown. Swindon

**PC agreed to support subject to condition that use was domestic only and no commercial**

**activity.**

Other Planning Matters

1. **MUGA –** meeting arranged.
2. **Recreation Ground Parking –**PC agreed that latest match day parking measures taken by Blunsdon FC had eased problems around Sutton Park, control of match times would help and it was hoped parking area extension would not be needed.
3. **Meeting with Hayfield** – Community building would be used for development exhibition and not handed over until last house sold; this was contrary to offer made that it would be available for Shop use early in development, but unfortunately S106 Agreement was not specific. Other concerns had been ignored. PC requested improved communication with PC and village generally but nothing as yet. Cllr Keates reported she had emailed with some queries following meeting but no reply to date. Cllr Jankinson to write to former landowner for assistance.

393. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Nothing further; referendum in May.

394. PC OFFICE – UPDATE ON METHODIST HALL

It was reported that the sale of the building was on hold due to the triggering of an interim

moratorium and the PC and any other community group had until 8th October to register with

SBC as a potential bidder. If done this would then set off a full moratorium ending on 27th

February 2021. Cllr Jankinson to post information and request comments.

395. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED TO 7th SEPTEMBER 2020

a) SBC Members Bulletin 1033, 1034 & 1035- emailed to PC

b) Email from Cllr Penny - Weed Spraying End Sept/early Oct

c) Emails from residents – increased parking at Rec (all objections)

d) Blunsdon Village Magazine – on WEB

e) Email from resident – trees behind 6-9 Turnpike Road. SBC dealing.

f) Email from resident – query works by PC in Kingsdown. Clerk responded

g) Email from resident – neighbour bonfires on Hillside. Referred to EH

h) Facebook posts – smell from compost at Allotments

i) Email from Insp Barry Reed – update on Neighbourhood Policing (Blunsdon to be part of Rural Partnership)

j) Email – M4 weekend closures. Emailed to PC

k) Email from resident – blocked drains on High Street. Referred to Cllr Penny (Cllr Jankinson to send photographs)

l) Email from resident; SBC re pathway between Blunsdon Chase and Ermin Street. Works by Linden Homes not complete, SBC have no date for completion.

m) NALC briefing and newsletter – emailed to PC

n) Email from resident – Great Rose Lane blocked, request signage “24 hour access

required keep clear”

o) Email from resident – trees affecting 2 Sams Lane. SBC responded to resident (Cllr Selwood to contact Albuild regarding path clearance).

396.COMMITTEE REPORTS

**a**. GM update – Cllr Selwood reported that village entrance garden maintenance plan need to be

in place for Spring next year. Quote received for treating Frank’s Bench: removal, sanding

down, three coats of staining, re-fixing £300, re-stain in site £150. PCllrs agreed to accept

£300 work to include warranty until 2022. Proposal for dealing with annual leaf fall: 1 hour a

week on three peak areas: High Street, Church Way and Pontings Close All agreed to accept.

Next GM meeting would be a walk around.

**b**. BVH & Pavilion reopening – now both in use.

1. Feedback from BFC charging proposals – Cllr Selwood reported that discussions were moving well though some key issues still to be finalised. PC agreed that matches must be spaced at 10am, 12noon and 2pm to minimise parking issues. PC agreed to exclusive by Blunsdon FC. As Pavilion required full cleaning after every use, usual charge would have to be applied each time.

**d.** Broadband Update – Cllr Selwood reported that City Fibre would be coming to the area.

397. PARISH MATTERS

Cllr Compton had heard that Hill Cottage site development would start in January.

Cllr Nash reported there would be no charge for legionella testing at Village Hall and Pavilion;

PCllrs expressed their appreciation.

Cllr Taylor had queried apparent upgrading of restricted byway from Kingsdown Lane to Catsbrain Farm. Photographs had been sent to Martin Fry, SBC, for comment. Cllr Penny thought work was done by SBC using “Emergency Access Travel Fund”.

Cllr Ainscow reported the School hedge was very overgrown with brambles a danger to

pedestrians. School to be asked to cut back.

Cllr Keates had received complaint regarding parking by resident of Lonsdale Close.

Photographs to be requested.

Cllr Rogers reported dangerous pothole on Highworth Road, on first bend after leaving

Blunsdon. Cllr Penny to pass on to SBC for action.

Cllr Rogers had noted increased number of heavy vehicles using Broadbush, many were

Earthline lorries.

Cllr Jankinson urged PCllrs to respond to the Planning consultation.

Cllr Jankinson advised there was an addition to the SBC website which gave useful

information on local areas.

Cllr Jankinson was pursuing the allocation of the field opposite the Cold Harbour as a “rural

exception site” to provide housing for local people permanently at affordable reduced prices.

398. KEY MESSAGES

Methodist building consultation

Recreation Ground parking application – residents can comment on SBC website

399. SUMMONS TO ATTEND NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held remotely via Zoom 21st September 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**

\* Drainage ditch on Broadbush – Awaiting response from SBC/TW

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

\*Speed limit and Haul Road – with SBC. Second speed survey awaited

Kingsdown Lane – Cllr Penny to follow up again

Speeding on Broadbush – awaiting speedwatch results and costs of signs

Recreation Ground – final details on match timings to be agreed

Kingsdown Lane BOAT upgrade – awaiting reply from Martin Fry

Sams Lane/Sutton Park weeds – further spraying end Sept/Oct

SBC issues reported – Email Cllr Penny see items marked \*

Advertising vehicles at CH – Cllr Penny to chase up with Highways England

Community Shop – Cllr Jankinson to email Hayfield site landowner, reply awaited to Cllr Keates

email

Tennis Courts and Frank’s bench – Cllr Selwood to accept Allbuild quotes

Asbestos surveys – reports awaited

Office arrangements – Clerk’s allowance to be agreed

Meadow View – Cllr Jankinson to email Sarah Smith, PO

MUGA – meeting on 9.9.20

School overgrown hedge – School to be asked to cut back

Hill Cottage re LEAP and speeds - ongoing

Swindon Carer Centre – rep to attend meeting 21.9.20

Cars on Turnpike – enforcement issue

Planning Consultation - Cllr Jankinson to prepare draft response, all PCllrs to add comments

Key Messages – Cllr Jankinson to post on Broadcast Blunsdon