Minutes of the Thirty Seventh Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 21st December 2020 at 7.30pm. This was a remote meeting held via Zoom.

Present: Cllr Selwood (Chair)Ainscow, Boyd, Doel, Jankinson, Keates, Nash & Tayler.

SBC Cllrs Bishop, Penny & Weisinger

487. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

 Cllrs Collingwood & Rogers

 Recess None

488. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

 None

489. MINUTES FROM THE THIRTY SIXTH ORDINARY MEETING

 Proposed by Cllr Nash, seconded by Cllr Doell, 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.

 490. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

 a. Road works Hills – SBC have raised a defect notice against the re instatement works and urgent action has been requested. Defect works complete. Full resurface of half carriageway in Spring 2021.

1. Blunsdon Hill – Sec 106 monies from TGV have not been received as SBC has not adopted the

Haul Road. This was to be used to landscape and visually affect traffic. The speed limit on Blunsdon Hill is still too high. PC agreed to formally request Cllr Penny to take this matter up with SBC. *Clerk to write to Cllr Penny.*

1. Broadband – awaiting response from MP.
2. Drain clearance – Cllr Penny explained that Blunsdon had already had some works, but she would keep chasing. Better coordination of hedge trimming and drain clearance needed in future.
3. Bollard at traffic calming on Ermin Street has been replaced.
4. B4019 safety issues – carried forward for discussion on action required.
5. Mud on High Street, Ermin Street and Broadbush – all being regularly cleaned by developers.

SBC have a watching brief following several complaints.

 491. FINANCE

 a. 2020/21 budget – some projects deferred to next year as agreed by PC.

 b. 2021/22 – draft precept discussed. The aim is for no Band D increase. The draft circulated

 (see attached) provides a 3% reduction. RFO explained that the PC has a decrease in the

 Band D equivalent which has been queried with SBC. PC agreed to finalise at meeting on

 4th January. *Cllrs to notify RFO of any amends/additions so that a revised budget can be*

 *Circulated prior to the meeting.*

 c. SEC 106 – RFO reported that no response has been received following the query about why

 the PC lost contributions for POS. *RFO to notify Cllr Penny*

 d. The monthly accounts were discussed. RFO confirmed that she had consolidated 2 Instant

 Access accounts into one. The RFO also reported that the external auditor had signed off

 last year`s accounts following correction of an erroneously ticked box.

 The monthly accounts were approved as follows:

Cllr Jankinson proposed, Cllr Boyd seconded, all agreed, that payments totalling £13,272.83 and receipts totalling £1,828.50 be approved. See attached sheet for full details.

 492. PLANNING DECISIONS ADVISED BY SWINDON

S/HOU/20/1327 – Removal of first floor hanging tiles and replacement with “Hardie Plank”

 weatherboarding.

 At: Gambles End Back Lane Blunsdon SN26 7BJ

 **Planning Permission Granted with Conditions**

S/TWC/20/1422 – Works to trees in Conservation Area

 At: The Retreat 45 High Street Blunsdon

 **SBC no objection to works requested**

 493. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED FOR COMMENT

 S/AGRI/20/1608 – Prior Notification for the erection of an agricultural building.

 At: Forked Elm Broad Bush Blunsdon SN26 7ES

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

S/HOU/20/1587 – Erection of a single storey rear extension with balcony.

 At: The Old Post Office 87 Ermin Street Blunsdon SN26 8AA

 **PC agreed to support the neighbour (no 89) objection to the balcony – loss of privacy.**

 S/HOU/20/1409 – Erection of single storey rear and side extensions.

 At: 19 Sutton Park Blunsdon SN26 7BB

 **Revised consultation – PC agreed for Planning Committee to review and notify Clerk.**

 **SBC confirmed no enforcement notice in place so not an offence to start works at the**

 **owner`s risk.**

 **The Planning Committee agreed to object because of the parking issues and the dropped**

 **kerb.**

 **Following a request from the Planning Officer which detailed why the application would**

 **Succeed the PC agreed to withdraw objection.**

 Other Planning Matters

1. **MUGA –** Proposals due from consultant due 21/12, not received. *Cllr Selwood to chase.*

494. SPEEDWATCH

 Proposed site on Ermin Street approved. Risk Assessment required. *Clerk to give Cllr*

 *Penny the details if no response from Police.*

 495. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

 Referendum scheduled for May 2021.

 496. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED TO 21st December 2020

1. SBC Members Bulletin 1049 & 1050
2. Blunsdon Magazine – on Website
3. Email from resident re High Street – Clerk responded. Newland to do extra cleans kerbside and path down to HinH jet wash today.
4. Email from resident re traffic and speeds through village – what is being done? *Clerk to respond*
5. Email from resident/Cllr – works on Broadbush. Email to SBC copied to Cllr Penny. Reply received wit explanation. Resurface of half carriageway in Spring 2021.

497.COMMITTEE REPORTS

 **a**. **GM** **–** Weekly leaf collection now finished. Ad Hoc instruction as required. Ermin Street

bollard replaced. Storage container for cones at REC, quote for supply and fit received.

 Works approved – 6 votes for 2 against.

 **b**. **Recreation –** BFC maintaining the pitch. Cones being deployed to ease parking.

 **c. BVH –** Hall not in use. Pre school closed until 4Th Jan, 1 positive Covid case. Further

 children tested all negative results.

 Charity Clothing Bank – the PC unanimously approved the bin inside fence next to grit bin.

 The following conditions were attached: Charity keep area clean and bin emptied regularly.

 The PC reserved the right to seek removal at any time. Any fly tipping would need to be

 removed by the charity.

1. **Broadband** **–** No further update waiting for SBC and MP to respond. At recent liaison meeting Parishes queried Cityfibre, and SBC agreed to circulate more information.
2. **Methodist Hall –** The PC discussed the number of survey returns, the survey closes on 31/12. The PC agreed not to spend money on Survey Monkey unless the number of returns approaches the 30% return threshold.
3. **Covid Update –** BVH & Pavilion not in use.

 498. PARISH MATTERS

 Cllr Jankinson reported that Highworth Warneford are looking for volunteers to assist with

 Covid testing in the New Year. *Cllr Jankinson to collate names of any volunteers.*

Cllr Tayler reported that Kingsdown Lane is still experiencing problems with HGV etc. Cllr

 Penny confirmed SBC dealing but that the process was very slow.

 Cllr Nash enquired about the abandoned car at the Allotments. *Clerk confirmed SBC dealing.*

Cllr Boyd reported that he had received his Covid vaccination and that he was required to pay

 to park which he felt was unacceptable. Cllr Penny confirmed that this should not be the case

 and she would follow up.

 Cllr Selwood reported that SBC 5 year housing land supply had moved away from target.

 Local Plan review deferred until spring/summer 2021.

 Clerk reported that a resident had called to offer a Christmas Turkey to someone in need.

 *Cllr Jankinson agreed to contact Church etc and liaise with resident.*

Cllr Jankinson thanked all Councillors for their hard work in this very challenging year, which

 has been a success despite the circumstances. Cllr Selwood echoed this and thanked Cllr

 Penny for her support.

 Cllr Keates gave her apologies for the 4th January 2021.

 499. KEY MESSAGES

 Merry Christmas

 Consultation reminder

 Road conditions being monitored.

 500. SUMMONS TO ATTEND NEXT MEETING

 The next meeting to be held remotely via Zoom 4th January 2021 at 7.30pm

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

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 Chairman, xxxxxxx 2020

 **SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

 Speed limit and Haul Road – Follow up with SBC, sec 106 monies outstanding

 MUGA – proposals for Planning App awaited

 Final agreement with BFC reached – Storage quote for installation received and approved

 Broadband – response for JT required

 Drain clearing – Cllr Penny works ordered.

 B4019 safety issues – Letter to MP Cabinet & Police – white lines, resurface and clean on order

 Road conditions being monitored

 Precept – Cllrs to notify RFO of any changes

 Sec 106 - RFO to notify Cllr Penny of POS monies lost

 Speedwatch RA outstanding – Cllr Penny to chase

 Village traffic and speeding – Clerk to respond to resident

 Volunteers to Cllr J – Covid testing assistance

 Abandoned car at allotments – SBC dealing

 Xmas turkey – Cllr Jankinson to corodinate

 Key Messages – to post on Facebook and WEB