Minutes of the Forty Third Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 22nd March 2021 at 7.30pm. This was a remote meeting held via Zoom.

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

SBC Cllrs Bishop & Penny

565. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Collingwood & Rogers

**Recess** – Persimmon Homes updated the PC on Kingsdown development S/OUT/17/1821. Transport modelling in progress, outputs available by the end of April, this data can be shared with PC. Access from the North of the site onto B4019 will be a junction not roundabout as first proposed. Still no date for the delivery of the bridge over A419.

Councillors asked various questions – see Appendix One.

A member of the public, Vijay Manro, attended he introduced himself as the prospective candidate for Blunsdon & Highworth Ward Councillor.

566. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

567. MINUTES FROM THE FORTY SECOND ORDINARY MEETING

Proposed by Cllr Selwood, seconded by Cllr Nash, 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.

568. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Letter to MP about B4019 safety issues – *Chair to speak with Cllr Rogers*

1. Speedwatch risk assessments with Police for action – C*llr Penny to escalate with Deputy PCC.*
2. Village Shop door – The technical specification requires commercial grade doors. Hayfield have installed lesser grade doors for their own purposes and will change doors to the correct specification before handover to the PC.
3. Enforcement issues in Kingsdown Lane – SBC gathering evidence of activity. *Cllr Penny awaiting feedback.*
4. School footpath/Substation – further remedial works undertaken by SSE contractor w/e 5th February. *Awaiting photos from SSE. Clerk to chase again.*
5. Pavilion Works – *Cllrs to bring to next meeting ideas for tidying this area.*
6. Golf Course site – work commences 22nd March 2021, traffic control in place. On site parking for all site traffic.
7. Church Path – One quote received another quote awaited*.*
8. Litter Bin, Little Rose Lane – bin installed on temporary basis, early indications are that it is being well used.

569. ELECTIONS

The Chair outlined the Election process and confirmed the key dates for nomination – 8th April 2021. Any problems completing paperwork, should be notified to Chair who can assist.

The notice of Election has been publicised.

570. FINANCE

a. **Monthly Finance** - Further to the closure of the Nationwide accounts, new 35 Day and 95 Day Notice accounts had been opened and the agreed funds transferred. Cllrs agreed not to add general funds to the Britannia Rec Fund account but use the Co-op Instant Access account instead; it offered a lower interest rate but the difference over a year was minimal and it could be used to easily top up the Current Account as required.

The RFO confirmed a new regular booking for BVH which will generate £100 per week income. All Allotment accounts have been paid for 2021/22.

The monthly accounts were approved as follows:

Cllr Keates proposed, Cllr Nash seconded, all agreed, that payments totalling £8,497.71

and receipts totalling £7,423.59 be approved. See attached sheet for full details.

b. **Finance Committee –** Sec 106 contributions were reviewed, spending accrued sums is

proving difficult as there is no support to do so from SBC.

Funds for MUGA are allocated. Deed of Variation may be needed for Allotment allocation.

Funds in place to wall new Cemetery land. *RFO to email SS and Cllr Penny to add her*

*support.*

571. PLANNING DECISIONS ADVISED BY SWINDON

S/HOU/20/1551 – Erection of a pitched roof to existing garage.

At: 54 Berton Close Blunsdon SN26 7BE

**Planning Permission Granted with Conditions**

S/HOU/20/1659 – Erection of a single storey rear extension and conversion of garage into living

accommodation.

At: 29 Sutton Park Blunsdon SN26 7BB

**Planning Permission Granted with Conditions**

S/TPO/21/0163 – Works to tree within BOS TPO 01 (2010)

At: 6 Beech Lea Blunsdon SN26 7DE

**Consent Granted**

S/TWC/21/0283 – Works to tree within Conservation Area.

At: Church Cottage Burytown Lane Blunsdon

**SBC no Objection**

S/TWC/21/0201- Works to tree within a Conservation Area.

At: 64 High Street Blunsdon SN26 7AE

**SBC no Objection**

572. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED FOR COMMENT

S/20/1322 – Erection of a single dwelling, detached garage and associated works.

At: Grove House Back Lane Blunsdon SN26 7BJ

**PC agreed to object as they agreed with CO submission and had concerns about access and**

**egress from the property.**

S/HOU/21/0352 – Erection of a single storey rear extension with balcony.

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

**PC agreed to object as the proposals are detrimental to neighbour privacy.**

**The PC also noted that App 1597 was refused in February and this application was not**

**significantly different.**

S/HOU/20/1629 – Erection of a first floor side extension and balcony

At: 2 The Copse Blunsdon SN26 7BW

**PC agreed to object. It noted that the position of balcony had moved but that a Juliet**

**Balcony remained, so the overlooking /privacy issue was still relevant. The PC felt**

**obscured glass should be considered. If an agreed compromise between No2 & No3 can be**

**found, the PC will withdraw its objection.**

S/21/0280 – Erection of a machinery and equipment store.

At: Forked Elm Blunsdon SN26 7ES

**PC agreed to object as access and egress onto B4019 not suitable for this proposal.**

Other Planning Matters

1. **MUGA –** *Cllr Jankinson**to follow up for next meeting.*
2. **Berryfield/Meadowcroft S/20/0043 –** PC concerns discussed with PO and resolved.
3. **HGV Forked Elm –**PC objected to the application. SBC also objected on similar grounds.

No planning permission to operate business requiring HGV licence.

1. **HGV Kingsdown Lane –**No planning permission in place for Beefy Skips or Grab Hire.

Cllr Penny confirmed the EA issue licences and no check is made re Planning status.

Enforcement Officers continue to investigate.

1. **37 Minerva Heights –** Email from SBC requesting PC to review need for Committee, as

the PO was minded to approve. PC reluctantly agreed to withdraw objection. *Clerk to notify*

*SBC.*

1. **19 Sutton Park –** the PC reported to SBC that the side extension has gone over the single

roof line and that the materials were not as specified in the conditions. SBC referred to their Enforcement Team.

1. **HGV Application –** Variation applied for at Unit 3 Stephenson Road Groundwell Estate

SN25 5AX. **PC had no issues.**

573. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

NHP is available to view online. Hardcopy available to borrow from PC, contact the Clerk.

Referendum underway, votes to be counted 8th May 2021.

574. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED TO 22nd MARCH 2021

1. SBC Members Bulletin 1059, 1060 & 1061 – emailed to Cllrs.
2. Email from resident re various issues with property alterations at Minerva Heights – resident referred to SBC.
3. Copy email from resident to Leader of SBC re traffic and Cold Harbour. Response received.
4. Email from resident re Car and Caravan parked on Ermin Street – reported and now gone.
5. Email from resident re footpath at BHH – reply received from M Fry.
6. Email from resident/funeral director – request for an ashes plot for their daughter.

Parents are resident, daughter was until her marriage. PC approved request. *Clerk to inform family.*

1. Email from Backhouse re - work commencing on Golf Course site - emailed to Cllrs.
2. Email copy of BV Magazine. For website after w/e.
3. Email from resident re road naming on Sams Lane development – understands why but it`s not pretty. *Clerk to respond.*
4. Email from resident to Chair re BHH footpath and No 2 The Close.

575.COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **GM** **–** 2021 Programme underway. PC agreed to POS at Hills being transferred on 31st March, this will form part of ongoing GM work. Reptile Habitat – *Clerk to follow up with Hills and PO.*

**b**. **Recreation –** Pavilion upgrade lottery funding being investigated. Cllrs to consider extent

and scope of work ready for next meeting. Review meeting with BFC required. *REC*

*Committee to meet.*

**c. BVH –** Storage box to be removed by preschool. Other items to be collected by recycling

company. *Clerk to follow up.*

1. **Broadband** **–** Paperwork submitted for Lower Village to be Community Broadband Project, this will allow a survey of usage and performance to be conducted.
2. **Covid Update –** Govt roadmap in place. PC to open facilities in line with this. Decision awaited on the future of remote meetings – currently no legislation beyond 7th May 2021.

576. PARISH MATTERS

Cllr Doell asked about the wheel wash facility at Hills. Hills have obtained equipment but

cannot get installation because of COVID.

Cllr Doell asked about the road works on Broadbush. Cllr Penny confirmed that stretches of this

road was being patched. Cllr Ainscow reported that the patches were poor as they did not

provide a level surface and were difficult to avoid on a bicycle.

Cllr Doell asked if there was any news about the disposal of the Methodist Church. No formal

notice has been shared with the PC however, it is understood it is a private sale. A Planning

Application for conversion to residential accommodation would be forthcoming.

Cllr Nash reported that the abandoned car at the Allotment site has now been removed.

Cllr Tayler didn’t realise the footpath previously in use was BHH owned not a public footpath.

The formal route across the field is waterlogged. The Clerk advised that SBC Officer was aware

of the recent issues and had visited the site recently.

Cllr Tayler raised the issue of wheel washing at Golf Course site, currently only road sweeping

in place. *PC to monitor*.

Cllr Jankinson asked about the hole in the hedge on Sams Lane, Hayfield development.

Cllr Keates reported that further information was awaited from LW at Hayfield.

Cllr Jankinson reported that a mini was parking on Ermin Street close to the chicane, this is

visual confusion to motorists. *Clerk to report to SBC*

577. KEY MESSAGES

Persimmon Summary

NHP

Elections

Pavilion

578. SUMMONS TO ATTEND NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held remotely via Zoom 12th April 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**

**PC Actions**

B4019 safety issues – Chair to speak with Cllr Rogers.

School Path – Clerk to contact SSE again.

Church Path – Further quote required.

Litter Bin, Little Rose Lane – installed, well used.

MUGA – Chair to follow up for next meeting.

37 Minerva Heights – Clerk to notify SBC.

Ashes approval – Clerk to notify family.

Road naming complaint – Clerk to repsond

Reptile Habitat – Clerk to follow up with Hills and PO.

Rec Committee – meeting to be arranged.

BVH – recycling rubbish, Clerk to follow up.

Road surface Blunsdon Hill – PC to monitor.

Mini on Ermin Street – Clerk to report.

**SBC Cllr Actions**

Speedwatch RA outstanding – Cllr Penny to chase.

Enforcement issues in Kingsdown Lane – Cllr Penny.

HGV Kingsdown Lane – Cllr Penny investigating.

SEC 106 investigate spending with SS & RFO

Transport Modelling for Kingsdown

Key Messages – to post on Facebook and WEB

Appendix One

Cllr Jankinson expressed his concern about the lack of PC input to traffic modelling and infrastructure issues. Cllr Penny agreed to follow up with SBC.

**Q** Cllr Jankinson asked the developer what benefits this development would deliver for the Parish?

**A** POS, sports pitches, school, allotments, and vehicular links to Swindon.

**Q** What about the bridge over A419?

**A** Delivery information regarding the bridge cannot be agreed until the outputs from the modelling are analysed.

**Q** Cllr Bishop stated that he was not aware of the work outlined by Developer and that access off B4019 was not suitable.

**Q** Cllr Jankinson asked what access for construction traffic had been agreed?

**A** Nothing has yet been agreed.

**Q** Cllr Selwood asked about the modelling and the effect that Covid had caused with less traffic?

**A** Highway England modelling is theoretical not practical so less traffic would not affect this. Remodelling of Cold Harbour junction is being investigated. Traffic by design will be encouraged to use bridge. This is not guaranteed so the effects on CH are important.

**Q** Cllr Doell asked about the timing of the bridge as if it not built first the construction traffic alone would have a huge impact on Blunsdon?

**A** The bridge is planned early in the development.

**Q** Cllr Penny asked if the bridge would be 2 way?

**A** Yes.

**Q** Cllr Ainscow asked if the average number of cars per house had been taken into account when modelling and reviewing CH junction?

**A** Numbers not known but the parking provision will reflect modelling.

**Q** Cllr Ainscow asked what plans were in place to ensure road surfaces where no further damaged during construction?

**A** A survey of the road is required before start of scheme and is reviewed as the scheme progresses. Any remedial works that are required will be undertaken.

**Q** Cllr Ainscow asked what remodelling at CH was being considered?

**A** The priority arrangements on the junctions signalling. Intelligent signalling.

As modelling data emerges, Persimmon will come back to PC and explain.