Minutes of the Forty Fifth Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 26April 2021 at 7.30pm. This was a remote meeting held via Zoom.

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

SBC Cllr Bishop – left meeting at 20.40

592. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Boyd

**Recess** – none.

593. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

594. MINUTES FROM THE FORTY FOURTH 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.

595. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Letter to MP about B4019 safety issues – current works to repair and patch this road should help,

the PC to review once complete. Cllr Rogers reported that residents may take action against SBC

for damage to their properties caused by ineffective road sweeping. Cllr Bishop is going to visit

site to speak with contractors.

1. Speedwatch risk assessments with Police for action – C*llr Penny to escalate with Deputy PCC.*

Cllr Penny requested the documents again, Clerk sent as requested.

1. Enforcement issues in Kingsdown Lane – SBC gathering evidence of activity. Cllr Penny reported that there was a meeting next week to review evidence and a report of conclusions will be issued within 10days of the meeting. *Cllr Penny to update PC.*
2. School footpath/Substation – further remedial works undertaken by SSE contractor w/e 5February. SSE have agreed further works, date yet to be advised by SSE.
3. Church Path – Two quotes received. *Clerk to circulate to PC.*
4. HGV Kingsdown Lane – *Cllr Penny investigating.*
5. Transport Modelling Kingsdown development – Cllr Penny update the PC as the position re modelling not quite as detailed at last meeting. Work is ongoing with results due at end of April. Traffic/speed mitigation on B4019 and Cold Harbour junction are still to be agreed, 20mph on High Street also being considered. *Cllr Penny to ensure PC is kept informed.*
6. One-way High Street – referred to SBC for consideration.
7. 19 Sutton Park – PC still concerned about breaches of planning. With SBC enforcement team for investigation. *Cllr Penny to follow up.*
8. Tommies – Chair confirmed that the VF Committee had budget. *PC agreed to order 2, PC to pay for one.*
9. BT to attend PC meeting to discuss Broadband. *Cllr Selwood to arrange.*
10. Planters have been purchased with Newland donation, plants to be agreed and planters sited.
11. Floral tribute to Frank Eggleton agreed. Area needs general tidying. *Cllr Selwood to agree with GM at next meeting on 29 April 2021. The PC agreed that Cllrs Jankinson & Selwood and RFO be authorised to progress works, including clearing area at High Street junction for the Planters, see item k above.*
12. Sutton Park – verge parking still an issue. PC to investigate enforcement. *Chair to speak with SBC, S. Coles.*
13. Planning/Infrastructure- email from Richard Bell. *Chair/Clerk to circulate.*

596. DECISIONS FROM 12APRIL MEETING

Following the passing of HRH Duke of Edinburgh, a period of official mourning was announced. This commenced on 9 April 2021. As a result, the notice of the PC election issued on 6 April for the meeting on 12 April did not have 3 clear days’ notice. Although subject to interpretation, there is a view that the meeting was therefore invalid. To avoid any doubt about the validity of the PC decisions made on 12 April 2021 they have all been revisited at this meeting and the PC agreed to ratify these decisions – all affected decisions are marked \* in the minutes of 12 April 2021.

597. MEETINGS AFTER 7MAY 2021

a. Parish Meetings – There is no provision after 7th May 2021 to hold remote meetings. The PC

had a detailed discussion about the implications of this. The PC has concerns about social

distancing, numbers at meetings and holding the first meeting following the election on 6 May.

The PC has 14 days from date of Office to hold its first meeting and elect councillors to the

Positions of Chair, Vice Chair and Committees. Date of Office is 10 May so meeting must be by

24 May 2021. Various forms must be signed, some in the presence of the Clerk. In view of the current restrictions the PC agreed that the meeting on 10 May 21 would be last of this year of office. The first meeting of the new year will be 24 May 2021 and the PC hope further guidance and legislation is forthcoming by then.

b. APA – this is scheduled for 20 May 2021 and must be held in person. The PC agreed to

discuss arrangements for this at the meeting on 10 May 2021.

598. FINANCE

a. Monthly Accounts – the RFO circulated the monthly statement and requested the PC raise the

limit on transfers to the Operations account to £8000.00. *PC agreed.*

The monthly accounts were approved as follows:

Cllr Keates proposed, Cllr Nash seconded, all agreed, that payments totalling £4508.27

and receipts totalling £46263.00 be approved. See attached sheet for full details.

b. RFO reported that the PC had received a request for a donation to Wiltshire Search & Rescue.

The PC discussed the request and agreed not to donate.

c. The RFO reported that the accounts were almost ready for internal audit and requested

permission to engage Kathy Liston. *PC agreed.*

d. The Chair reported that SEC 106 contributions of £22308 had been secured for outdoor space

and recreation in respect of the Green square development on Broadbush. These funds could

be used to supplement the pavilion project.

599. PLANNING DECISIONS ADVISED BY SWINDON

S/TWC/21/0180/LAND – Works to trees within a Conservation Area.

At: Streetside Front Lane Blunsdon.

**SBC no objection to works.**

S/TWC/21/0598/LAND – Works to trees in a Conservation Area.

At: The Cottage Hunts Hill Blunsdon

**SBC no objection to works.**

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

The Old Post Office 87 Ermin Street Blunsdon

**Planning Permission Granted with Conditions.**

600. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED FOR COMMENT

S/21/0405 – Change of use from agricultural to equestrian and erection of stables with feed store

tack store, menage and new access.

At: Land at Little Rose Lane Blunsdon

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

**did not appear to be any inclusion of toilet facilities, this was of some concern.**

S/21/0653 – Erection of 1no. dwelling and associated works.

At: 15 Malthouse Close.

**PC agreed to object - access to this location is difficult and the impact of an additional**

**dwelling would increase the already significant traffic and parking issues. The main impact**

**would be in Berton Close, this is not acknowledged. The street scene would also be**

**detrimentally impacted, the proposals are out of character with the area. The PC also**

**supports comments made by neighbours about the loss of privacy and amenity.**

**Previous applications for similar proposals were also met with objections for**

**similar reasons.**

Other Planning Matters

1. **MUGA –** there is no update. Cllr Jankinson has asked the consultant to update the PC by the next meeting.
2. **S/21/0280 – Forked Elm –** The PC objected on Highway safety grounds however, the Highways Officer has no concerns. The PO asked the PC to consider withdrawing the objection. The PC agreed to do this with a condition added to the approval of no business use/agricultural only. The PO confirmed this was a reasonable request.

601. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

No update, just a reminder to vote in referendum on 6 May 2021. Cllr Collingwood reported that

a resident had contacted him as the wording of the referendum vote was not clear. The Clerk was

able to clarify with SBC the exact wording.

602. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED TO 26 April 2021

1. SBC Members Bulletin 1065 & 1066 emailed to Cllrs.
2. Email from BFC re end of season summer event at Rec. Clerk responded.
3. BFC issues with coning – junior team did miss some on Sat 10th April.
4. Checklist for COVID safe meetings. Emailed to Cllrs.
5. Email from SBC re Fly-tipping – survey re how PC deals with this. Clerk response that all referred to SBC.
6. Email from resident to Chair re parking at Sutton Park on match days.
7. Email from SBC litter in Kingsdown Lane – MJ has done some, fly tips reported. More needed.

Cllr Tayler pointed out that boundary is at The Cattery. *Cllr Tayler to assess need for further litter picking.*

Chair reported that MJ had been verbally abused when litter picking in Kingsdown Lane.

1. Email from SBC re dog bins at Stratton Woods/Stanton Park – Kingsdown Lane recently added.
2. Telephone call from resident with concerns re expansion of Traveller site in Kingsdown Lane – SBC contacted no knowledge of any plans.
3. Email from SBC re PC becoming a Covid Test Collection point.
4. Email from SBC – TO for B4019, emailed to Cllrs.
5. Email BV Magazine – for WEB after weekend.

603.COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **GM** **–** Meeting scheduled for 29April. High Street planters and flowers at Frank`s bench to be discussed.

**b**. **Recreation –** Work to revamp the Pavilion is being scoped. An accessible anti slip path of

2m width is being examined. Chair liaising with Disability Forum.

**c. BVH –** roofing repair scheduled for next school holiday. Cllr Boyd reported slate pieces on

the ground behind the Hall. RFO arranging for further inspection and to look at CCTV to

check if anyone has been on roof. *RFO to advise.*

1. **Broadband** **–** *Cllr Selwood to arrange for BT to attend. Contact MP Justin Tomlinson.*
2. **Covid Update –** PC meetings after 7 May cannot be held remotely. PC awaiting guidance

and results of High Court Action.

604. PARISH MATTERS

Clerk reported that a request for an unusual headstone had been received. PC agreed it was not

in keeping with Cemetery. *Clerk to feedback to stonemason and agree way forward.*

Cllr Collingwood reported that a bollard at the Cemetery had be broken off. *Clerk to action*

*repair/replace.*

Cllr Ainscow reported that the sign for Hunts Hill was missing and a cardboard sign had been

installed. *Clerk to contact Highways.*

Cllr Doell queried Car Park at Recreation ground, Chair conformed works to Pavilion did

not include expanding car park.

Cllr Keates confirmed that Hayfield were looking at ways to mitigate hole in hedge at Sams

Lane, required for drainage channels. The landscaped area behind the Community Building

would transfer to PC with building and that quotes for the Cemetery extension wall were

outstanding.

605. KEY MESSAGES

PC meetings

NHP

BKV

606. SUMMONS TO ATTEND NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held 10th May at 7.30pm – Venue TBC.

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

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Chairman, 24 May 2021

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

**PC Actions**

B4019 safety issues – review after repairs.

School Path – Awaiting date from SSE.

Church Path – 2 quotes received, circulate to PC.

Tommies – 2 agreed, PC to pay for one VF Committee the other.

BT at PC meeting – Cllr Selwood to advise.

Planters – location agreed.

Floral tribute to FE agreed.

Verge parking at Sutton Park – Clerk to contact SC.

Email from Richard Bell to be circulated.

Kingsdown Lane – Cllr Tayler to assess need for litter pick.

BVH roof slates/CCTV – RFO to review.

Memorial at Cemetery – Clerk to feedback.

Bollard at Cemetery – Clerk to action repair.

Hunts Hill sign – Clerk to report to SBC.

**SBC Cllr Actions**

Speedwatch RA outstanding – Cllr Penny to chase.

Enforcement issues in Kingsdown Lane – Cllr Penny.

HGV Kingsdown Lane – Cllr Penny investigating.

Transport Modelling for Kingsdown.

19 Sutton Park – Cllr Penny following up breach of planning condition.

Carbon Neutral Swindon – Cllr Penny to update PC.

Infrastructure delivery plan – Cllr Penny to update PC and ensure its input.

Key Messages – to post on Facebook and WEB.