Minutes of the Eighth Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 6 August 2021 at 7.30pm. This meeting was held at BVH and via Zoom.

Present: Cllr Jankinson (Chair), Banda, Collingwood, Doell, Keates, Nash, Rogers (Z),

Selwood (Z).

99. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Ainscow, Compton and Tayler.

100. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

*RECESS*

*Three members of the public attended to discuss current use of the Recreation Ground for three boot camps per week, impact on hirers, and alternative location. Future use not to take place during Clubs’ hire times and schedule to be sent to organiser, no parking by attendees in RG car park or adjacent roads.*

101. MINUTES FROM THE SEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING

Proposed by Cllr Nash seconded by Cllr Collingwood, all agreed they be accepted as a true record.

Minutes were approved.

102. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. B4019 safety – Cllr Rogers reported on quote for average speed cameras on 800m stretch from

entrance gate of £50-80,000; monitoring must be carried out by Police but Wiltshire had opted

out of road safety partnership so Avon and Somerset would deal with data and pass back to

Wilts. Cllr Jankinson had previously identified ANPR equipment at about £3,500. Cllr

Jankinson to write to new Police and Crime Commissioner and contacts at Gablecross Police

Station. **c/f.**

1. Church Path – Church had provided usage dates, Lee Wells had advised supply of materials was delayed. **c/f**
2. Franks bench revarnishing – work completed.
3. BVH repainting of rear – work not completed and RFO to chase. **c/f**
4. Soakaway at Ringstones – no response from SBC officers**. c/f**
5. Weight restriction on B4019 & Turnpike. Cllr Rogers to investigate details. **c/f**
6. Sams Lane hedge. Hayfield reluctant to accept responsibility**;** Cllr Keates had received no response; face to face meeting planned for mid September and if no action to be taken up with Hayfield MD. **Paul Schofield to be asked to cut back vegetation on Sams Lane/B4019 corner.** **c/f**
7. Newland Allotments - **Clerk to check on progress. c/f**
8. Ermin Street/High Street – Newlands to submit retrospective planning application for sign and had offered to carry out works; spec provided. **c/f**
9. Ermin Street traffic calming – unsatisfactory and unsafe repair carried out using tarmac. **To be reported to Cllr Manro. c/f**
10. Local Plan Review **– no additional comments made and Cllr Jankinson to submit PC response.**
11. Cemetery wall – to be discussed at meeting with Hayfield**. c/f**
12. Speeding, road safety – to be included in audit. **c/f**
13. Hillside parked car – **no information supplied to date. c/f**
14. Pavement encroachment – c/f
15. Road surface in Parish – SBC officer had responded.
16. Rec Ground bylaw – process set out on SBC website. **c/f**
17. Highway weed clearance. **c/f**

103. PLANNING DECISIONS ADVISED BY SWINDON

S/HOU/21/1013 – Erection of a two storey rear extension and porch to front

At: 2 Churchway, Blunsdon.

**Planning Permission Granted with Conditions**

S/HOU/21/1018 – Erection of first floor side/single storey front extension and conversion of

garage into habitable space

At: 11 The Ridge, Blunsdon.

**Planning Permission Granted with Conditions, including provision of 3 parking spaces.**

S/HOU/21/1031 – Erection of a first floor and two storey side extension and front and rear

dormer windows

At: 15 Churchway, Blunsdon.

**Planning Permission Granted with Conditions.**

104. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED FOR COMMENT

S/HOU/21/1325 – Erection of single storey front and rear extensions including new roof and

front and rear dormer windows

At: Ambleside, West Hill, Blunsdon.

**PC regretted loss of bungalow but agreed to support as not aware of any planning reason**

**to object.**

S/HOU/21/1383 - Erection of a two storey detached garage/workshop/home office to rear

At: Combe Rise, Broadbush, Blunsdon

**PC had received objections from neighbour. PC was concerned that plans indicated**

**potential commercial use; agreed to object as insufficient information provided.**

S/RES/21/1371 – Erection of 15 dwellings and associated works. Reserved Matters

application following outline permission S/19/0171

At: Former Thames Water Site, High Street, Blunsdon.

**PC agreed to object for the following reasons:**

**The PC have not been involved in the rewrite of the S106 agreement;**

**4 bungalows have been replaced with houses, with the ageing demographic in the Parish**

**and the speed with which bungalows sell there is a greater demand for them;**

**there is no house type plan for the bungalow (type E);**

**the play area is hidden and not overlooked and there is not a minimum of 20M to the**

**closest house;**

**the arboriculturist report does not have an identifying plan which shows the loss of 4**

**significant trees**

**1 at plot ½**

**2 at plot 4**

**3 at plot 14**

**4 at plot 9/11**

**in the 2034 consented application this is highlighted in the Landscape comments Para**

**12, also in Para 13;**

**in Para 40 it states a retention of vegetation to the N boundary which has already been**

**denuded.**

S/21/1338 – Variation of condition 1 (Approved plans list) to previous permission

S/Res/19/1773 – Erection of 90 dwellings, including recreation space, landscaping, road and

Drainage infrastructure – Reserved Matters from previous outline permission S/OUT/17/1032

At: Land at Hill Cottage, Ermin Street/Blunsdon Hill.

**PC agreed to support as unaware of any planning reasons to object, unless the proposed**

**site of the substation could be unsafe in any way.**

Other Planning Matters

1. **MUGA –** Cllrs Jankinson, Nash and Selwood had met with rep of Slatters; site considered, measurements taken and quote provided. It was comparable with that of previous contractor at about £9,000; if accepted and Slatters also instructed to construct, approximately £3,000 would be deducted from final account. Cllr Jankinson to circulate fee proposal. Lee, previous contractor, had objected to ending of his contract; **letter to be sent setting out reasons for termination (failure to respond to emails etc) and requesting fee proposal for received work only.**
2. **Kingsdown Lane –** SBC’s update previously circulated: AU Grab Hire expected to have fully vacated site by mid September; Beefy’s Skips had not attended site meetings but planning contravention notice likely to be issued by end of September.

105. BEST KEPT VILLAGE REPORT

It was reported that judges’ visit was unfortunately timed as it coincided with Paul

Schofield’s absence due to self isolation and prior to certain works being completed. Cllr

Selwood was preparing suggestions ahead of next year’s competition.

106. ROAD SAFETY/CONDITION AUDIT

Discussed under Matters Arising.

107. JUBILEE BEACON

Cllr Collingwood reported on meeting with Castle Hill landowner as fairly positive; further

conversation to be held. PC to post advice to walkers on use of public rights of way and

awareness of farm animals.

108. FUTURE PC MEETINGS

**PCllrs expressed personal views; it was agreed to continue with hybrid meetings and**

**review again at the end of 2021. Large room to be used at next meeting, immediately**

**following Slimming World’s booking.**

109. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED TO 6 AUGUST 2021

1. SBC Members Bulletin 1083, 1084 and 1085 – emailed to Cllrs.
2. Email – copy of Blunsdon Magazine now on Web.
3. Email from resident re building works at 35 Holdcroft, emailed to Planning Cttee for comment. **To be forwarded to SBC PO.**
4. Email from resident regarding pavement outside 25 Sutton Park – now repaired.
5. Email from resident – when is Fibre rollout coming to Ermin Street?
6. Email from resident re missed grass cut Sutton Park alley to Broadbush – rectified next day.
7. Email from Park View with thanks for use of Rec Ground, £420 raised to help with activities for Home’s residents.
8. SBC email New Eastern Villages update – emailed to Cllrs.
9. Email from resident at Blunsdon Chase re benches on paved area, response sent re management company and SBC for planning application to site benches.
10. Email from resident – Rec Ground hedge cut is not satisfactory. Cllr Selwood had inspected and it had been cut to agreed 5’ height; it was up to 8’ wide in places.
11. Email from Blunsdon FC re parking – cones in use, spoken to van driver and advised high levels of parking associated to Bootcamp. Cllr Doell reported parking around Sutton Park was worst ever on 4.9.21; junior teams not a problem, only adults. Cllr Selwood had met with BFC reps: some junior teams now training at Blunsdon House Hotel. Meeting to be arranged with new BFC chairman.
12. Email re Westmill Solar Community Grant Scheme. Info to be included in Village Magazine.
13. Phone call re BVH bookings for winter Bootcamps. Dates in Nov/Dec booked.
14. Response from PCSO re patrolling Sutton Park and contacting Blunsdon FC.
15. Emails re pavement repairs, Clerk also wrote to SBC leader and Cabinet Member K Parry. Cllr Weisinger had also emailed SBC. Reports of accident but no details known.
16. Email sent to Richard Bell, SBC, by Cllr Jankinson re use of adopted Neighbourhood Plan when determining outstanding development applications; reply received from Kimberley Corps and she and Cllr Jankinson had subsequent meeting: she would contact each officer of the applications for updates; enquire about proposed Kingsdown bridge and infrastructure; she would respond by 10th September. She also reported that Highways England had carried out remodelling of capacity of Cold Harbour junction and this had been passed to Kingsdown developers.

110. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **GM –** Cllr Selwood to discuss leaf clearance programme with GM contractor.
2. **Recreation** – Cllr Selwood reported on discussions with BFC re “permanent” goals and issues of storage. **Agreed that during the season one to be stored by Pavilion and one under the trees by the School boundary; ground anchors to be installed; off season both to be stored under trees. Possibility of leaving one in place through season for informal use to be discussed with BFC chairman.**
3. **BVH** – RFO to chase up painter re rear woodwork; electrical works scheduled for 11th

September; Mark Cryer had been requested to repair leak from water heater in cupboard under kitchen sink; boiler service being arranged for October half term; future events in car park not to take place when Hall in use.

1. **Broadband** – Cllr Selwood reported that suggested contact worked for BT and he had now

been referred to senior person at Open Reach. Blunsdon telephone exchange was included on list of Fibre Fast areas: copper cables to be switched off and all properties would have fibre between 2021-24.

e. **Covid –** Nothing to report.

111. PARISH MATTERS

Cllr Jankinson reported that Beat the Street would start on 25th September and run for six

weeks; there were two Beat Boxes in the village.

**Finance Committee meeting to be arranged.**

Cllr Banda reported dog muck on swing in Linley Road park – Mark Jones had cleared.

Cllr Collingwood reported Cemetery bollard had been knocked down.

Cllr Collingwood reported overgrown weeds in Fortuna Close open space. **Developer to be**

**asked to cut.**

Cllr Collingwood reported plastic recycling had not been collected in Burytown Lane

again, no action from his reports. **Cllr Manro to be asked to report.**

Cllr Nash reported Conlon were working on drainage issues in Jupiter Close.

Cllr Doell requested inclusion of Broadbush chicanes in road safety audit. Cllr

Collingwood offered to set up Survey Monkey to enable residents to report on all village

roads.

Cllr Selwood reported overgrown hedge from Ivy Lane down part of Front Lane.

112. KEY MESSAGES

Road safety audit

Safety on public rights of way

Stuart Boyd’s plaque for long service

Development queries raised with SBC.

113. SUMMONS TO ATTEND NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held 20 September 2021 at 7.30pm – Venue BVH/Zoom

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

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Chairman 20 September 2021

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

**PC Actions**

B4019 safety issues – review after repairs.

Church Path – Clerk to issue timetable once materials available.

BT at PC meeting – Cllr Selwood awaiting contact from Open Reach. ??

BVH toilet windows – completion awaited.

Soakaway at Ringstones – with EH case officer. 7/6

Cemetery Wall – to be discussed with Hayfield

Weight restriction on B4019, Cllr Rogers to investigate.

Sams Lane hedge – to be discussed at meeting with Hayfield. 5/7

MUGA letter to original contractor requesting fee proposal for received work.

Average speed cameras – Cllr Jankinson to contact new PCC.

Newland Allotments – clerk to check on progress.

Ermin Street/High Street – Cllr Selwood dealing with spec.

Traffic Calming – contact Cllr Manro as repair unsatisfactory and unsafe.

Local Plan Review – CLlr Jankinson to send PC submission

Jubilee Beacon – Cllr Collingwood to talk with landowner again.

Car reg from Hillside – awaited

Fortuna Close grasscuttting – developer to be contacted.

Sams Lane/B4019 corner – Paul Schofield to be asked to cut back vegetation.

Blunsdon FC – meeting with new Chairman to be arranged.

Bootcamps – dates/times of home matches and training to be provided to Rhea McCartney.

First reported – lingering issues dated in red.

**SBC Cllr Actions**

Pavement encroachment – Cllr Manro to advise. 19/7

Road Surfaces in Parish – Letter to Cllr Manro. 5/7

By Law for parking at Rec – Cllr Manro to investigate.

Highway weed clearance – Cllr Manro to investigate.

Burytown Lane missed recycling collections

Key Messages – to post on Facebook and WEB.