Minutes of the Sixteenth Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 10 January 2022 at 7.30pm. This meeting was held at BVH and via Zoom.

Present: Cllrs Jankinson, (Chair), Ainscow, Banda, Collingwood, Compton, Nash, Tayler.

Zoom: Cllrs Keates, Rogers, Selwood; SBC Cllr Weisinger.

199. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Doell

200. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

*RECESS –* None

201. MINUTES FROM THE FIFTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING

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

Minutes were approved.

202. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. B4019 safety /speeding issues – No further update.

b. Soakaway at Ringstones – SBC advised that owners of three new properties above Ringstones

were obliged to install culverts under driveways.

c.Cemetery Wall – Sample received. Cllr Nash had sought broad budget price toconstruct a 6 inch

concrete block wall 100 metres long by 1.5 metres high foundations say 600 X 600 mass

concrete:

Masonry wall 140mm dense concrete block 150m2 circa £80/m2 = £12,000

            Foundations - Excavate dispose offsite, pour concrete 36m3 circa £310 = £11,160

**Quotes to be sought once SBC Conservation Area office had confirmed agreement of materials.**

1. Weight restriction on B4019 & Turnpike. Cllr Rogers to investigate details. **c/f**
2. Average speed cameras – Cllr Jankinson now in Focus Group; Cllr Selwood suggested Group to be asked to restart Safety Partnership.
3. Newland Allotments – Walkways issue with Solicitor; all confirmed acceptable other than completion of walkways.
4. Jubilee Beacon – Cllr Jankinson in talks with landowner in Burytown Lane; safe public access to be arranged, possible via adjoining land; field at top of Churchway was alternative site.
5. Community Allotment – Security issues resolved, and document issued by SBC for signing; PCllrs unanimously agreed.
6. GM Contract – **Cllr Selwood expecting to complete by end of week.**
7. Insurance, Rec Ground trees – one quote received, one contractor not responded; one other contractor contacted. **Quote awaited.**
8. Play Area – Cllr Tayler had replaced one post and tightened second post.
9. Parish Deed – meeting arranged with SBC for 28th February.
10. Turnpike Road – resident’s letter sent to SBC.
11. Parking – PCSO informed.

203. DRAFT PRECEPT 2022/23

        Cllrs considered draft Precept Budget.  Information on 2022/23 CIL payments due and payment

        of requested S106 monies awaited from SBC.  Cllr Selwood requested £2,000 be specified as

        contingency for tree works. Formal decision on Precept to be made at next meeting and submitted

        by deadline of 31st January.

204. PLANNING DECISIONS ADVISED BY SWINDON

None.

205. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED FOR COMMENT

S/RES/21/1904,1905,1906,1907,1909 - Reserved Matters application (5 Plots) following outline permission S/OUT/18/2007 for the demolition of the existing warehouse and outbuildings and erection of 5 no. dwellings and associated works - access and layout not reserved.

At: Lindseys Yard, Turnpike Road Blunsdon Swindon SN26 7AE

**PC agreed to object because of drainage, sewage, environmental and infrastructure issues.**

**See Planning response for full details.**

Other Planning Matters

1. **MUGA –** Cllrs reportedgood attendance at consultation event: 42 recorded; 29 completed questionnaires. Main points raised: desire for tennis courts, surfacing suitable for various sporting activities not just football, including Bootcamp use, retention of green space for dog walking and general use, overall general enthusiasm and support. **RFO to contact Abbey Meads CP School for information on current charges and running/maintenance costs of pitches there; provision of marking for less popular sports to be weighed against income.**

**Slatters to be consulted on alternative surfaces for multi use.**

206. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED TO 10 JANUARY 2022

1. SBC Members Bulletin 1101 – emailed to Cllrs.
2. Community First December update – emailed to Cllrs.
3. Email from Speedwatch Co Ordinator – meeting request. ***SBCllr Weisinger to ask* *Highworth co-ordinator to contact Cllr Jankinson.***
4. Email from SBC NEV update – emailed to Cllrs.
5. Email from PCC re Geoff Sowden – emailed to Cllrs. *Cllr Keates to attend.*
6. Email – Katie Fielding leaving WALC, new role with Stroke Association.
7. Email from SBC Highways update – emailed to Cllrs.
8. Email from SBC Covid update – emailed to Cllrs.
9. Email from resident – bench on Blunsdon Hill. *To be circulated to PCllrs.*
10. Email from resident re Ermin Street calming and access near Greensquare. Replied and sent to S.Coles. ***SBCllr Weisinger to take up issue of damaged speed bumps.***
11. Email from resident re MUGA – papers sent.

207. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **GM –** Contract in hand; Cllr Jankinson meeting with landscape architect to consider possibilities for community allotment site.
2. **Recreation** – **Meeting to be arranged with football and cricket clubs and Bootcamp organiser.**
3. **BVH** – Plasterer to be sought to repair walls in small hall toilets. Cllr Nash returning fan heaters loaned by Beards. **Book “library” to be offered to new Shop for café area.**
4. **Community Building –** Cllr Banda reported financial success with Landfill Trust application and potential grant from another source. Operations Manager and other positions being advertised. **Cllrs Banda, Keates and Taylor to meet with Shop reps to discuss PC’s contribution to facilities for outside space.**
5. **Covid –** Cllr Jankinson commented the general feeling was that this was something we would now have to live with.

208. PARISH MATTERS

a) Cllr Compton reported works at 11 Jupiter Close including removal of crab apple tree and

addition of spotlight shining along Widhill Lane. **Clerk to query with SBC PO.**

b) Cllr Compton reported SBC Standards Cttee meeting to take place on 21st January.

c) Cllr Banda had received complaint about eyesore of Holdcroft Close garages area. **Clerk to**

**contact SBC Housing.**

d) Cllr Collingwood had noted breaking of 20mph speed limit by numbers 16 and 24 buses.

**Clerk to report to Swindon’s Bus Company.**

e) Cllr Taylor had noticed Christmas tree had not been removed from Hall car park.

Groundsman to be asked to deal with.

f) Cllr Ainscow reported works in field off B4019 were for Thames Water and not in

connection with NC5.

g) Cllr Ainscow suggested road sweeper was needed around many village roads**. RFO to obtain Quote from Gibbs for one village sweep and then as needed.**

h) Cllr Rogers reported he had submitted objections to Kingsdown development application as

resident; objections also from Thames Water, Highways England and bus companies. He

had noted omissions of red and amber list species from the environmental report.

i) Cllr Selwood had noted Swindon Adver article on NC5 application was accompanied by

picture of a different site off Broadbush; this could prompt residents’ queries.

j) It was reported that the caretaker would be having a wrist operation later in January and

absent from work for a few weeks. **Clerk to arrange contingency as necessary.**

209. KEY MESSAGES.

MUGA information to be added to PC Facebook page.

Warning of damaged Ermin Street traffic calming bumps.

Village Shop/community building on target to open in May 2022.

210. SUMMONS TO ATTEND NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held 24 January 2022 at 7.30pm – Venue BVH/Zoom

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

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Chairman 24 January 2022

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

**PC Actions**

Cemetery Wall – Sample received. SBC approval of materials and then quotes to be sought

Weight restriction on B4019, Cllr Rogers to investigate.

Average speed cameras – Cllr Jankinson contacted PCC, response awaited.

Newland Allotments – walkways with Solicitor; still to be completed.

Jubilee Beacon – Cllr Jankinson, landowner in Burytown Lane.

Community Allotment – Deed to be signed.

GM Contract – Cllr Selwood drafting, ready for next meeting.

Insurance – Clerk to obtain quotes – 2 outstanding. 2 recd.

MUGA – Cllr Jankinson to contact Slatters with consultation responses; RFO to contact AMCPS re

charges/costs; meeting to be arranged with Football/Cricket Clubs and Bootcamp rep.

Parish Deed – Meeting with SBC on 28th February.

Road sweeping – RFO to obtain quote from Gibbs.

Hall Christmas tree – Paul Schofield to remove. Complete.

Book library to be offered to Village Shop.

Community Building committee to arrange meeting with VS.

Widhill Lane/Jupiter Close – report to SBC.

Holdcroft Garages – report to SBC Housing.

Speeding Buses – report to Company.

Road sweeping – RFO to get quote from Gibbs.

Staffing – Clerk to arrange cover as required.

First reported – lingering issues dated in red.

**SBC Cllr Actions**

Soakaway at Ringstones – 3 new properties to install culverts under driveway 22/12

Pooling on Ermin Street – SBC response not adequate.

Ermin Street damaged speed bumps

Highworth Speedwatch co-ordinator to contact Cllr Jankinson

Key Messages – to post on Facebook and WEB.