Minutes of the Seventeenth Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 24 January 2022 at 7.30pm. This meeting was held at BVH and via Zoom.

Present: Cllrs Selwood (Chair) Ainscow, Compton, Doell, Nash & Tayler.

Zoom: Cllr Keates

211. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Jankinson, Banda, Collingwood & Rogers

212. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Tayler – item 7a on Agenda.

*RECESS –* None

213. MINUTES FROM THE SIXTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING

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

Minutes were approved.

214. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

**a**.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. Clerk to contact CO.**

**b**. Weight restriction on B4019 & Turnpike. Cllr Jankinson suggested earlier implementation as Highways have agreed as part of Sec 106. **Clerk to contact SBC.**

**c.** Average speed cameras – Cllr Selwood suggested Group to be asked to restart Safety Partnership. Meeting arranged with area Speedwatch Co-ordinator. Speedwatch locations to then be reviewed by IJ, BC & MH.

**d.** Newland Allotments – Stale mate on provision of the walkways. Newland not prepared to install. PC agreed not to accept transfer. **Clerk to notify solicitor.**

**e.** Jubilee Beacon – Landowner has agreed temporary access to field in Burytown Lane.

**Cllr Collingwood to get beacon from brunopeek@mac.com.**

**f.** Community Allotment – **Deed to be signed.**

1. GM Contract – **Cllr Selwood expecting to complete by next meeting.**
2. Insurance, Rec Ground trees – 3 quotes received. **Clerk to arrange on site meetings.**
3. Road Sweeping – meeting arranged to discuss 3 Feb 2022.
4. Widhill Lane/Jupiter Close – no Planning breach. Lights now moved. Tree on PC land removed. **Clerk to contact SBC about right of redress.**

215. FINANCE

a. Precept 2022/23 – the RFO presented the Precept which is a 0.4% increase on last year. The PC was very pleased to be able to keep the increase to a minimum. The PC voted unanimously in favour of accepting the proposal. See attached sheet for full details.

b. Monthly Accounts - The monthly accounts were approved as follows:

Cllr Compton proposed, Cllr Ainscow seconded, all agreed, that payments totalling

£21,451.72 and receipts totalling £2,778.25 be approved. See attached sheet for full details.

c. RFO explained that Britannia had closed the PC account, no notice of this was received. Balance has been transferred into Current Account.

216. PLANNING DECISIONS ADVISED BY SWINDON

S/HRN/21/1789 – Removal of 5no. additional hedgerows to facilitate new pipeline - revision to

previous permission S/HRN/21/1158.

At: Fields adjacent to Broadbush Blunsdon.

**Grant Hedge Removal Consent.**

217. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED FOR COMMENT

S/21/1865 – Change of use of building to 1no. dwelling, creation of vehicular access and parking

spaces, and associated works.

At: Blunsdon Methodist Church High Street, Blunsdon.

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

S/HOU/21/1971 – Erection of two storey front extension infill and replacement of flat roof on

garage with pitched roof.

At: 22 Berton Close Blunsdon SN26 7BE.

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

S/22/0030 – Construction of a temporary access off B4019 until March 2024, to enable

construction access for Thames Water trunk main improvements between Blunsdon reservoir

and Farringdon Pumping Station.

**PC agreed to Object. Access and egress onto B4019 cause concern, particularly as new**

**development opposite also uses this stretch of road which is already too busy.**

**PC also concerned that the condition for reinstatement is to Landowner satisfaction and**

**should be reinstatement to current state.**

S/HOU/21/1559 – Erection of single storey rear extension and annexe.

At: 1 Hatchers Crescent Blunsdon SN26 7AQ

**PC agreed to support - condition required to prevent sale as separate unit.**

S/OUT/17/1821 – Revised Traffic Calming Proposals, Broad Bush

**PC agreed to defer until 7 Feb 2022.**

S/HOU/21/1128 – Erection of a two-storey side extension. Revised consultation.

At: 2 The Copse Blunsdon SN26 7BW.

**PC agreed to support subject to neighbour agreement/satisfaction.**

Other Planning Matters

1. **Kingsdown Meeting 17 Jan 2022 –** PC met with SBC Planning Officer.

Very useful meeting, the PC listed its concerns which SBC agreed they had similar concerns. SBC Meeting regularly with National Highways and Developer.

Main points – traffic modelling inadequate, delivery of bridge, Cold Harbour, additional development not accounted for, impact of Air Balloon not accounted for.

School dropoff/pick up, footpath linkages, ecology, and quality of design.

IDP is key – this will give more detail on how scheme will be delivered.

SBC to arrange further meetings as detail emerges. Additional traffic calming information now available PC to consider on 7 Feb 2022.

Further revised planning consultation from SBC will be issued.

1. **MUGA –** Following the consultation further meeting with consultant have taken place.

Multi-purpose surface has now been included in plans. This will give a much more versatile facility and more community usage.

Consultant assisting with cost benefit analysis and whole life costings to ensure the facility is cost neutral.

RFO reported that a similar local facility charges £27.50 ph adults and £11.00 children, however this is very cheap by comparison to others. Further research on charges needed.

218. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED TO 24 JANUARY 2022

1. SBC Members Bulletin 1102 & 1103 – emailed to Cllrs.
2. Email from resident – parking on the pavement in High Street. Referred to SBC.
3. Email from P&CC re precept – emailed to Cllrs.
4. Email from resident complaining about bad language from BFC matches. BFC response not unusual for adult football.
5. Email from cleaner re state of changing rooms. Response from BFC, all teams spoken to about need to remove boots and use scrapers etc. BFC perform sweep and remove rubbish etc.
6. SBC Covid update – emailed to Cllrs.
7. Email from resident complaining about Community Allotment – **referred to Cllr Selwood for response.**
8. Email from resident, leaves on path Hyde Road to Groundwell – cleared.
9. SBC grab a cab for Vaccination – emailed to Cllrs & posted on Facebook.
10. Email from BFC re goal mouths – emailed to Cllrs. **Cllrs agreed to proposal, suggest cones locked away. Clerk to advise BFC.**
11. Blunsdon Magazine – Web after 29 Jan.
12. Email from Scouts re use of Portakabin – emailed to Cllrs. PC agreed that the future of the building needed more research. **Clerk to send holding response.**
13. Email from resident, rubbish dumped by bin at High Street – resident left them after doing a voluntary litter pick.
14. Phone call from resident, state of Turnpike Road - reported to SBC, landowner contacted to begin enforcement process.

o. Email from resident, concerned about traffic calming chicane on Broadbush and access to Greensquare – SBC confirmed - Yes, the existing chicane on Broadbush, between Beach Lea and the Cold Harbour junction is to be relocated as part of the on-going development works. Details can be seen on the access drawings for the planning application ref: S/OUT/19/0467.

Further detail on traffic calming proposals for Broadbush as part of the Kingsdown mitigation is also now available in the revised Transport Assessment.

219. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **GM –** Community Allotments, draft design being progressed, this should be available by the end of Feb. Cllr Selwood has contacted Incredible Edible for information about their operations.
2. **Recreation** – Meeting to be arranged with football and cricket clubs and Bootcamp organiser. Issues with excessive mud in Pavilion, with BFC to improve.

RFO had an enquiry about hire of Pavilion for 4 hours alternate weeks. **PC agreed in principle subject to hirer visiting Pavilion and no impact on other users.**

1. **BVH** – Pre school currently on reduced hours because of positive Covid tests.
2. **Community Building –** PC sub committee met with VS committee. Working on agreeing canopy and outside furniture. NHBC fire certificate outstanding. Electric Vehicle Charging points are on plans but not in evidence. The transfer of building will be to PC therefore PC needs to be satisfied with all aspects of the building. **Clerk to chase Transfer document/lease.**
3. **Covid –** Grab a Cab initiative to boost vaccination.

220. PARISH MATTERS

Cllr Doell reported that the pothole repair on B4019 adjacent to Cold Harbour has failed.

**Clerk to report to SBC.**

Cllr Tayler reported 2 vehicles untaxed on Turnpike Road, reported to DVLA. Another car

Already classified as abandoned with SBC notices served.

Cllr Nash reported that another section of the rubber traffic calming on Ermin Street was

lifting. **Clerk to report to Cllr Weisinger.**

Cllr Compton reported that the February standards meeting had been moved to March. He will be

attending. He also reported that Vikki Yull had left.

Clerk – in last meeting correspondence there was a request to site a bench on Blunsdon Hill

Footpath. PC agreed to refer to SBC. **Clerk to contact MF.**

221. KEY MESSAGES.

MUGA

Thames Water Access

Precept

222. SUMMONS TO ATTEND NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held 7 February 2022 at 7.30pm – Venue BVH/Zoom

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

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Chairman 7 February 2022

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

**PC Actions**

Cemetery Wall – Sample received. SBC, clerk to contact CO.

Weight restriction on B4019, Contact SC as SEC 106 agreed.

Average speed cameras – Meeting with Area speed watch.

Newland Allotments – Advise solicitor no transfer.

Jubilee Beacon – Cllr Collingwood to source.

Community Allotment – Deed to be signed. Cllr S to respond to complaint.

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

Insurance – On site meetings arranged.

Road Sweeping – meeting arranged.

Jupiter Close – tree removal, SBC advice.

MUGA – comparable cost of hire to be obtained.

BFC – Clerk to advise proposal ok.

Scouts – Clerk to send holding response.

Pavilion – RFO to contact hirer.

Community Building – Clerk to chase lease.

Pothole – Clerk to report.

Ermin Street – contact Cllr W again.

Bench – clerk to contact MF.

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. Further damaged email 25/1.

Key Messages – to post on Facebook and WEB.