Minutes of the Twenty Third Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 25 April 2022 at 7.30pm. This meeting was held at BVH and via Zoom.

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

SBC Cllr Manro

284. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Banda & Rogers

285. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NONE.

*RECESS –* Representative of the Scouts Group challenged the PC decision to not continue with

the Portacabin following the re location of the shop. The Chair explained that the PC had given

careful consideration to the way forward but the life of the unit and ongoing maintenance costs

were a concern and that the area would be better utilised for more parking.

S/HOU/22/ 0349 – residents addressed the PC about the objection to planning application.

The Chair confirmed that revised Plans were on the agenda this evening and that the residents

were welcome to stay and here the debate and decision.

286. MINUTES FROM THE TWENTY SECOND ORDINARY MEETING

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

Minutes were approved. An omission form Minutes on 21 March 2022 (item 268 e) was approved

for correction as follows:

*The PC had a lengthy discussion about the future use of the space where the current shop is cited. The PC decided 5 to 1 in favour of not continuing with the Portacabin and the PC wanted its removal on vacation of the shop. The main issues were the life of Portacabin and the ongoing maintenance costs. The Scouts were to be offered the shed behind BVH if further storage is required. Additional car parking was the favoured residual use. Further down the line Electric Charging points to be considered.* ***Clerk to notify Shop Com and Scouts.***

287. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Cemetery Wall – Hayfield have offered supply of materials and building of wall for £35k.

**PC agreed to proceed with the wall. Clerk to let PO & CO know. Clerk to contact LW.**

**b.** Average speed cameras – Cllr Jankinson attended meeting on 10 March, unfortunately not attended by the relevant Officer. **Answers to questions about enforcement etc to be provided via email. RA for new locations still outstanding.**

**c.** Newland Minerva Heights – Allocation of allotments going well. Play area inspected and wood treated. **PC agreed Play area can now be opened.**

**d.** Jubilee Beacon – Beacon purchased; location agreed with resident.

**e.** Welcome Pack **– Cllr Collingwood to update by 25 April 2022. C/F**

**f.** Road Sweeping raised with SBC at Parish Deed meeting – **SM to feedback.**

**g.** BFC presentation night – to be held at BHH.

**h.** Hayfield transfer of Community assets, legal documents awaited. **Clerk to chase again.**

**(Third time)**

1. Tree maintenance Plan – **PC agreed to review and add Linley Road and REC.**
2. Linley Road Play Area – **MJ sourcing replacement timber for slide. C/f**
3. Recreation Ground trees –Work complete, photos sent to Insurer.
4. Grove House – PC requested enforcement conditions regarding visibility splays. No reply. **Clerk to contact SBC, AC.**
5. Safe Crossing – Sams Lane to Shop. **Clerk to contact SBC.**
6. Church Path – work scheduled for around 5 May, weather dependant.
7. Ermin Street bollard – Clerk suggested concrete filled steel rods, PC agreed subject to cost and Cllr Manro`s comments about safety. **Clerk to progress**.

288. FINANCE

1. Monthly Accounts – RFO reported that the Council Tax Support Grant and Precept had been

received. The monthly accounts were approved as follows:

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

£11,317.23 and receipts totalling £47,323.00 be approved. See attached sheet for full details.

1. RFO reported that the Annual Audit by the Internal Auditor should be complete by meeting on 23 May 2022.
2. RFO reported that Sec 106 monies requested in Oct 2021 had not been received. No reposne from Officer. **Cllr Manro to raise with SBC.**

289. PLANNING DECISIONS ADVISED BY SWINDON

S/21/1529 – Erection of 2no. dwellings and associated works.

At: Land at Burytown Lane Blunsdon SN26 7DQ

**Planning Permission Granted with Conditions – SBC Planning Committee.**

S/21/18865 – Change of use of building to 1no. dwelling, creation of vehicular access and

parking spaces, and associated works.

At: Blunsdon Methodist Church Blunsdon.

**Planning Permission Granted with Conditions.**

S/HOU/22/0391 – Conversion of a garage into habitable space and construction of a dropped

kerb.

At: 19 Berton Close Blunsdon SN26 7BE

**Planning Permission Granted with Conditions.**

S/AMEND/22/0548 – Hill Cottage Ermin Street. Non-Material amendment to S/RES/19/1773.

Amendment to layout and reduction from 90 to 88 dwellings.

290. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED FOR COMMENT

S/HOU/22/0349 – Revised Drawings. Front garage removed, side extension, front porch reduced.

At: Harang 10 Hatchers Cres Blunsdon SN26 7AQ

**PC agreed to support as no Planning reason to object**

S/HOU/22/0579 - Erection of a two storey front extension infill & replacement of flat roof on

garage with pitched roof.

At: 22 Berton Close, Blunsdon Swindon SN26 7BE

**PC agreed to object – loss of garage, only 1 parking space not 2 as plan shows.**

**PC response to SBC held as there appears to be previous consent, SBC to clarify.**

S/HOU/22/0582 - Replacement of existing flat roof with pitched roof.

At: 20 Berton Close, Blunsdon Swindon SN26 7BE

**PC agreed to support as no planning reason to object.**

S/22/0457 – Erection of 5no. self build dwellings (use class C3) and associated works.

At; Longfield Kingsdown Lane Blunsdon SN25 5DL

**PC agreed to object. No plans for Landscape, SUDS, D&A, Arborist. No Klargester**

**discharge into Bydemill. Significant drainage problems already exist in Kingsdown Lane.**

**S/22/0377 –** Creation of a MUGA with enhanced fencing and lighting, erection of office/toilet

storage unit with accessibility ramps, cycle shelter, cricket practice facility, paving improvements

additional car parking spaces, green playing space, soccer skills area and tree planting.

**At:** Tennis Courts Linley Road Blunsdon. **Revised consultation.**

**PC agreed to support and welcomes the sound survey data and the Acoustic fence.**

Other Planning Matters

1. **MUGA –** Revised Plan submitted with sound survey data and acoustic fence. Further work

on drainage solution to be undertaken.

1. **Community Allotment –** Cllrs met with resident. Boundary hedge to be trimmed. Resident

Meeting with Housing Officer about the hedge/fence. **Cllrs agreed to work on hedge at a cost of approx. £300.**

Potential to site resident bench and possibly a Remembrance/Jubilee bench.

Potential user – Pre School.

Drawings to be updated for 9/5.

291. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED TO 25 APRIL 2022

1. SBC Members Bulletin – 1115 & 1116 emailed to Cllrs.
2. Emails from Scouts re Portakabin – reason for PC wanting Portakabin removed.
3. Email – Village Maps.
4. SBC update and Covid News – emailed to Cllrs
5. Email from resident – dogs off leash in Allotment. Clerk responded and issued reminder.
6. Email from F&C – 2 nights a month. Emailed to Cllrs. **PC agreed, same T&Cs.**
7. Email from resident – litter pick lower village. Bags to be left at top of High Street.
8. SBC Temp Road Closure Widhill from 27/4 – emailed to Cllrs. Work began on 21/4 some disruption for residents. **Clerk to report to SBC.**
9. Email from resident – H&S issues in rec. Users of REC using bushes as toilet. **Clerk to email REC users.**
10. Email from resident – plans for REC hedge maintenance. **2 significant cuts programmed, timing TBA – nesting etc. Clerk to notify resident.**
11. SBC Highway update – emailed to Cllrs.
12. Email from resident confirming use of garden for Jubilee Beacon. Chair responded

292.COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **GM –** CA hedge, see above. Removal of Ivy to be done at same time.
2. **Recreation** – Timings for hedge trim TBA. Work on trees now complete.
3. **BVH** – PC agreed to leave hand sanitisers.
4. **Community Building –** Dog/litter bins to be installed. Copy of spec for doors still awaited – delay expected on supply. Gate to be removed. Building Regulation final certificate to be obtained from Hayfield. Canopy agreed. **Cllr Tayler to investigate planning app.**
5. **Jubilee Celebrations –** The Old Rectory`s garden has been offered by resident. PC very grateful.

293. PARISH MATTERS

Clerk reported that the work on the trees in the Recreation Ground was now complete.

**Confirmation and photos to be sent to Insurer Solicitor**. Plans required for ongoing review

of trees for maintenance purposes. The PC also discussed reviewing the Tree Maintenance

plan for Cemetery and Church Yard and having the trees in the REC and at Linley Road added to

the Plan. **Clerk to contact Tree Surgeon.**

Cllr Tayler reported that he had contacted Greensquare about topsoil. They are willing to supply

but PC must arrange collection. Tipper required for 9cubic metres. **Clerk to ask GM contractor.**

Cllr Keates reported the repair to road in Lonsdale had not been completed. **Clerk to chase**

**SBC.**

Cllr Ainscow reported that the road surface of High Street between the Methodist Church and

BHH was in a very poor state of repair, and he had received complaints from residents. **Clerk to**

**Report again to SBC.**

Cllrs Aisncow & Doell reported that parking in Sutton Park had got worse following the

Planning permissions to install dropped kerbs at some properties. Cllr Doell requested that

the parking arrangements at the REC be reviewed again and further consideration be given to

the plans to add additional parking. **To be added to future Agenda.**

294. KEY MESSAGES.

APA – 16 May

Raised Beds at Allotment

Jubilee Beacon

295. SUMMONS TO ATTEND NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held 9 May 2022 at 7.30pm – Venue BVH

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

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Chairman 9 May 2022

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

**PC Actions**

Cemetery Wall – PC agreed to proceed. Clerk to notify LW,RA & LSG

Average speed cameras – Meeting on 10 March, with Police to email response.

Newland Allotments – Trough and mustard seed to be actioned. Play area certificate, can now open.

Community Allotment – full plan and costings to be produced, after resident consultation. PC

Agreed work to hedge.

Road Sweeping raised with SBC – SM to report back

Welcome Pack – Cllr Collingwood to update, Chair to write to AC.

Jubilee Beacon – Beacon purchased, location agreed.

Hayfield legal docs – clerk to chase.

Linley Road – MJ sourcing wood for slide.

Grove House – Clerk to contact AC @SBC re conditions.

Trees – review management plan and add REC and Linley Road.

Management Companies – Clerk to request contact details.

Safe crossing – Clerk to contact SBC re Sams Lane to Shop.

Ermin Street Bollard – Clerk to source replacement

Sec 106 monies – Cllr Manro to chase SBC.

F&C van – PC agreed 2 nights a month same T&C. Clerk to notify.

Widhill Lane – problems with notified closure. Clerk to notify SBC.

H&S issues at REC – Clerk to email all users.

REC hedge – 2 significant cuts. Dates TBA. Clerk to notify resident.

Community Building canopy – Cllr Tayler to check planning.

Insurance Claim – photos and confirmation to be sent to Insurer.

Topsoil – GM tipper??

Road repair Lonsdale Close – report again to SBC

Road surface High Street – report to SBC

Parking at REC – plans to be revisited, future Agenda.

First reported – lingering issues dated in red.

**SBC Cllr Actions**

Pooling on Ermin Street – SBC response not adequate.

Ermin Street damaged speed bumps. Further damaged email 25/1. Further email 24/2 Further email

agreed at 11/4 meeting. Speed Hump removed 25/4/22!!

Ditch in Kingsdown Lane – Cllr Weisinger agreed with Cllr Tayler and emailed SBC.

Key Messages – to post on Facebook and WEB.