Minutes of the Second Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 23 May 2022 at 7.30pm at Blunsdon Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Jankinson (Chair), Banda, Compton, Keates, Selwood & Tayler.

17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Ainscow, Doell, Nash and Rogers; SBCllr Manro.

Cllr Jankison signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office – PC Chairman.

18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

*RECESS –* Representatives of Blunsdon FC attended and requested work to RG compound to allow rear access and storage (PC to consider), queried use of Community Building car park area during training/matches (PC confirmed for general community use once transferred); MUGA update (planning concerns being addressed would not be completed for Winter training).

19. MINUTES FROM THE FIRST ORDINARY MEETING

Proposed by Cllr Keates, seconded by Cllr Selwood, all agreed they be accepted as a true record.

Minutes were approved.

20. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

**a**.Cemetery Wall - foundations and base concrete blocks all laid, work continuing that week.

**b.** Average speed cameras – as Police advised these were only an indication of speed and not evidence and Speedwatch check already provided that, there was no need to purchase such cameras. ***Cllr Jankinson to attend Speedwatch Teams meeting on 33.5.22.*** Some road line marking had been carried out around the village.

**c.** Road sweeping – ***Cllr Jankinson to raise at Forum with other PCs.***

**d.** Linley Road slide **– *Cllr Tayler to contact Mark Jones.***

**e.** Sam’s Lane crossing – CIL funds could be used to provide, if necessary.

**f.**  Lonsdale Close road surface – ***Cllr Keates to meet with complainant to confirm issue***.

**g.** Portacabin – Cllr Selwood reported on meeting with Scouts reps: PC’s reasons for wanting removal were explained and accepted; Scouts wanted more storage space, to open upper floor as meeting area, and visible “branding***”. Cllrs agreed to review use of upper storage area, and consider storage of PC’s machinery at existing or new Cemetery then offer “tin shed” to Scouts, green shed could be removed.***

1 Holdcroft Close fencing falling across rear boundary wall - ***neighbour to be contacted***.

**h.** Village Hall disabled parking bay relining – ***waiting for response from Rockstone.***

**i.**  Planters – Cllr Tayler had replanted those at top of the High Street; Hall planters looked excellent.

1. . FINANCE
2. Monthly Accounts. April’s statement amended to transfer of £15,000 from Current Account to Santander. Proposed by Cllr Compton, seconded by Cllr Tayler, all agreed to revision, and May’s payments totalling £15,876.83 and receipts totalling £6,196.15be approved. See attached sheet for full details.

1. Ratify funding approval for Street Party. Cllrs agreed to grant of up to £800 for High Street

party, further request for Hatcher’s Crescent party grant and Cllrs agreed up to £200.

1. Annual Accounts Audit 2021/22. Internal audit completed with no queries raised. Cllrs completed Annual Governance Statement and Chairman signed.
2. Accounting Statements - Cllrs approved the Accounting Statements and Chairman signed.

S106 funds. Following SBC Cllr Weisinger’s intervention, S Screen had advised that requested funds should be forwarded to PC shortly***. Cllrs unanimously agreed to request Allotments allocation of £41,535.68; RFO to submit form.***

22. PLANNING DECISION ADVISED BY SWINDON

S/22/0349 – Erection of front porch extension and new single storey side extension to provide

store

At: Harang,10 Hatcher’s Crescent, Blunsdon

**Granted, subject to conditions.**

23. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED FOR COMMENT

S/22/0688 – Erection of a canopy over levelled loading bay area

At: Unit A1, Warehouse, Stephenson Road, Groundwell Industrial Estate.

**Cllrs raised no objections.**

S/21/1904: Reserved Matters application (Plot 1) following outline permission S/OUT/18/2007

for the demolition of the existing warehouse and outbuildings and erection of 5

dwellings and associated works – access and layout not reserved

Also Plots 2, 3, 4 and 5.

At: Lindsey’s Yard, Turnpike Road, Blunsdon

**Cllrs agreed that all previous comments of objection remained; extension of comments deadline to be requested.**

Other Planning Matters

1. **MUGA –** Cllr Jankinson had contacted Slatters to instruct drainage consultants to address planning officer’s concerns.
2. **Community Allotment -** Cllr Selwood reported further information awaited.

24. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED TO 23 MAY 2022

a. SBC Members Bulletin 1110 and 1120, emailed to Cllrs.

b. Email from Blunsdon FC re better use of storage space, emailed to Cllrs.

c. Email from resident complainng about speeding through the village.

d. Email from resident re concrete debris on roads around Cold Harbour. Clerk replied

e. Email from resident at Fortuna Close re bins on Play Area, Clerk replied.

f. Email x 3 re car park at Sam’s Lane.

g. Email from SBC – pop up Covid vaccination clinics at fetes etc. Clerk replied.

h. SBC News and Covid update - emailed to Cllrs.

i. SBC Highways update – emailed to Cllrs.

j. Email from resident – coning of Sutton Park, BCC not doing.

k. Email from resident - concerns about speeding sent, to Ward Cllrs, no response.

l. SBC How Healthy is your Parish meeting – invite emailed to Cllrs.

m. Email from Tom Buxton – traffic incident on B4019 with queueing lorries – Greensquare

apologised, a one-off logistics problem, site manager monitoring closely.

n. Village Magazine – to be posted online after 28 May.

25. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **GM –** Cllr Selwood reported machinery oil leak on Rec Ground, being remedied by Allbuild. Clearance needed finishing by High Street entrance planters; Cllr Tayler to spray brambles etc. Land management company info to be sought from Linden Homes to establish areas of maintenance. PS asked to strim weeds by bungalows path behind gravelled area in Ermin Street. Church path completed to be done this week, weather permitting***. PS to be contacted re flexi bollards at Cemetery, were more needed?***
2. **Recreation** – Nothing to report.
3. **BVH** – ***MJ to be asked to carry out thorough sweep and weed removal of car park, also clearance of drains, this week.***  RFO reported that Hall window cleaning to resume shortly; company had forgotten to restart after lockdowns, but invoices still issued; refund requested.
4. **Community Building –** Cllr Banda reported that Shop Ops Manager now appointed; weekly meetings were held with Hayfield site manager who lived on site; fixtures and fittings in store, fridges and freezers to be delivered this week and also to be stored, Hayfield paying for storage.
5. **Jubilee Celebrations –** Cllr Jankinson reported that a Beacon competition was arranged for School year 6 pupils to write statement to be read out at ceremony, winner would light the Beacon. There would be an accompanying small fireworks display.

26. PARISH MATTERS

Cllr Compton reported complaint from resident using mobility buggy that some sections of the

High Street pavements were too narrow to use.

Cllr Compton had noted SBCllr Heenan’s statement that there were only 19 unfilled potholes in

Swindon.

Cllr Compton reported traffic lights in use again on Blunsdon Hill.

Cllr Compton reported that though white lines had been repainted on High Street, surface was

still poor in places.

Cllr Tayler requested some of the wood chippings from RG, agreed.

Cllr Jankinson suggested C and G Utilities be asked if they could move about 9 cm of topsoil

from Greensquare site to Minerva allotments.

Cllr Banda queried latest on report of “rough sleeper” in village; Cllr Jankinson advised SBC

is dealing with case and trying to re-home.

27. KEY MESSAGES.

None.

28. SUMMONS TO ATTEND NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held 6 June 2022 at 7.30pm – Venue Blunsdon Village Hall.

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

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Chairman 6 June 2022

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

**PC Actions**

Cemetery extension wall – progress to be monitored.

Community Allotment – updated drawings awaited.

Agreed work to hedge. Permission for fencing needed from SBC – Cllr Selwood.

Cllr Jankinson to attend Teams Speedwatch meeting.

Welcome Pack – Chair to contact Andrew Collingwood.

Hayfield Legal docs – Docs being drafted. Chase up.

Linley Road play park slide – Cllr Tayler to contact MJ re wood.

Ermin Street bollard – Clerk to get quote for spikes.

Sam’s Lane crossing – request to Cllr Weisinger.

Lonsdale Close repair – Cllr Keates to meet resident.

Portacabin/Scouts – storage of PC machinery to be reviewed; VH upper storage area to be cleared of

any rubbish.

VH disabled parking bay relining – RFO to chase Rockstone.

Canopy at Community Building – Cllr Tayler

Movement of top soil from Greensquare to Minerva allotments - Clerk to contact CG

BVH – sweeping and drains cleared. MJ

First reported – lingering issues dated in red.

**SBC Cllr Actions**

Pooling on Ermin Street – SBC response not adequate.

Ermin Street damaged speed bumps, to be replaced once resurfacing works completed

Ditch in Kingsdown Lane – Cllr Weisinger had emailed SBC.

Key Messages – to post on Facebook and WEB.

None.