



## Parish Council News – July 2025

I am sad to announce that our longest serving Parish Councillor has decided to retire through ill-health. **Mick Compton** is a well-known character in the Parish and has steadfastly supported us for over 40 years. His local knowledge and wide council experience will be missed, along with the stories he can tell about the village (and some of the villagers!). We hope your health improves as you enjoy your well-earned retirement. A massive thank you and good luck old friend.

We have also lost another great friend to the Parish. **Mark Jones** our Caretaker has also left us for pastures new. He has been a stalwart over nearly 20 years looking after the Parish assets and freeing the community of litter. We will miss the jingle of his keys, his cheery smile and chat around the village. Thank you Mark for all you have done in your time with us, and good luck in your new job.

June was not quite as ‘flaming’ as we hoped it would be, but the growth of grass, trees and shrubs has been enormous. So much so that we have again had to intervene and do the Borough’s work along footpaths and verges. Thankfully our trusty **Parish Cllrs Nash and Tayler** have worked hard to improve these overgrown areas. Thank you to them for their hard work. If you have shrubs or trees or any growth next to a footway, can you please ensure they are trimmed and don’t impede any users as they pass your property. Please ensure that there are no nesting birds before you do any major work. Thank you.

We also have the same issue with overgrown graves and plots in the Cemetery. We are going to take a pragmatic view of this issue – if the grave or plot looks unsafe, appears abandoned or neglected or the ownership rights have expired (over 75 years) we will instruct our grounds maintenance team to intervene and take responsibility and make it safe/tidy it up. We will not take over ownership just maintenance. If you have a loved one in the cemetery and you don’t want this to happen, please let us know. Otherwise please have a look and make sure it is maintained, thank you.

### **Linley Road Refurbishment – Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)**

July should see us virtually through the major building works. We do apologise for the difficulties caused by the construction process and hope the benefits outweigh those inconveniences.

### **Village Hall**

Claire our Assistant Clerk has reminded me that there are still some slots available for long-term bookings, so please call her on 01793 705617 or at [Claireboles@blunsdon-pc.gov.uk](mailto:Claireboles@blunsdon-pc.gov.uk) to ask for details. (she works Monday, Tuesday and Thursday) Or you can look on our booking system on the website [www.blunsdonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.blunsdonparishcouncil.co.uk).

### **Village Maps**

We have now put the final Village Map in place at the top of High Street on Ermin Street, so stop and have a look.

### Ermin Street Project

We now seem to have found a way to work with SBC Highways, and work on the hedge and tree planting is currently being re-planned in line with their specifications. Our Land Management Consultant **Oliver Saunders** will be about asking residents for their input into the improvements to the verges and roadsides. All in the aid of better road safety and more importantly slower speeds.

### Planning Applications

S/25/0688/BURGES 39 Ermin Street Blunsdon SN26 8AA Change of use from Residential (Use Class C3) to a mixed use as residential and for day care of dogs including use of existing outbuilding/summer house for the housing of dogs. **PC have requested more detail before they can comment.**

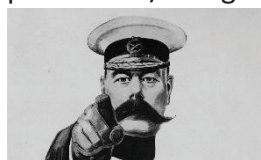
S/HOU/25/0672 Erection of single storey rear infill extension to include alterations to the existing conservatory and existing side rear extension. 108 High Street, Blunsdon Swindon SN26 7AB. **PC supported this application**

S/AMEND/25/0608/TB Land at Hill Cottage Blunsdon Swindon SN26 8BZ - Non-Material Amendment from previous application (S/RES/19/1773) relating to removal of proposed footpath in southern part of site. **PC objected to the removal of green space**

### Planning Decisions

S/HOU/25/0398/BURGES 4 Manor Close, Blunsdon Swindon SN26 7BD Conversion of garage into living accommodation. Granted Permission/Delegated Decision

S/HOU/25/0476/MCKELL Uplands 31 High Street Blunsdon SN26 7AG Erection of single storey rear extension, loft conversion and demolition of detached garage. Granted permission/Delegated Decision



### Your Speedwatch Needs You!

Our hardy volunteers are out regularly helping with road safety in the Parish. This has led to many prosecutions by local Police for those abusing the law. They always need volunteers and provide training.

Please contact me if you are interested in helping and have an hour to spend each week, and I will arrange for someone to contact you.

### Swindon Borough Council – Ward Councillors’ Surgery

This month’s surgery will be in the Village Shop and Cafe as usual, on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July** between 11:30 and 12:30.

### Resident Feedback Welcome

Recently, we’ve been encouraged to engage more closely with residents regarding parish matters. As you’ll see from this newsletter and Facebook, we do regularly share updates about ongoing and upcoming projects. However, we’re always keen to hear your ideas and feedback directly.

If you have suggestions about what projects the Parish Council should consider, please let us know by using the **Contact Us** page on our website: [Contact | Blunsdon Parish Council](#). You’re welcome to submit your thoughts anonymously—simply enter NA in the name and email fields if you prefer not to provide those details. Alternatively, please pop your



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**Parish Council Meetings –**

The regular Parish meetings will be on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July** and **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025**, at 19:30 in the Village Hall. If you want to come along, please let us know, details are on the Parish Council, notice boards, Website in the Blog section and on our Facebook page.

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Outside Catering



**Mobile fish & chip van will be at Blunsdon, Blunt Rise  
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coffee with your meal.**