

Parish Council News – June 2025

What a fantastic May we have had, unless you are a gardener, the weather has been beautiful. Lets hope Flaming June lives up to its name. SATS are over and exams are filling the lives of our children and we wish them success and as little stress as possible.

Community Allotment

It was lovely to see a report of the Pre-School getting stuck into using the Community Allotment during the lovely May weather. It is looking the best it ever has with a significant assistance from Parish Councilors, Martin Nash and Jim Taylor.



Linley Road Refurbishment

The project is forging ahead and we will soon have the much-needed car park in front of the School. The new playing surface inside the facility will be a sanded 3G surface suitable for a wide range of sports. The School will benefit most from this fantastic provision to provide it with a safe and exciting space for physical activity, which is proven to help and support improved learning. The target completion of the facility is July when it will be available for the community to hire. It is planned to operate from 5pm to 9:30 pm enabled by some low-level LED lighting.

Allotments

Claire our Assistant Clerk has reminded me that there are still some allotments available so please call her on 01793 705617 or at Claireboles@blunsdon-pc.gov.uk to ask (she works Monday, Tuesday and Thursday)

Village Maps

What do you think of the new Village Maps, at the Village Shop, near the Cold Harbour pub, at the Village Hall and at the Broadbush end of Sams Lane? Let us know, it is always good to get feedback on investment in the Parish.

Planning Applications

S/25/0526 - Change of use of garage to Nail Salon (retrospective). 93 Ermin Street Blunsdon SN26 8AA. **PC had no objections – requested a condition to prevent use as a residence.**

S/25/0516 - Erection of 1 no. dwelling with associated external works including new driveway off the existing access, erection of garage with home office accommodation. Land Adjacent To Bluebells Kingsdown Lane Blunsdon. **PC raised several objections to this application**

S/25/0496 | Retention of single dwelling (class C3), garage and associated works. | Bluebells 17 Kingsdown Lane Blunsdon Swindon SN25 5DL. **PC had no objections**

Planning Decisions

S/TWC/25/0537 - Works to tree within Conservation area. Meadow Vale House Back Lane Blunsdon Swindon SN26 7BJ. **Application Granted**

S/TPO/25/0525 - Works to TPO 2019-03. 10 Beech Lea Blunsdon Swindon SN26 7DE. **Application Granted**

S/LDP/25/0457 - Certificate of Lawfulness (Proposed) for the erection of a single storey rear extension. 22 Farrier Street Blunsdon Swindon SN26 7DD. **Application Granted**

S/HOU/25/0397 - Erection of two storey side, single storey front and rear extensions. 4 Manor Close Blunsdon Swindon SN26 7BD. **Application Granted**

S/HOU/25/0376 - Erection of a single storey side and part rear extension. 30 Thames View Blunsdon Swindon SN26 8AQ. **Application Granted**

S/HOU/25/0350 - Erection of single storey side extension. 29 Ceres Road SN26 8AF. **Application Granted**

S/HOU/25/0283 - Erection of a single storey side wraparound extension along the length of the current property with a hipped roof. 1 Ermin Street Blunsdon Swindon SN26 8EF. **Application Granted**

Speedwatch



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

I will arrange for someone to contact you.

Date	Location	Vehicles	Speeding	%	Max Speed	Speed Limit	Start	Finish	Where	
27/03/2025	Ermin St	100	19	19%	46	30	09:55	10:55	Minerva Heights	
01/05/2025	Ermin St	107	16	15%	47	30	10:00	11:00	Minerva Heights	
12/05/2025	High St	175	12	7%	30	20	15:55	16:55	Heart in Hand	
26/03/2025	High St	209	13	6%	33	20	15:50	16:55	Heart in Hand	
17/03/2025	Ermin St	150	9	6%	42	30	10:00	11:00	Minerva Heights	
09/05/2025	Ermin St	359	16	4%	48	30	08:30	09:30	Minerva Heights	
21/03/2025	Lady Lane	480	15	3%	43	30	15:58	17:00	Cycle Track	
25/03/2025	Sams Lane	102	3	3%	27	20	16:00	17:00	Junction with High St	
14/05/2025	Broadbush	174	3	2%	47	30	10:00	11:00	The Shrubbery	
24/03/2025	Broadbush	572	7	1%	36	30	16:00	17:00	The Shrubbery	
06/09/2025	Broadbush	600	7	1%	43	30	16:00	17:00	Junction with Sams La	
28/03/2025	Lady Lane	430	5	1%	48	30	15:30	16:30	Cycle Track	
19/03/2025	Broadbush	262	3	1%	39	30	15:30	16:30	The Shrubbery	
31/03/2025	Broadbush	263	3	1%	40	30	15:00	16:00	The Shrubbery	

Below is some follow-up work that Wiltshire Police have done as a result of our Speedwatch figures.

Hello Brian and Speedwatch Team Blunsdon!

I carried out 3 sessions on 19/05/2025 on Ermin St junction with Minerva Heights, Sams Lane and outside the Heart in Hand in High Street and 10, 5 and 1, drivers respectively have been issued with notices of intended prosecution for excessive speeding.

The roads monitored are 30MPH and 20 MPH and the fastest vehicle was captured at **44 MPH**

Depending on previous convictions and history

15 Drivers will be offered a speed awareness course or face £100 fine and 3 Penalty points

1 Driver will face £100 fine and get 3 Points.

Proceedings will now be undertaken to ensure the most appropriate outcome for the offenders takes place, which includes checking for MOT, Insurance & Point Totters.

Captured footage will be analysed for other offences like seat belts and mobile phone use.

Scott Garcia 9990 - Speed Enforcement Officer | Road Safety - Neighbourhood Harm Reduction

Swindon Borough Council – Ward Councillors’ Surgery

This month’s surgery will be in the Village Shop as usual, on 7th June between 11:30 and 12:30.

Parish Council Meetings –

The regular Parish meetings will be on **Monday 2nd June** and **Monday 16th June 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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