

BRENT KNOLL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes for the Council meeting held on the **9th January** in the School

In Attendance: Cllr A Hurkett Cllr P Osborn
 Cllr I Ward Cllr R Filmer
 Cllr M Borland Cllr C Townsend
 Cllr J Harper Cllr C Trivett- Bill
 Cllr B Freestone Cllr R Ibrahim
 Cllr D Knott
 Clerk plus 2 members of the public

1. **APOLOGIES:**

11/235 : No Apologies were received at this meeting

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

11/236: Prejudicial Interest on all Planning Matters Cllr R Filmer due to his Position on the District planning authority and personal interest on matters Relating to Parish Hall Grant Funding. Also Cllr J Harper a personal interest on matters relating to St Michaels Church Grants.

3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

11/237: Confirmation of the meetings held **on 5th December** these were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting. Minutes of the meetings

4. **ACTION POINTS AND ON GOING ISSUES**

11/238: A prior circulation paper to members reported the update on action points from previous meetings, no decisions were taken in respect of items on this report.

5. **ONGOING ISSUES:**

11/239: Footpaths : No Issues raised at this meeting

11/240: Highways : New areas of concern were raised as follows
Ivy Clad Hall outside road has developed a hole
Road issue outside Lion Cottage (this needs attention)
Manor Ride update on surface dressing
Approach to Station Road problem near bridge(network rail to be informed)
Damage Caused by a Crane between Station Road and Crooked lane
Continued flooding issues outside of the old telephone exchange
Footpath outside no 83, Brent Street in need of attention
It was resolved that all of these matters should be taken up with SCC

11/241: Village Green: Village green is reported as very wet at present but that the picnic table uprooted in Summer of last year has now been secured by a local contractor. The Council wish to thank the residents of 5 the Willows for storing the table whilst the Parish Council dealt with the matter.

11/242: Speeding Issues: No new issues raised at this meeting

11/243: Public Toilets: No New issues raised at this meeting

11/244: Website Issues : Two new member profiles required to complete the process.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE:** (Read by members prior to the meeting)

11/245: Localism Bill received royal assent on 15th November

11/246: Environment agency update

11/247: Rlt3 Funding application for the Tennis Club Lympsham (Supported)

11/248: Rlt3 Funding application for East Huntspill (Supported)

11/249: Letter from local resident re planning application 07/11/00034

11/250: Elaine Oliver Affordable housing officer (Invited to attend March)

11/251: Planning Seminars in respect of Localism Bill 30/1/2012

11/252: Correspondence from Council to Dave Grabham of SCC (The Parish Council resolved to look into the sourcing of devices for Brent Knoll

7. **FINANCE AND TO APPROVE PAYMENTS:**

11/253

Clerks Salary for	January 2012	£ 399.13
Tax and Ni Payments for	January 2012	£ 99.80
Brent Garden Services For	Seasonal Strimming	£ 40.00
M Champion	Maintenance	£ 4.00
Decision Power (Website)	Fees for 2011/12	£ 288.00
E'on Energy Account	3 rd Quarter	£ 16.08
SLCC Subscription	2011/12	£ 97.00
Money Soft Payroll Software	Fees for 2011/12	£ 66.00
Clerks Allowance and Office Expenses	Oct- Dec 2011	£ 223.20

It was resolved that the payments should be made in full

Cllr Filmer left the meeting at this point after declaration of prejudicial interest

8. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

11/254 Application 00034: Change of use and conversion of former farm buildings to a stud farm with Groom's accommodation on the land . The

Parish Council objected to this application with the reply to the district Council as follows

1. The road network surrounding this proposal is totally inadequate to deal with this development. The lane is narrow with blind corners and already suffers from increases in traffic during certain periods
2. The floor level of the building will need to be raised 500mm above the existing ground level due to flood plain considerations resulting in a loss of privacy
3. The size of the proposed building is proposed to be 20% above the existing building creating an overdevelopment of this site
4. The application refers to an existing septic tank there is no evidence that this exists and the application does not indicate such a proposal
5. The proposal for a 24 hour facility on this site will increase the nuisance factor to local people with vehicles running through the night

In Summary the application fails on all tests of considered planning

Visual impact
Traffic Noise and congestion
Environmental concerns
Neighbour Impact

The Parish Council regard the information available on Stud Farm to be insufficient to make a clear assessment of the proposal we therefore object to the application before us and ask the planning authority to consider our concerns with this application.

Cllr Filmer returned to the meeting

9. **MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

11/255 : Precept Setting for 2012/13. The Parish Council considered a proposed budget for the forthcoming year of 2012/13. The decision was taken to look at some areas of improvement to the village particularly the top part of the Knoll footpath and improvements and refurbishments of the play areas on the village green. It was resolved that the precept level for the year commencing April 6th 2012 would be maintained at **£25,000** therefore imposing no further burden on the local tax payer.

11/256: To Consider and decide on Play Equipment replacement / refurbishment: As decided at the December meeting a plan to refurbish and paint the play equipment in line with Digley associates inspection in May 2011 is agreed. A further decision was taken to meet with the contractor to discuss the replacement of the See saw and obtain funding under RLT2 for the cost at approx 3k. The meeting with the contractor will be organized in January for further consideration and final decision in February.

11/257: It takes all sorts (plan for the village) : The meeting resolved that an informal public invitation to residents of Brent Knoll should be made to meet with Councillors on a suitable Saturday morning in May. The purpose of this meeting will be to note residents ideas on improving the village for the future dates to be agreed at the February meeting.

10. **MATTERS OF REPORT:**

11/258Chairman: The Chairman raised a matter regarding an application received by Wendy Burge at SCC for a change in footpath direction near Burton Row Farm. This will be looked at and further clarification sought to February meeting

11/259Clerk : None raised

11/260embers: None raised

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

The next full meeting of the Council will be on Monday February 6th 2012

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm