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Minutes of the of Brent Knoll Parish Council that was held at the Village School on 2nd July 2012 commencing at 7.30pm when the following business was transacted'

Present : Councillors P Osborn R Ibrahim A Hurkett, C Trivett- Bill, B Freestone, D Knott , J Harper, M Borland, R Filmer + Clerk

“Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal opportunities (race gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability) Crime disorder and Human Rights”

64/12: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were two apologies at this meeting from **Cllr Ward** and **Cllr Townsend** that were accepted by the meeting

65/12: TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr R Filmer declared a prejudicial interest on all planning matters due to his position on the District Planning Authority. And Cllr J Harper personal interest on the item referring to grants to St Michael’s PCC

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

66/12: The minutes of the meetings held at the school on 7th June were accepted as a true record of the meeting. A list of action points and progress was issued prior to the meeting

ONGOING ISSUES

67/12: Footpaths : A discussion took place regarding the condition of Stiles near the Berry’s field that have been raised on previous occasions. The stiles make walking dogs very difficult and much of the bank either side of the stiles is eroded. However it was agreed by members that this issue falls outside of the Parish Council responsibility. It was reported that agreement has been reached

with Chris East of SCC to re scalp the Knoll footpath from behind the Church up to the Kissing gate, This is being done as a goodwill gesture and is not an admission of responsibility of the County Council. A matter also raised of footpath issues near Brent Broad which is in the section managed by Burnham without and letter to be sent to Richard Young the clerk

Action Points :

Contact with Richard Young Clerk of Burnham without by OJC

68/12: Highways : Pot holes on the A38 have been reported along with a number of other roads where potholes remain un repaired this will be taken up with SCC. A 30mph repeater sign has still to be replaced outside of the Red Cow public house in Brent Street. There is some clearance needed on the road edging outside St Michael's house in church lane and we will ask the County highways to attend the issue. The road surface on Laurel Avenue is still in a poor condition

Action Points:

SCC to be contacted and request that Gary Adams deals with the following matters:

Potholes on the A 38 near the Fox and Goose

Laurel Avenue Road Surface problems

30 mph repeater signs outside of Red Cow Brent Street

Clearance outside of St Michael's House in Church Lane

Net work rail to be further contacted about repairs to the fencing

69/12: Village Green: The play equipment still waiting for its re paint by Alvian this has been delayed due to the poor weather conditions. The first inspection by GB Sports has been completed with a few issues regarding levelling with top soil around the wooden perimeter of the play areas. A tree expert has looked at the damaged Lime Tree on the land near the Glebe field and does not regard it as any imminent threat. The diocese will be sent a letter requesting that it is looked at further. Levelling of the green to be undertaken by Cllr P Osborn, if possible and if not Brent Garden services to quote.

Action Points:

OJC to Write to the Diocese requesting resolutions to the tree

Damage and fencing repairs near the Glebe Field.

Cllr Osborn to do some minor repairs to the green

Cllr Freestone to strip and re varnish Benches and seats

70/12: Speeding Issues : Previous proposals for the Parish Council to Consider the purchase of Radar Lux Speed indicator devices have been put

on hold until the September meeting when all members will have seen the various documents from manufacturers about the suitability and costs

Action Points:

No action points from this meeting

71/12: Public Conveniences: No Issues surrounding this building exist at the time of the meeting

72/12: Website: It is generally felt by members that a more user friendly site may encourage more hits to the site. The problems stem around difficulty in accessing information on the site and the matter will be looked at by a small working group comprising Cllr Ibrahim ,Cllr Filmer and Cllr Knott and the clerk.

Action Points:

Working group to meet during the next 6 weeks to put forward
Some proposals for improvements and accessibility of information
And to suggest a better home page.

CORRESPONDENCE

73/12: Matters of information circulated with Members prior to the meeting

- (A) New District group for CPRE in Sedgemoor area (It was resolved that Cllr R Ibrahim should be our representative on local CPRE)
- (B) Various Photographs of damaged road surfaces around the village

74/12: Letter from previous planning applicant regarding the Parish Council response and consideration. A reply to be sent by the Clerk

FINANCIAL MATTERS AND TO APPROVE PAYMENTS

75/12: Payments to be made

Clerks Salary for July 2012	£ 424.29
HMRC Payments for Tax/ NI July 2012	£ 106.00
Brent Garden Services June Invoice	£ 225.00
Cllr A Hurkett (Jubilee Cake provision)	£ 12.99
Cllr B Freestone (Bench Maintenance materials)	£ 30.03
Moore Stephens External Audit 2011/12	£ 342.00
E'on Energy account for June 2012	£ 19.14
Clerks Allowance and Expenses April to June 2012	£ 245.58
Heritage Landscapes (Stile maintenance)	£ 814.80

GB Sports play equipment inspection June 2012-07-04	£ 18.00
St Michaels's Grass Cutting Grant payment no 1	£ 1750.00
Total Value of all Payments	£ 3987.83

76/12: It was unanimously agreed to make all of the above payments in full.

77/12: August Payments in advance

Clerks Salary for August 2012	£ 424.29
Tax and NI Payments for August 2012	£ 106.00
Brent Garden Services July Payment	£ 225.00
Jane Sinnott Diamond Jubilee Badges	£ 79.99
Cllr J Harper (local Signage for the Knoll Path)	£ 103.04

78/12: It was unanimously agreed that the payments listed under **77/12** will be paid during the first full week of August due to the Parish Council in summer break.

PLANNING MATTERS

79/12: Cllr Filmer left the room at this point due to his declaration of prejudicial interest.

80/12: Application No 07/12/00015 : Renewal of planning application 07/09/00007. for the erection of new customer entrance and covered walkway at Sanders Garden World. Brent Knoll. The Parish Council made no observations to this application.

81/12: Application No 07/12/00017 : Erection of a single Storey extension to NW Elevations to form carport, conversion of further part of loft to living accommodation including dormer Window to NE Elevation of balcony and balcony to South West Elevation at Woodhatch , Church Lane Brent Knoll TA9 4EG. The Parish Council made no observations to this application

82/12: Application No 07/12/00016 : Erection of agricultural building on land at Tamarisk House, Burton Row Brent Knoll TA9 4BW. The Parish Council made no observations to this application

83/12 : Application No 07/12/00018 : Tree preservation order regulations 1969. An application to reduce Ash and Sycamore trees at 3, The Willows Brent Knoll TA9 4EJ. The Parish Council supported this application on the grounds of good arboreal practice.

84/12: All of the above considerations to be lodged with the District Council on 3rd July by electronic means

85/12 : Cllr Filmer returned to the meeting at this point

MATTERS OF CONSIDERATION

86/12: Play Equipment update : Existing Equipment : The current work programme is being delayed due to weather issues but is expected to be complete by end of July. New Piece of Equipment. Two members of the Parish Council have recently visited other village play areas to consider whether we could introduce new equipment on the green and after some research with children at local school a proposal to add a Finno Waltz has been put forward for consideration. This matter will be further considered in September.

Action Points

Clerk to follow up on play equipment completion of painting

87/12: Working Group to consider extending Parking Provision near the Parish Hall : This matter is on hold for further consideration and cost estimates.

88/12: To Consider a response to English Heritage and The National Trust in the light of recent issues surrounding consent for Beacon.
It was unanimously decided not to proceed with this matter

89/12: New Signage update on the Knoll Path Cllr J Harper presented the meeting with a framed map of the footpath and a new sign directing people to the Knoll footpath. This was accepted as a very good additional piece of signage for our village.

90/12: Internal Audit Finance group : To meet during the summer break. Cllr B Filmer Cllr J Harper Cllr I Ward and Cllr R Ibrahim.

FURTHER MATTERS OF CONSIDERATION

91/12 :A resolution to temporarily exclude the press and public on account of the confidential nature of the remaining business to be transacted pursuant to standing orders 34 and 64.

92/12: Recreational Facilities in the village: Proposals for increased provision of recreational facilities for older children in the village. These proposals are to be moved on to the next stage and it is hoped to report more fully at a later meeting on any negotiations that are successful.

MATTERS OF REPORT

93/12: Village Tidy Issues that need further Discussions at Sept

94/12: Elaine Oliver to attend September meeting on affordable housing survey.

The Meeting ended at 9.50 pm

The Next full meeting of the Parish Council is on **September 3rd** but will convene during August to consider any planning applications on the **6th** and the **20th**