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**Minutes of the of Brent Knoll Parish Council meeting** that was held at the Parish Hall on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2012 commencing at 7.30pm when the following business was transacted'

**Present:** Councillors P Osborn, A Hurkett, I Ward, D Knott, J Harper, M Borland, R Filmer, C Townsend, C Trivett Bill, B Freestone + Clerk Two members of the public

*"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"*

**179/12: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There was one apology at this meeting from **Cllr R Ibrahim** and this was accepted by the meeting.

**180/12: 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.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**181/12:** The minutes from the meetings on 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October were approved and accepted as true accounts of the meetings

**ONGOING ISSUES**

**182/12: Footpaths:** Cllrs Osborn, Harper and Townsend will aim to meet with Heritage Landscapes week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> of November to deal with outstanding matters on the lower part of the Knoll path and to get estimates for the cost of Knoll Improvements nearer the top. In general footpaths have suffered due to the poor weather conditions around the village. The issue of Stiles and their condition is an ongoing issue which will need some focus and Cllr Knott and Cllr Harper will walk the footpaths to ascertain which are most urgently in need of replacement / refurbishment.

Action Points:

A3 Maps of the village outline to be provided by the Clerk  
Meeting with Heritage Landscapes / Chris East

**183/12: Highways:** Concerns raised about the rhynes and general state of various locations in the village. Contents that have been removed from the rhynes have been pushed back into rhynes causing problems. One problem highlighted is culvert near Wick Lane that seems very full and in need of attention this will be a matter for the drainage board to consider. Bristol Water are currently considering multi million pound projects to alleviate some of the sewerage related matters in Brent Street

Action Points:

Contact to be made by the Clerk with the Brue Drainage authority perhaps with a request for visit to a meeting.

**184/12: Village Green:** The perimeter hedging has now been dealt with and the green tidied pre winter. The rear fence where the Lime Tree has been removed needs some attention. Very wet on the green with standing pools of water currently

Action Points:

Cllr Osborn to look at the rear fence with Cllr Harper to see if some immediate repair can be dealt with

**185/12: Speeding Issues:**

No new issues raised at this meeting

Action Points:

*No action points from this meeting*

**186/12: Public Conveniences:** A depressed area in front of the Ladies Toilet needs filling with top soil before an injury is caused. But the facility is otherwise ok at present

Action Points:

Cllr D Knott to attend to the Dip in front of ladies toilets

**187/12: Website:** A Resolution agreed to spend a figure of £200.00 and enable work to start on updating by Decision Power.

Action Points:

Go ahead to be given to Decision Power by Clerk

CORRESPONDENCE188/12:

- (A) Letter of thanks from the Village School
- (B) County letter regarding funding of Speed Indicator devices
- (C) Rlt3 funding request from Burnham Cricket Club ( Nov Coastal Cluster meeting)
- (D) Temporary road closure Hill Lane information
- (E) Funding availability for Brent Knoll from RLT2
- (F) Mendip Community transport update

FINANCIAL MATTERS AND TO APPROVE PAYMENTS**189/12: Payments to be made**

Clerks Salary for November 2012	<b>£ 530.20</b>
<i>Clerk explained to the meeting that over tax had been paid hence HMRC Suggested Gross payment this month to reclaim</i>	
Brent Garden Services Oct Invoice	<b>£ 225.00</b>
GB Sports play equipment inspection Oct 2012	<b>£ 18.00</b>
Bristol Water Feb to Sept account 2012	<b>£ 243.24</b>
E'on account for June to Sept	<b>£ 15.39</b>
Cllr Ward purchase of speed gun batteries	<b>£ 10.25</b>
St Michaels Church grass cutting grant 2 <sup>nd</sup> payment	<b>£ 1750.00</b>
SALC Training August 2012	<b>£ 100.00</b>

**Total Value of all Payments** **£ 2892.17**

**190/12:** It was unanimously agreed to make all of the above payments in full.

**191/12:** A finance audit group met on 4<sup>th</sup> October to oversee the financial controls and signed them off for the half year

**192/12:** Precept discussions will take place during December and January and a pre budget group will meet prior to December to consider the options for the Parish Council to make decisions on in January

PLANNING MATTERS

**193/12:** Cllr Filmer left the room at this point due to his declaration of prejudicial interest.

**194/12: Re visit Application No 11/12/00058: Consultation as a neighbouring Parish Council to consider the installation of 11kw Turbine on an 18 mtr mast to provide electricity for the RSPCA Centre. At the RSPCA Centre Brent Road Brent Knoll TA9 4BL**

The following Submission was made in October with an additional comment about the lack of pictorial evidence which has subsequently been provided The Parish Council decided by majority to continue with the previous submission.

The Parish Council in Brent Knoll met last to consider the above application at the RSPCA centre in Brent Road Brent Knoll. And after consideration decided to object to this wind turbine on the following valid planning grounds

The impact on the character and appearance of the local area  
The effects on the landscape ( A Countryside location )

**195/12: 07/12/00045: Erection of a single storey rear extension and first floor side extension at Hilberry 104, Brent Street TA9 4BB** This application is a repeat of a previous one and new information submitted regarding Rhyne issues and water courses and as a result of these changes the Parish Council decided to make no observations on this application

**196/12: Erection of agricultural workers dwelling on land at Laurel Farm Vole Road Mark.** The Parish Council decided to make no observations to this proposal and felt there was lack of general information.

**197/12:** Cllr Filmer returned to the meeting at this point.

**198/12:** There was discussion on improving the process for considering applications. At future meetings the planning liaison members will provide members with observations and considerations and to provide members with as much background information as possible. This will enable the Parish Council to wherever possible to give clear valid reasons for their decision making and a clear resolution to be made. This will be recorded on a new document which will be filed for future reference the clerk will submit the Council's view to Sedgemoor the following day.

**199/12:** A small working group of Cllr Ward, Cllr Hurkett, Cllr Filmer and Cllr Borland will look at the new planning regulations due to be in force early in the new year and bring forward some ideas for a Council decision on any response or submissions to make to the local authority. The local authority will in turn submit their replies to national government later in the year.

### **MATTERS OF CONSIDERATION**

**200/12: Rlt 2 Funding for new play equipment and Viridor grants.** The Parish Council have applied for RLT2 Funding a for a new piece of play equipment on the village green. A decision has been taken by Sedgemoor to agree the use of funding from the appropriate source of £3900.00 In order to meet the total cost a grant is being sought from Viridor to contribute further to the project.

**201/12 :** A resolution to agree an application to Viridor for funding for new play equipment was made and supported by all members of the Parish Council

Action Points

*Cllr Townsend to complete the application to Viridor*

**202/12: Purchase of speed indicator equipment for the village**

Deferred until the December meeting

**203/12: Toilet Block improvements:**

A quote will be provided later this week and be put before the December meeting

**204/12: Communications Working group**

A Survey will be sent to all villagers inviting suggestions and comments to assist the Council to move forward this will be finalised at the December meeting

**205/12: Affordable Housing survey**

It is proposed to hold an open session in the Jubilee room on the 7<sup>th</sup> February to further the survey work to establish need in Brent Knoll for affordable housing.

**MATTERS OF REPORT**

**206/12** :An Issue raised about car washing service being provided at the Acorns establishment this will be a matter for Sedgemoor enforcement if planning consent is deemed to be needed.

**207/12:** Vice Chairman Cllr Hurkett will deputise for Cllr Townsend at the wreath laying ceremony on the 11<sup>th</sup> November.

**The Meeting ended at 9.30 pm**

The Next full meeting of the Parish Council is on **December 3<sup>rd</sup>** have an additional meeting on the **19<sup>th</sup> November** to matters that arise before that date of a planning nature