

**BRENT KNOLL PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

Minutes for the Council meeting held on the **5<sup>th</sup> March 2012** in the School

**In Attendance:** Cllr A Hurkett            Cllr P Osborn  
                         Cllr I Ward                    Cllr R Filmer  
                         Cllr M Borland            Cllr B Freestone  
                         Cllr J Harper                Cllr C Trivett- Bill  
                         Cllr R Ibrahim              Cllr D Knott  
                         Clerk and 1 Member of the public

Presentation by Elaine Oliver on Affordable housing policies in Sedgemoor District  
To be considered at forthcoming meetings.

1. **APOLOGIES:**

11/294 : Apologies were given by Cllr Townsend and accepted by the meeting

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

11/295: Prejudicial Interest on all Planning Matters Cllr R Filmer due to his Position on the District planning authority.

3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

11/296: It was resolved to accept as a true record the revised minutes of the January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. It was also resolved to accept the minutes of meetings held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2012 and 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012

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

11/297: 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:**

11/298: **Footpaths** : A meeting will take place between Heritage Landscapes and Peter Osborn regarding stile maintenance issues in the village. One additional stile issue was raised at the back of the reservoir and a letter will be sent to the owners to identify the issue

11/299: **Highways** : Ongoing issues as identified in previous meetings and the Ongoing issues report sent as a separate document prior to this meeting. Some Progress has been made. New Signage at Middle Street, The gas box has been Cleared and ongoing dialogue with the County on road repairs. There was Additional concerns about poor road surface outside 2, Brent Street and Laurels Avenue. These will be reported to SCC. On church lane the broken white Lines need attention, also white lining on Brent Street at the A38 end on one Side. The Parish Council would like to have an end date on completion of the

Bristol Water work at the reservoir so that they can progress the road repairs Around Hill Lane.

**11/300: Village Green:** The play equipment work will commence during March and it is proposed that a clear up day will be organised after the work is completed. It has been reported that significant bramble intrusion around the perimeter of the green. There has also been a number of leaflet / notices posted around the front boundary near the car park. It will be decided at the April meeting whether to appoint GB Sports to do monthly inspections of the play equipment to improve the standards once the work has been completed.

**11/301: Speeding Issues:** Some enquires have been made regarding the costs of the Parish Council purchasing speed indicator devices. The initial quotes for the most useful sizes are around £ 3350.00 plus some ongoing and installation cost. Highways would need to approve these systems and further discussions will be held at the April meeting to decide on whether to move the project on.

**11/302: Public Toilets:** A Proposal to reconsider the closure of the male facility and to make the ladies into a unisex toilets will be discussed further in April. There is some work to undertake on the rear wall of the gents with crumbling brickwork.

**11/303: Website Issues :** Completed profiles needed and a group photograph of The current Parish Council to be added in March

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

**11/304:** Confirmation of Diversion of Public Footpath

**11/305:** National Grid Project News update

**11/306:** Letter from Paul Hipwell regarding overhead power lines

**11/307:** Broadview and Pilrow update

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

**11/308**

Clerks Salary for	March 2012	£ 399.13
Tax and Ni Payments for	March 2012	£ 99.80
JP Mayo Maintenance	February 2012	£ 50.00
Parish Hall Hire for	November 2011	£ 15.00

**It was resolved that the payments should be made in full**

**11/309:** Vat Reclaim for 2011 inwards payment £ 300.85

**11/310:** Final out turn of the 2011/12 budget shows 14% reduction in annual Spending created from tight controls on finance in the current year in spite of Increased costs of Dog bins

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

8. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

**11/311: Application no 07/12/00006 .** Erection of a two storey extension at the pink cottage Burton Row. The Parish Council decided to make no observations to this application.

**11/312: Application no 07/12/00007:** Tree management application at Liscombe Station Road Brent Knoll. The Parish Council supported the application on the grounds of good arboreal practice.

Cllr Filmer returned to the meeting at this point

9. **MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**11/313: Annual Parish Meeting speaker and format:**

The Speaker for the Annual meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> April in the Parish Hall will be the Rt Hon Tessa Munt MP Parliamentary Constituency MP. It is hoped that more locals will attend than has been the case in recent years.

**11/314 : E Mail from John Page re Skateboarding:**

A proposal has been put to council inviting them to provide more skateboarding facilities for young people in the village. After a discussion it was resolved to take no action due to unavailable site in the village.

**11/315: SALC Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> March on Neighbourhood Planning**

Some members of the Council attended a session in Somerton on neighbourhood planning parts of the Localism Bill. Many aspects of the government policy have yet to be clarified and more discussions will take place as policy decisions are activated.

**11/316: New Banking Arrangements for the Parish Council:**

It was resolved to make the change to The Unity Trust Bank who have excellent credentials in providing good quality banking for the non profit making sector. The Bank is regulated by the Financial Services Authority and is connected with the Co-operative Bank .this account will operate from April 2012. Seven Signatories will be named as Cllr Filmer, Cllr Osborn, Cllr Ibrahim, Cllr Ward, Cllr Borland, Cllr Freestone and Owen J Cullwick Clerk and RFO

**11/317: Jubilee Celebrations Update**

There is work in progress to ensure that we have coordinated approach with other organisations in the village. At present there are number of proposals for various activities including a walk, Picnic on the green , Beacon Lighting on the Knoll. The events for the village will be on the weekend of June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of June. The Annual Fete will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June on the Village Green.

10. **MATTERS OF REPORT:**

**11/318: Chairman:** Nothing reported

**11/319: Clerk :** Nothing reported

**11/320: members:** a question was asked about the Telephone box near the Post Office and its regularity of use. It was reported that a nearby box is currently being used as a mini Library.

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

The next full meeting of the Council will be on Monday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012  
**Meeting closed at 9.20pm**