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Minutes of the of Brent Knoll Parish Council meeting that was held at the Parish Hall on 17th June 2013 commencing at 7.30pm when the following business was transacted'

Present: Councillors P Osborn, D Knott, J Harper, M Borland, C Trivett Bill, A Hurkett Cllr B Freestone Cllr B Ward, Cllr C Townsend + Clerk 5 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"

Prior to the meeting a number of representations were made to the Parish Council on matters relating to planning application no **07/13/00015** item 3 of the agenda. Councillors asked questions of the representations

64/13: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted from Cllr R Filmer No apologies received from Cllr Ibrahim.

65/13: TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were noted

66/13 PLANNING MATTERS

Planning application 07/13/00015:

For the Attention of Mr Bob Mills

01/07/13/015

The Parish Council in Brent Knoll met last night to consider the above application for the erection of Anaerobic Digestion Plant and Ancillary Structures and Works , Extension of

existing building and erection of new agricultural building on land at Harp Road/ Vole Road
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After receiving public representations from both the developer and residents the Parish Council decided **to object** to this application on the following grounds

Impact on a rural location including the **landscape detriment**

A nearby single Storey would be severely affected

This is a **largely tourist area with nearby holiday caravans** (this proposal would have a severe impact on that activity)

Transport congestion near the Fox and Goose Public House junction (this junction already the subject of discussions for improvements)

The vehicles being used to transport the materials **along a road that is not fit for purpose**

The economic case **has not** been made together with the environmental impacts to the area suggest a very unsuitable location

Electronic Response sent 18th June to both SCC and Sedgemoor.

MATTERS OF CONSIDERATION

67/13: (a) Flood / Rhyne update from June 14th meeting and any response

The meeting on Friday 14th to discuss matters with residents and the drainage board was deemed to be a great success and clearly identified the specific issues that face some parts of the village.

Four Stages of progress have been identified

1. Capital Development (grant funding)
2. Emergency Plan (to expedite future problems)
3. The specific works improvements
4. Flood action group working party

68/13: A working group has been established as Cllr, Hurkett, Cllr Knott, Cllr Osborn, Cllr Freestone, Cllr Townsend , Cllr Filmer and Cllr Harper. OJC for admin.

69/13: Dates will be circulated to set up an initial meeting to set out the purpose and function of the group and to identify an action plan.

70/13: The clerk will write to the Brue / Axe drainage board requesting that in two weeks a couple of members of the Parish Council will visit the Highbridge offices to further the timetabling of events over the coming months and to place more pressure on the Drainage board in seeking a solution to identified problems

71/13: The Parish Council would like to take advantage of the Grant funding available if proposals can be made prior to the 26th July deadline

72/13: Parish Hall Hire/ Funding / Committee Representative / Issues

The Clerk re iterated the previously circulated document regarding the role of the trustee and the declaration of interests

73/13: 8.35pm At this point the chairman decided to suspend the formal meeting and to hold an informal discussion non minuted .

Discussions took place allowing members to express any view they have about the issues raised recently with regard to the Parish Hall and Council agreements.

74/13: Thanks were offered to the Parish Hall for supporting the Brent Knoll in Pictures publication in the sum of £ 50.00

75/13: 8.47pm: The meeting re started and the following decisions were taken by the Parish Council.

76/13: A proposal to pay for hall hire for Council meetings and other functions held on behalf of the Council was agreed unanimously. A schedule of costs and hiring charges was circulated to members prior to the previous meeting

77/13: Grant funding in the future will be a matter of discussion at the grant allocation meeting later in the year. The clerk pointed out that although a budget set in January included grant proposals the Parish Council would still need to approve them during the financial year.

78/13: Funding of the Police Beat Surgery's on the first Wednesday of each Month would continue and a proposal to ask the Parish Hall to share this cost with the Parish Council will be formally requested. This shared funding would reduce the cost by 50% with the total cost per session of £4.50 funded by the Parish Council.

79/13: Currently the Parish Council appoint a Parish Hall representative to the Parish Hall meetings. As established previously in the clerks circulated document this appointed person is not representing the Parish Council at all they have a duty of responsibility to act in the best interests of the beneficiaries of the charity. These interests may at times conflict with the best interests of the Parish Council. It was unanimously resolved therefore to end this role and with immediate effect the position of Parish Hall representative ceases to be part of the Parish Council structure.

80/13: Concerns were raised about the use of Parish Council unadopted minutes at a recent Parish Hall meeting. This was further complicated by the fact that two sets of minutes are to be considered at the July 1st meeting to establish which set should be regarded as the account of the June 3rd meeting. The clerk was asked to investigate the legality of this action and to report to the July meeting.

81/13: A Letter outlining all of these proposals will be sent to Jenny Butters and Sandra Few of the Parish Hall with a list of required dates for Parish Council activity.

82/13: Public Liability insurance was raised by members in the event of an accident during any function operated by the Parish Hall including the Fete. It was confirmed by a member of the public gallery that this insurance was in place at all times.

83/13: Brent Knoll in Pictures Project

The working group reported that sums for sponsorship are coming in and discussion took place on how to deal with the sponsorship funds. The clerk explained that the Parish Council banking arrangements could not be used for this purpose and this would have to be a separate matter. Cllrs Ward and Hurkett agreed to set up accounts in order to manage the fund in the short term and would inform the next meeting how that was going

The Meeting closed at 9.40

The Next full meeting of the Parish Council is on **Monday 1st July 2013**