

BRENT KNOLL PARISH COUNCIL

www.info@brentknoll.co.uk

Clerk to the Parish Council

Owen J Cullwick

IONA

32 Oak Tree Place

Burnham on Sea

Somerset

TA8 2LH

clerk@brentknollpc.co.uk

Minutes of the of Brent Knoll Parish Council meeting that was held at the Parish Hall on **2nd December 2013** commencing at 7.30pm when the following business was transacted'

Present: Councillors Cllr R Ibrahim J Harper,, Cllr C Trivett Bill, A Hurkett and B Freestone, Cllr R Filmer, Cllr C Townsend, Cllr M Borland Cllr P Osborn, Cllr D Knott and the Clerk and 4 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 there were 3 representations from members of the public on matters relating to light intrusion from the tennis club Highways and other matters

247/13: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from Cllr I Ward this was accepted by the meeting

248/13 : Dispensation : resolution in preparation of discussions on precept setting both at this meeting and January 6th 2014. This resolution is to be made by the Parish Council in consideration of section 33 of the localism act 2011 and a dispensation must be granted due to the nature of the business being decided upon under declared pecuniary interest regulations without such a dispensation being resolved then no decisions in relation to precept can be made. The Resolution was unanimously agreed

249/13: TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr R Filmer on planning matter 12/13/00023. Also DPI for Cllr Townsend on matters relating to agenda item 8 Payments to Chairman. Cllr Filmer Personal interest on matters relating to the Parish Hall. Cllr Osborn DPI on matters relating to Stiles under footpaths affecting his own property.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

250 /13: The minutes from **4th November 2013** were unanimously approved by the meeting.

ONGOING ISSUES

Signature of Chairman

Footpaths/ Highways

251/13: Resolution to accept the quote by MJ Watts for work to complete the installation of the new Stafford Gates in the Village. Also agreed for replacement footpath sign to be erected on Footpath leading from Coombe Side

252/13: Concerns raised about inconsiderate parking in and around the Post office. This has caused problems with residents unable to access their drive. The Parish Council would request that all users of the shop should make every effort to park considerately.

253/13: Resolution to write a letter to the Village School requesting parents consider very carefully where they park their vehicles. Some bad parking at certain times can cause a danger to all.

Action Points

OJC to Write to the School

OJC to confirm quotation to MJ Watts

Village Green:

254/13: All hedge trimming now completed including the overhang of bushes on to the toilet block. The picnic tables are looking in poor condition and as previously identified and agreed this work will be part of the spring 2014 plan of work.

255/13: A new bin has now been delivered and will be installed very soon in the same location as the existing unit.

Speeding Issues

256/13: No new Issues other than data from the speed watch team that will be posted on the Website

Public Conveniences

257/13: The floor will be repainted this coming weekend and the block will be closed for 3 days

Communications

258/13: Website now running well. Concerns were raised about the lack of new items forthcoming to keep the site refreshed and used

259/13 Correspondence:

(a) CAB Letter of Thanks for annual grant made by BKPC
Signature of Chairman

(b) Letter from Tessa Munt in reply to Parish Council application for a defibrillator donated by a Plymouth Charity which was unsuccessful on this occasion. But a donation was received by BKPC of £ 50.00

(c) Letter from resident regarding Defibrillator and a suggestion that the Parish Hall Committee consider obtaining a grant to purchase one. A reply will be sent to resident suggesting perhaps direct contact with the Hall Committee may be appropriate

FINANCIAL MATTERS AND TO APPROVE PAYMENTS

260/13: Payments to be made

Clerks Salary for December 2013	£ 436.70
HMRC Tax and NI Payments December 2013	£ 109.20
GB Sports November 2013	£ 18.00
Brent Garden Services Contract for September 2013	£ 310.00
Parish Hall room hire July to December 2013	£ 190.50
Colin Townsend Printing Expenses	£ 25.98
Chairman's Allowance for 2013/14	£ 50.00

Retrospective Payment Agreement

Andy Selway Floor Painting Toilets	£ 185.00
Sally Wingate wreath memorial	£ 22.50
Hart Industrial Pumps	£ 2788.84

261/13: It was unanimously agreed to make all of the above payments in full.

262/13: The Precept budget proposal (circulated prior to the meeting) was discussed with some minor amendments to Play equipment and Footpath maintenance. The Clerk explained the reserve allocation calculator and requested that members consider the detail of the budget ready to set our precept level on January 6th

PLANNING MATTERS

263/13: Cllr Filmer left the meeting at this point to avoid predetermination of this application at District Council Level

264/13: Planning Application : 12/13/00023 : This application is a Burnham without matter to which the Parish Council have been invited to make any comments.

Erection of a single Storey Extension to South Elevation to form reception office to existing showroom and formation of storage

facility for rental motor homes and customer parking. At West Country Motor Homes Bristol Road Brent Knoll TA9 4HG

The Parish Council decided unanimously to make no observations to this application.

265/13: Cllr Filmer returned to the meeting at this point

266/13: Application 07/13/00022 : This application falls into the new legislative framework which does not require planning consent unless objections are made by neighbouring properties the reason is that it falls within the permitted single Storey and 5.9 m threshold.

MATTERS OF CONSIDERATION

Flood Action Plan

267/13 : A recent meeting of the flood action group prepared a flood action plan to be activated at an appropriate time. The Parish Council resolved to accept the plan. All regular meetings will be minuted and circulated to the Parish Council no monies will be spent without Council agreement.

Flood Mitigation Grant/ Equipment purchase

268/13 : Cllr Harper updated the Parish Council on the recently purchased and delivered Pumping equipment together with cones and signs. Their next part of the process is to purchase a suitable trailer and decided on storage arrangements. A small number of Councillors will work to ascertain a suitable trailer for the purpose and it was resolved that a top end limit of **£1750.00** should be allowable for such a purchase to avoid time delays, however it is expected that a suitable unit should come in at well under 1k.

Coastal Cluster Meeting update

269/13: The Chairman and Clerk recently attended the November meeting of the Cluster and reported the following items of discussion

1. Broadband expansion in Somerset which is now gathering pace and Brent Knoll should expect improvements over the next couple of years. The Fibre Optic availability is now in Burnham on Sea and covers large parts of the County.
2. The new Sgt in Burnham introduced himself as Sgt Ashley Jones who will be making himself known to residents over the coming months

3. The Budget for Sedgemoor was highlighted from the meeting and indicates an increasing burden on the District Council as government support grants diminish over the coming 3 years this
4. will clearly lead to spending cuts, staff reductions or greater impacts on the Tax Payer or a combination of all 3.

Defibrillator acquisition in Brent Knoll

270/13: The Parish Council are committed to providing this facility within the village and Cllr Ibrahim will work with the clerk to take this matter forward in 2014.

Jubilee Room Problems on 18th November meeting

271/13: At the November meeting of the flood action group a problem arose when the members arrived at the meeting to find the room occupied by another organisation. The room in question was not booked to them and they took over the facility without permission. The Parish Hall booking secretary apologised to him Parish Council and will be discussed the at the next Parish Hall meeting on the 9th December. It was accepted that this problem was outside of the control of the Parish Hall. The clerk pointed out that the matter could have been serious as this was a public meeting that had to adjourn to a member's house.

Light Intrusion from the Tennis Club

272/13: This is a matter raised by a local resident affected by this issue, and has been identified on at least two previous occasions. The clerk had a response after a second email was sent requesting help to deal with the matter. Some improvement is claimed to have been made but according to the resident affected still not enough. In order to move the matter forward it has been decided to meet with two members at the site and get a first hand view.

Speed Indicator Devices Purchase by the village

273/13: A letter has now been received by Harvey Siggs Portfolio Holder at the County Council. The indication now is that the Policy of the County does now allow the Purchase of these units by individual Parishes and the Clerk will now write to the County to get a full picture of the process and application regime.

MATTERS OF REPORT

274/13: Works needed to repair damage to phone box

275/13: Some maintenance work required to the Council Notice Board outside of the Post Office Some cleaning carried out by Parishioner.

276/13: Working party request opposite the Old Manor

277/13: Cycle Path Crooked Lane and Daffodil bulbs planted

The Meeting ended at 9.15pm

The Next full meeting of the Parish Council is on **6th January 2014** at
7.30 pm