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Minutes of the of Brent Knoll Parish Council meeting that was held at the Parish Hall on 4th February 2013 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 Cllr R Ibrahim + Clerk 3 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"

Short presentation by the new Village Agent Christine Stephens:

The new village agent who has been appointed by Community Council for Somerset introduced herself. She is responsible for the surrounding villages in addition to Brent Knoll and is appointed for a 3 year funding term to support rural communities in many aspects of daily life. Areas covered include home safety, social care issues pensions and benefits and local transport concerns. It was agreed to place her flyer in the BKN and on the website.

290/12: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There was one apology from Cllr A Gilling District Councillor

291/12: TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Dispensation: The appropriate documentation was completed by individual members confirming the resolution of the 7th January having regard to the localism act 2011 ref Minute 250/12. This dispensation covers all precept and budget matters for the period 2013/14.

Cllr Filmer declared a prejudicial interest owing to his position on the District Planning Authority in relation to all planning matters on this agenda.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

292/12: The minutes from **7th January and 21st January** meeting were approved and accepted as true accounts of the meetings

ONGOING ISSUES

293/12: Footpaths: Continuing problems surrounding the reservoir and poor road conditions will once again be reported to the Water authority. The Parish Council continue to monitor the condition of all footpaths around the village

Action Points:

OJC to contact Bristol Water with regard to Reservoir issues

294/12: Highways: The road between Manor Ride and the Post office is in a serious state of disrepair and needs attention. It is thought that a drain may have collapsed under the Road. This matter now requires urgent attention and in addition parts of Hill Lane are also in a very poor state of repair

Action Points

OJC to follow up with highways on the road maintenance issue

295/12: Village Green: Conditions very wet at the moment and poor state of signage raised particularly on the no dogs sign. A quotation for a new fencing structure at the rear of the green has been provisionally approved but before the work goes ahead the clerk will ask the contractor to meet with The Chairman to ensure that it meets our requirements. The Quote for this work is £386.00 + Vat.

296/12: A significant cutting of bushes and hedges is to be undertaken by David Knott who will be reimbursed for his expenses in completing the job which has been outstanding for some time.

Action Points:

Ian Morgan fencing contractor to meet with Colin Townsend to firm up the plans for a new fencing structure at the rear of the green

David Knott has kindly agreed to deal with the hedging between the hall and the green

297/12: Speeding Issues:

No new issues raised at this meeting other than items covered further in these minutes

Action Points

No action points from this meeting

298/12: Public Conveniences: No new issues other than those covered later on in these minutes.

Action Points:

No action points on this item

299/12: Website: This new site now well received with some new sponsors to be sought.

300/12: Survey Sheets. : The results of the completed survey indicate 57 replies with a summary of the comments as follows

Generally Happy with the Village and the Council
 Concerns over rubbish and hedges overgrown
 Parking issues are of concern
 Clearance of Rhynes and Ditches
 A38 Junction and lack of traffic lights

A full summary of this survey will appear in the BKN after a working group has analysed the results during February.

301/12: The Parish Council made the draw for the successful winner of a £25.00 Voucher for the village shop. The Parish Council are delighted to name the winner as Mr Fairchild congratulations to him.

302/12: Thanks given to Brian Freestone for organising this survey and for collating the results.

CORRESPONDENCE

303/12: PCSO Update from Pauline Dixon

304/12: Cheddar Reservoir meetings for consultations

305/12: Precept calculation and grant proposals

FINANCIAL MATTERS AND TO APPROVE PAYMENTS

306/12: Payments to be made

Clerks Salary for February 2013	£ 424.29
HMRC Tax and NI Payments February 2013	£ 106.00
GB Sports Jan 2013 / July 2012	£ 36.00
Decision Power Website development	£ 240.00
Colin Townsend Postage costs Viridor application	£ 11.75
Chairman's Allowance for 2012/13	£ 80.00

307/12: It was unanimously agreed to make all of the above payments in full.

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308/12: It was resolved to accept the budget for 2013/14 and agreed a precept level of £25,000.00 for the forthcoming year. The Parish Council has taken into account in setting this level provisions for contingency expenditure and the changing grant/ benefit structure at District level.

PLANNING MATTERS

309/12: Cllr Filmer left the room at this point due to his declaration of prejudicial interest.

310/12: 07/12/00050: Erection of a single storey extension to N E Elevation at Lyden 74, Brent Street Brent Knoll. The Parish Council objected to this application as follows. Electronic process

Attention of Mrs D Todd

Application No 07/12/00050

The Brent Knoll Parish Council met last night and considered the above application. The Parish Council decided to object to the proposal for the following reasons

Impact and overlooking neighbouring properties and reducing privacy
The layout of the proposal in the Parish Council's view is too high density

In addition

There is significant history of drainage and Flooding issues affecting the area with an inadequate pumping station with known problems.

311/12: Cllr Filmer returned to the meeting at this point.

MATTERS OF CONSIDERATION

311/12: Speed Indicator devices purchase : Discussions have taken place with Tessa Munt and John Denbee County Councillor and further such discussions will be ongoing during February

312/12: Toilet Block Refurbishment: Resolution to proceed with a quote by RW Construction of £3750.00 fixed price. This decision was accepted by 9 members of the Parish Council and two members voted against this refurbishment proposal.

313/12: Footpath quotation for Knoll Footpath: This project has still to be agreed and to move the discussions on it was decided to again request that Chris East would visit and meet with Cllr Townsend and Cllr Osborn to consider what we can do further.

314/12: Multi Agency Meeting 17th January : It was resolved to ask Iain Sturdy of the drainage board to present to the Annual Parish meeting on the 15th April. It is hoped that members of the public will attend for a questions and answers session.

315/12: Play Equipment Grant Viridor: The application for a grant to assist with the purchase of a new piece of equipment for the village is to be considered by Viridor in the next few weeks.

316/12: Coastal Cluster Meeting: The meeting will take place on 6th February at the Princess Hall in Burnham on Sea and will be attended by Chairman and Clerk.

317/12: To Appoint an Internal Auditor: It was resolved to appoint Pauline Pollard as the internal auditor for the year 2012/13. A letter will be sent to confirm.

318/12: Tree Problems opposite Hairdressers: There is a concern regarding a sycamore tree on private land opposite the hairdressers in Brent Street. The owner will be approached by a neighbouring property to suggest a tree surgeon and to ascertain issues relating a TPO.

319/12: Flags for the village: It was reported that the current flags need some refurbishment and are looking scruffy. The cost of this would be £116.00 but at present no decision has been taken by this Parish Council

320/12: Annual Parish meeting: This meeting will take place in the Parish Hall on 15th April and as mentioned previously it is the Parish Councils decision to ask Iain Sturdy to address the meeting and hold a questions and answers session.

321/12: Maintenance Contract: A previous decision to seek a tender for this contract was confirmed and tenders will be invited to visit the village to ascertain what is required and to provide suitable tenders.

322/12: Affordable Housing Event: This will be on 7th February in the Parish Hall between 3 and 7 pm and will be manned by Parish Councillors and Elaine Oliver from Sedgemoor District Council.

323/12: Sheep Worrying: Concerns about dogs causing worry and injury to sheep in and around the village has been reported to the Parish Council. The Parish Council will place an article in the BKN and to highlight the responsibility of dog owners and prosecutions that could be made against offending owners who are not taking due care of their animals

MATTERS OF REPORT

324/12: A concern by a resident about single white line parking n Brent Street near the A 38.

325/12: Further discussions regarding a 20mph near school to be added to the agenda for March

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The Meeting ended at 9.50 pm

The Next full meeting of the Parish Council is on **March 4th**