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Minutes of the of Brent Knoll Parish Council meeting that was held at the Parish Hall on 7th January 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"

248/12: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There was one apology from Cllr A Gilling District Councillor

249/12: TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Dispensation : In consideration of the section 33 of the Localism Act 2011 a dispensation to discuss and consider and or decide on precept levels for the year 2013/14. This should be granted due to the nature and content of the discussions and a pecuniary interest would normally be declared as the effect on any precept would have an effect on members of this Parish Council who reside in the Parish of Brent Knoll. Without this dispensation being resolved by ths meeting all discussions and decisions would be contrary to the Pecuniary interest declaration and could potentially lead to conviction.

250/12: It was there for unanimously resolved to make a dispensation on all matters relating to the Precept decisions for 2013/14. Proposed by Cllr J Harper and Seconded by Cllr R Filmer.

251/12: Cllr Filmer declared a prejudicial interest on planning matters and in relation to grant discussions for precept 2013/14 relating to the Parish Hall on the grounds of being a Trustee.

252/12: Cllr Ward , Cllr Hurkett and Cllr Trivett- Bill declared a prejudicial interest on matters relating to grants for the Parish Hall as trustees of that Hall

253/12: Cllr J Harper declared a prejudicial interest on matters relating to precept discussions regarding grants to St Michaels PCC on the grounds of being a member of the PCC.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

254/12: The minutes from **the December 3rd** meeting were approved and accepted as true accounts of the meetings.

ONGOING ISSUES

255/12: Footpaths: Two stiles at Windy Ridge and Brent Corner have now been re established. The footpath to the rear of the Reservoir is in a very poor state particularly around the North side an issue for Bristol Water The footpath is now very bad on the Knoll and this will need to be addressed in the near future.

Action Points:

OJC to contact Bristol Water with regard to Reservoir issues

256/12: 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. There was also a road closure planned for December 5th 2012 Which never happened

Action Points

OJC to follow up with highways on the road maintenance issue

257/12: Village Green: The Fence at the rear of the green needs more robust attention than that previously thought the Parish Council will therefore get a quote for a suitable contractor to deal with the matter. There are further issues relating to bushes and undergrowth on both sides of the village green

Action Points:

Quotes to be sought from suitable contractors for rear of green fence Repair.

Jason Mayo to be contacted re Bushes and undergrowth cutting

258/12: Speeding Issues:

No new issues raised at this meeting

Action Points:

No action points from this meeting

259/12: Public Conveniences: No new issues other than those covered later on in these minutes and identified on Agenda item 10.1 (a)

Action Points:

No action points on this item

260/12: Website: This new site now gone live in a new and improved format which will be easier to use and update. The meeting will as a matter of course update the news page monthly with topical items

Survey Sheets. : These will be analysed once the cut off date has past and considerations given to local responses

Action Points:

Cllr B Freestone to Collate the data received from the public survey document

CORRESPONDENCE

261/12: No Correspondence at this meeting

FINANCIAL MATTERS AND TO APPROVE PAYMENTS**262/12: Payments to be made**

Clerks Salary for January 2013	£ 424.29
HMRC Tax and NI Payments January 2013	£ 106.00
GB Sports December 2012	£ 18.00
SLCC Subscription	£ 100.00
Decision Power Website management 2012/13	£ 288.00
E'on Energy account for December 2012	£ 17.74
Somerset Playing Fields Association Subscription for 2012/13	£ 10.00
Kallwik Printing of Village Survey	£ 170.40
Clerks Allowance and Expenses for Oct- December 2012	£ 296.04
Payroll Software Moneysoft 2012/13	£ 67.20

Total Value of all Payments**£ 1497.67**

263/12: It was unanimously agreed to make all of the above payments in full.

264/12: A Confirmation of the precept setting meeting on the 21st January to consider all aspects of the precept and to set the new level for 2013/14. A consideration to look at the maintenance contract scope and whether to absorb the church grass cutting grant into the Parish Council maintenance process.

PLANNING MATTERS

265/12: Cllr Filmer left the room at this point due to his declaration of prejudicial interest.

266/12: 24/12/00023: Amended plans for dayroom/ utility on land at the Stables , Burton Row East Brent Highbridge. The Parish Council decided that due to similarity of the application to that listed previously that no further or changed comments would be submitted.

267/12: 07/12/00048: T9 re Pollard to previous Pollard points ,Tree has evidence of decay within the Pollard Head and re pollarding will reduce the risk of branch Fracture on land at the Willows Brent Knoll. The Parish Council decided to support the proposal on the grounds of good arboreal practice

268/12: Cllr Filmer returned to the meeting at this point.

MATTERS OF CONSIDERATION

269/12: Speed Indicator devices purchase : On hold until Cllr Ibrahim has investigated the matter with Local MP and SCC

270/12: Toilet Block Refurbishment : Further quotes to be sought in consideration of this process

271/12: Footpath quotation for Knoll Footpath: We need further technical advice on this matter before a process can be commenced.

272/12: Multi Agency Meeting 17th January : A meeting is confirmed between the Parish Councils of Brent Knoll, Lympsham and East Brent for the 17th January at the Brue drainage HQ Highbridge . The meeting will be attended by the environment agency, Bristol Water, SCC and the drainage authority. The Parish Council will attempt to get a clear action

plan from the authorities involved to avoid repeating the previous flood related issues in the village.

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273/12: Community Warden Scheme: Further consultations with neighbouring Parish Councils needs to take place on this matter.

MATTERS OF REPORT

274/12 : A depot operated by Sedgemoor near Lidl is causing some access and parking issues in Burnham on Sea.

275/12: The no waiting cones in Manor ride have disappeared / also parking issues near the school still causing problems

The Meeting ended at 9.30 pm

The Next full meeting of the Parish Council is on **February 4th 2013** have an additional meeting on the **21st January 2013 to consider and decide on the Precept.**