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Minutes of the of Brent Knoll Parish Council meeting that was held at the Parish Hall on **7th July 2014** commencing at 7.30pm when the following business was transacted'

Present: Councillors Cllr R Ibrahim J Harper, Cllr C Trivett Bill, A Hurkett, B Freestone, Cllr R Filmer, Cllr P Osborn, Cllr I Ward, Cllr C Townsend Cllr D Knott, Cllr M Borland + Clerk and 1 member 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 start a 5 minute talk by the ne Village Agent informed the Parish Council of the background to the scheme and some examples of how the village agent has supported the local community
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116/14: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence at this meeting

117/14: TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Filmer on planning matters and Advertising on the Website Pecuniary and Prejudicial

Cllr Harper on Payments item 4 Pecuniary

Cllr Osborn Pecuniary on Advertising Website

Cllr Knott on Advertising on the Web Pecuniary

Cllr Hurkett on Planning application 07/14/00012 Prejudicial

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

118/14: The minutes from **2nd June 2014** were unanimously approved by the meeting

ONGOING ISSUES

Footpaths/ Highways

Signature of Chairman

119/14: Issues concerning the reservoir have been dealt with by Bristol Water however there remains a concern over surrounding footpaths which are a matter for discussions with the appropriate land owners.

120/14: There is a need to replace the kissing gate below Ball Copse Hall and Cllr Osborn will request a replacement from the County they will also be requested to install the gate

121/14: The County to be approached about obliterated signs on Harp road many now entirely covered by growth

122/14: Signage on The Z Bend entering Brent Knoll from Berrow to be followed up with highways as nothing has so far been done.

123/14: Jason Mayo to be asked again if he would trim the area near the base of the hedge 100yds from the A38 Junction to Whitecross Farm

Village Green

124/14: All reported in good condition on inspection in June, Overhanging brambles to be dealt with by Cllr Freestone

125/14: Speeding

126/14: No new matters other than SID item 10 (b) of the agenda

Toilet Block

127/14: The rear store will be improved and the leak reported has now been dealt with by a local contractor. There has so far been a quote for lining the ceiling to improve the area of £222.00 A further quote will be sought also a new padlock is required for added security.

Flood Action updating

128/14: A Grant request to Somerset County Council flood mitigation fund has been processed in the sum of £50.000 and in addition discussions with Axe and Wessex water are ongoing to consider some considerable work which will be in the order of 142k and a contribution from the Parish Council could amount to 10k. Cllr Harper was thanked for his work in processing this application for the Parish Council

129/14: Concerns were raised by members that much of the work being considered may focus on one part of the village and that the efforts to consider Station Road and Burton Row should not be overlooked. In

response it was pointed out that all of the work currently being considered would have a knock on benefit for all parts of the village. Concern raised about action plans, details of storage and insurance of flood equipment which will be assessed by Cllr Townsend.

Neighbourhood Planning Burnham on Sea

130/14: A steering group has been set up to manage the process of this planning of Burnham on Sea. Concerns raised that the area to be considered does and could have potential impact on Brent Knoll and it is a matter that should be watched with interest. More on this over the coming months.

Communication/ Websites

131/14: The clerk reported more activity recently and additions to the site

132/14: Meeting Suspended to allow the Police an update session

133/14: The meeting resumed.

CORRESPONDENCE (Circulated Pre meeting)

134/14: Request from local resident on bonfire policy (no current policy exists that we are aware of and a reply sent to resident BKN article to be placed)

135/14: Letter of reply from environmental Health (no updates as yet)

136/14: Concerns from resident over reservoir paths (matter dealt with)

137/14: Invitation to Sedgemoor Forum (Information only)

138/14: A local act of Kindness (information only)

139/14: Cllr Filmer, Cllr Osborn and Cllr Knott left the meeting having declared a pecuniary interest on item to follow

140/14: Request to consider website advertising (Further discussions)

141/14: Cllr Filmer, Cllr Osborn and Cllr Knott returned to the meeting

142/14: Grant Thornton Sign off letter of audit (information only)

FINANCIAL MATTERS AND CONTROLS

142/14: Statutory Payments as agreed in April meeting for the forthcoming financial year

Salary

Tax Payments

Contract for Maintenance

GB Sports play inspection

Total of Statutory Payments

£ 1565.15

143/14: It was resolved to make the Statutory Payments for July 2014

144/14: Variable Payments

Eon Energy Payment	£ 29.86
Grant Thornton Audit fees	£ 240.00

145/14: Cllr J Harper took no part in this discussion having declared an interest

J Harper (maintenance)	£ 40.63
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146/14: It was unanimously agreed to make all of the above payments in full.

147/14: It was resolved to make the August statutory payments as listed in 141/14:

148 /14: The budget was circulated pre meeting and there were no questions raised at the meeting

149/14: Cllr Filmer left the room having declared a prejudicial interest on all planning matters.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

150/14: 07/14/00012 Erection of two storey extension to side (west) elevation on site of existing (to be demolished) at Dorin Court 11, Brent Street TA9 4DU. The Parish Council considered the proposal and decided to support it on the grounds that it increased accommodation without detrimental impact to the surroundings.

151/14: Cllr Filmer returned to the meeting

152/14: Certificate of Lawfulness considered unnecessary at this meeting due to the location of the application and in any event is not a matter for the Parish Council

MATTERS OF CONSIDERATION

153/14: Defibrillator Project:

The decision to purchase a unit has been followed up by proposals put forward for siting it in the village. A consideration on the first option location has now been changed with proposal for placing it in the Parish Hall complex. The Parish Hall will consider the proposal at its next meeting on the 14th July, however any decision by the Parish Hall

committee to agree to the plan will need to be backed up by full costing and liability framework and will undoubtedly require contractual arrangements to be set up between the Parish Council and the Parish Hall Committee. An alternative sourcing of the defibrillator with lower cost implications was not considered at this meeting. Further considerations on suitable locations will be considered at the next meeting.

150/14: Speed Indicator Device Progress

An updated delivery time for the unit was given by the distributor. It is now likely that the unit will be delivered during the July timescale. It was suggested that wording such as SPEED CHECK and to show actual speed was the most effective use of the unit.

151/14: Clerk relocation matters

The Clerk updated the meeting concerning an impending move which may affect operational matters during a period from the end of October to

Beginning of December. Storage of files may also be a matter of concern and options in that regard have been put forward

152/14: Councillor meets residents' morning

A date for this morning has been set as the 18th October in the Parish Hall providing that an availability of the hall is established. It was proposed that this should be an opportunity for residents to meet with members and to highlight any areas of concern within the village and of course to understand more of how the Council functions

153/14: Quotes for Maintenance issues

There appears to have some confusion on what is required on various matters of maintenance

A Post near the gas box at the end of Brent Street needs attention
A bench seat in front of the toilet block needs re varnish
The Parish Council notice board needs re furbishing

Cllr Filmer and Cllr Hurkett will meet with a contractor to ascertain the actual costs of the work needed

154/14: Timetabling of meetings

A proposal to consider changing the times/ days of meetings was considered but it was unanimously agreed to leave as they are.

155/14: MATTERS OF REPORT (and next meeting agenda items)

Dogs Trust leaflets available for the Parish Council including micro chipping events.

The Meeting ended at 9.45pm

The Next full meeting of the Parish Council is on **Monday 1st September 2014** with provisional meetings if needed to consider plans on August 4th and 18th