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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, I Ward, D Knott, J Harper, M Borland, R Filmer, C Townsend, C Trivett Bill, B Freestone + Clerk 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"

326/12: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from Cllr A Gilling District Councillor also Cllr R Ibrahim, and Cllr A Hurkett

327/12: TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

328/12: The minutes from 4th February 2013 meeting was approved and accepted as true accounts of this meeting

ONGOING ISSUES

329/12: Footpaths: Continuing concerns about the state of the roads surrounding the reservoir in Brent Knoll. There is also a proposal for an additional dog bin on the footpath leading to Knoll footpath behind the Parish Church

Action Points:

OJC to contact Bristol Water with regard to Reservoir issues

OJC to obtain quotes from Sedgemoor for new dog bin

330/12: Highways: A number of potholes have been reported in and around the village.

Outside of Grove Farm in Burton Row
 Opposite Wick Lane
 Near South Brent Close
 Outside of 4, Brent Street
 Road by Woodlands Hotel in a poor state

Action Points

OJC to follow up with highways on the road maintenance issue

331/12: Village Green: A proposal to re seed the area that has been cleared and a small working group will work to prepare the ground. Thanks were given to Cllr David Knott and those Councillors that assisted with the recent clearance.

Action Points:

David Knott has kindly agreed to source some appropriate seeding
 Working Party to prepare the ground

332/12: Speeding Issues:

It is reported about the increasing number of mobile phone users whilst driving. New Speed indicator device readings in Burton row available for assessment

Action Points

No action points from this meeting

333/12: Public Conveniences: Refurbishment now completed on the exterior and more on this matter later in these minutes.

Action Points:

No action points on this item

334/12: Website: It was decided not to promote advertisers on to this site outside of recognised sponsors for the immediate future

335/12: Survey Sheets. : A summary of all of the most mentioned areas of the survey will b published in the BKN. The list of most notable concerns as follows.

Exterior of Musk Farm in Brent Street
 Need for owners to tidy their hedges particularly near junctions.
 A map and info book
 More dog fouling signage
 The installation of a MUGA
 Survey of stiles
 Request to Bus Company for improved services
 More rubbish bins
 Photo of Parish Council in BKN
 Formation of Rhyme watch group
 Residents to manage own ditches and rhynes
 More pressure on water agencies
 Sandbag Supplies

336/12 Correspondence:

Temporary Road Closure
 Gang Mowing Contract from Taunton Deane
 Speed Indicator Results
 GB Sports play inspection report for February
 Somerset Flooding Summit proposal
 Adoption of local plan(Somerset Waste Core Strategy)

FINANCIAL MATTERS AND TO APPROVE PAYMENTS

337/12: Payments to be made

Clerks Salary for March 2013	£ 424.29
HMRC Tax and NI Payments March 2013	£ 106.00
GB Sports February 2013-03-05	£ 18.00
E'on Account	£ 61.28
Taunton Deane Gang Mowing Contract 2012	£ 550.03
RW Construction Toilet Block refurbishment Feb 2013	£ 3750.00
J Harper (Signage)	£ 32.34
Colin Townsend (Postage)	£ 4.48

338/12: It was unanimously agreed to make all of the above payments in full.

339/12: It was decided to arrange a pre audit meeting of the finance group to oversee the accounts.

340/12: It was highlighted that the budget out turn for this year is at 120% due to the capital costs incurred during this financial year

341/12 PLANNING MATTERS Cllr Filmer left the room at this point due to his declaration of prejudicial interest.

342/12: 07/13/ 00001 Erection of a single storey and first floor rear extension at Elmington Station Road. The Parish Council support this application on the grounds of local precedent of neighbouring properties.

343/12: 07/13/00003: Erection of garage with first floor store carport and store rooms at Greenways Ham Road. The Parish Council supports this application on the grounds of general improvement on the same footprint and improved access.

344/12: 07/13/00004: Conversion of loft to living accommodation at 18 Brent Street. The Parish Council support this application as there is no encroachment to the building line and local precedent of neighbouring properties.

345/12: 07/13/00005: Renewal of planning permission 07/09/00029 of a two storey extension to east elevation at the Fox and Goose. The Parish Council make no observations to this application

346/12: Cllr Filmer returned to the meeting at this point.

MATTERS OF CONSIDERATION

347/12: Speed Indicator devices purchase: This matter is still being considered and negotiations with the local authority are continuing.

348/12: Toilet Block Refurbishment: This refurbishment has now been completed to a satisfactory level. A proposal to consider the outside areas of the block will be considered in April. The Parish Council will decide on the following

1. Do we need to make any changes to the ground at the front of the toilet block
2. If that is decided what should that change be (surface materials etc)
3. To decide whether to replace the glass in the toilet block

349/12: Footpath quotation for Knoll Footpath: Chris East will make contact with the clerk in due course to make arrangements to visit the village.

350/12: Speed Gun replacement. The current unit is now not functioning correctly and has come to the end of its useful life. To support the dedicated speed watch group a request for the Parish Council to fund a new unit has been made. A grant application has been made to

Sedgemoor small grant: **£1000.00**

Avon and Somerset Constabulary: **£1000.00**

Once the outcome of these grants is known the Parish Council will decide on the purchase top up.

351/12: Play Equipment: The Parish Council now have in place all of the grants for the new piece of play equipment and the total cost to the Parish Council is the sum of £330.30 Which it was resolved to spend from the 2013/14 budget.

Thanks were given to Cllr Townsend for his hard work in securing this grant aid through the various organisations.

352/12: Maintenance Contract for the Village: The Parish Council decided in February to start a tender process for the village maintenance contract now to include the gang mowing and churchyard elements. The Parish Council sought tenders from the existing contractor Brent Garden Services, Taunton Deane and Sedgemoor clean surroundings. Based on price alone both of the latter tenders were lower in cost however the Parish Council has to take account of know quality standards and previous history and on that basis felt that Brent Garden services who have done a good job over recent years would meet the required standard for the work involved and have awarded the contract to them with annual reviews.

353/12: Tree Problems opposite Hairdressers: This is a matter raised previously and clearly may be of concern to properties in the proximity at this stage the Parish Council have taken the view that it is a private matter and not one to which the Parish Council can get involved with at this stage.

MATTERS OF REPORT

354 /12: Issues raised

Broadband
Parish Meeting
Councillor / Chairman Training

The Meeting ended at 9.40 pm

The Next full meeting of the Parish Council is on **Tuesday April 2nd 2013**
and a provisional meeting for any planning applications on 17th
March 2013