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

Present: Councillors P Osborn, I Ward, J Harper, M Borland, Cllr C Trivett Bill, A Hurkett and B Freestone, Cllr R Filmer, Cllr C Townsend and Cllr D Knott the Clerk and 6 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”

A cheque was presented to the Parish Council by Mrs F Evans from a successful Chris Evans Bike ride in aid of the British Lung Foundation and this donation is to the village in furtherance of its cause to provide a cycle way in Crooked Lane.

Chairman read a statement within a closed meeting prior to the meeting

Pre Meeting update presentation by Elaine Oliver from Sedgemoor Affordable Housing team and to inform the Parish Council on its next options.

133/13: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from Cllr R Ibrahim

134/13: TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr R Filmer on planning matters but no declaration on item 158/13 since the matter relating to the Parish Hall was non financial and was also dealing in general terms with Green use.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

135/13: The minutes from **1st July, 5th August and 19th August 2013** were unanimously approved by the meeting as a true and accurate reflection of those meetings

Clerks Statement

136/13: The Clerk previously circulated a statement which was supported by the meeting

Signature of Chairman

ONGOING ISSUES**137/13: Footpaths/ Highways**

The National Trust has completed the new steps near the top of the Knoll footpath and the Council will be recognising this matter later in these minutes.

138/13: A project by members of the Council is being undertaken to assess the Stile conditions around the village and to further decide on what action needs to be taken. Stafford Gates have been proposed for many of the locations and we will ascertain what assistance can be provided by the County Council. Also we will identify the land owners concerned. Cllr Osborn, Cllr Townsend and Cllr Knott will undertake this process. There are in addition dangerous stiles in need of repair on path from Battleborough to Coombe Side

139/13: A general concern expressed about drains in Brent Street and Hill lane where some blockages appear to be building up with potential for long term problems as we approach the winter season.

140/13: Cllr Freestone to approach Mr Bateman to quote for cutting back some overgrown hedges and brambles near the Cider Farm. This visibility is being affected on the highway

141/13: A request to our contractor to clear some of the overgrown scrub close to the railway bridge which is now affecting the road crossing of the bridge

142/13: Laurel Avenue has been partially improved but the work appears to have stopped short of completion and an Investigation with County highways as to the reasons

Action Points

OJC to Contact Highways re Laurel Avenue.

Cllr Freestone to make contact with Mr Bateman.

Cllrs Osborn, Knott and Townsend to survey Stiles.

OJC to ascertain with Chris East SCC on funding of new Gates.

OJC TO Contact Jason Mayo regarding Railway Bridge over grown scrub

OJC to contact highways re Culverts in Hill Lane

143/13: Village Green:

Bench still in need of varnishing

Brambles over hanging the Climbing Frame and needs cutting Back

Litter Bin overflowing and needs a new bin with lid

There is a rail missing on the fence between Car Park and Green

Tree overhanging toilet block creating potential problems for guttering

Overgrown hedge near the slide to the back of the Hollies

Action Points

1. Cllr Harper to approach Selway to get a quote for Varnishing

2. OJC to ask Jason Mayo to deal with the tree over toilet block and the Overhanging bushes on climbing frame
3. Cllr Harper to get quotes for new litter bin
4. Notice Board needs new Perspex
5. New Dog Sign Cllr Harper to get quotes
6. Cllr Osborn to get suitable wooden rails to repair fence between Car park and green

144/13: Speeding Issues:

Clerks reported no beat surgery in September, there were no other new issues

No action points from this meeting

145/13: Public Conveniences:

Deep Cleaning to be completed later in month and updates on PID Lighting will be confirmed at the October meeting

Action Points:

No action points on this item

146/13: Communications

Problems recently with Malware on the website will hopefully be resolved by our Website manager over the coming 48 hours

147/13 Correspondence:

- (a) Annual report of Sedgemoor CAB (Information only)
- (b) Grant request for current year (to be considered at grant meeting October along with other considerations

FINANCIAL MATTERS AND TO APPROVE PAYMENTS

148/13: Payments to be made

Clerks Salary for September 2013	£ 436.69
HMRC Tax and NI Payments September 2013	£ 109.20
GB Sports August 2013	£ 18.00
Brent Garden Services Contract for June	£ 645.00
GB Sports Annual Inspection for 2013	£ 66.00

149/13: It was unanimously agreed to make all of the above payments in

full.

150/13: The previously circulated budget was opened to questions with none arising.

151/13 : PLANNING MATTERS

07/13/00017: Erection of a two storey first and side floor extension at the Lodge 1, Manor Ride Brent Knoll.

Electronic Response sent on 3/9/2013

Application No 07/13/00017

For the attention of Mr C Arnold

The Parish Council met last night to discuss the above application and decided not to support the proposal on the following grounds

The new design will have an impact upon the character and appearance of the street, it has inappropriate use of modern materials instead of replicating the original design

It is also an over development of this small site.

These views were unanimous from the Parish Council in Brent Knoll

MATTERS OF CONSIDERATION

152/13: Flood Mitigation Grants:

These have yet to be decided by the County

153/13: Wessex Water meeting

The Chairman explained that the Wessex Water meeting in August identified a considerable local investment to infrastructure that would hopefully alleviate some of the key issues of concern with foul water in the village and together with the initiatives from the Brue drainage board will hopefully result in considerable improvement to the local situation.

154/13: The Flood Action Plan

A meeting will be set up in due course to formulate this plan of action

155/13: National Trust and Knoll Footpath

The Parish Council would like to support the Trusts good work in taking on some of this needed improvement and to that end a grant of **£500.00** will be made offering the Parish Councils thanks. It was also proposed that the Chairman approaches the Trust to ask them if they would do the next section in 2014

156/13: Defibrillator Project for Brent Knoll

Consideration is to be given to providing a unit for use by the village and enquiries will be made to the British Heart Foundation together with some contact with our neighbouring Parish East Brent who have themselves have been looking at these units more next month

157/13: Crooked Lane Cycle Path Proposal

Chris East to be contacted to see whether there are any SCC Implications for these proposals put forward at the last meeting.

158/13: Request by the Parish Hall for use of the green in 2014

A proposal was made that consideration be given to making a charge on profits for such events to assist with the upkeep of the green. The Clerk pointed out the clear problems that would ensue unless a policy decision was made with a criteria that affected all organisations using the green. The clerk also pointed out that currently all organisations using the facility are charitable organisations and not for profit and therefore could not be regarded as commercial ventures. After consideration the Clerk was asked to draft a suggested Policy document that would only require payment from commercial organisations who make profit that goes to owners, Directors or Shareholders and that all village organisations of Charitable status should be encouraged to use the green without charge. This decision was taken by a majority.

159/13: Dates requested and agreed

Carols on the green December 18th 2013

Fete 2014 : 14th June

Music on the Green : July 12th 2014

160/13: Affordable Housing Process

It was decided to pursue the process and to be driven forward by Cllr Filmer and Cllr Osborn to decide on the next level

MATTERS OF REPORT

161/13: Light Pollution at the Tennis Club.

162/13: Cyclists roping off the Car Park.

163/13: Black Van near school has been parked over a long period

164/13: Speed / road narrowing/ Traffic Calming.

The Meeting ended at 9.30.

The Next full meeting of the Parish Council is on **7th October** at 7.30 pm and a Provisional meeting on September 16th if needed