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Minutes of the of Brent Knoll Parish Council meeting that was held at the Parish Hall on **3rd February 2014** commencing at 7.pm 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 C Townsend, Cllr P Osborn, Cllr D Knott, Cllr I Ward, Cllr M Borland and the Clerk and 2 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
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334/13: Resolution to temporarily exclude the press and public on account of the confidential nature of the remaining business to be transacted, pursuant to standing orders 34 and 64. This resolution was made unanimously.

Public Exclusion and a discussion ensued with Sedgemoor District Council on suitable sites for possible consideration on affordable housing. Three Sites were identified as warranting further examination and a resolution was passed to allow Sedgemoor District Council to make further assessments of the viability of those sites.

Public re admitted to the meeting

335/13: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies recorded at this meeting

336/13: TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr P Osborn Prejudicial interest on footpaths, Cllr Harper on Finance matters and on item concerning trailer purchase Cllr Knott on payments to Tuckers

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

337 /13: The minutes from **6th January 2014** were unanimously approved by the meeting.

ONGOING ISSUES

Footpaths/ Highways

338/13: Stafford Gates have now been fitted as planned and the Parish Council now request formal quotations on 4 tread replacements for stiles. It was requested that 4 more Stafford gates be obtained from Somerset County Council

339/13: A meeting has taken place between the Parish Council and National Trust. The Trust have kindly agreed to take out the lower steps of the Knoll path and create a more gradual incline they will also refurbish the steps neat the top of Knoll gradually over the coming year and beyond

340/13: A problem with 30mph signage opposite the Cider Farm will be reported to the appropriate authority. Also a signage issue at West Road going towards Lympsham. A missing sign at Station Road also will be reported to Sedgemoor

Action Points

OJC to report signage issues to SCC

OJC to ask Chris East for 4 more Stafford Gates and to arrange a firm quote for Mike Watts on 4 new treads for stiles

Village Green:

341/13: New Bin now installed on the village green

Speeding Issues

342/13: The County have been contacted regarding the Parish Council's aim of introducing a 20mph speed restriction near the School we have yet to have a formal response and the Clerk will write to Harvey Siggs portfolio holder to obtain more information on protocol and process

Public Conveniences

343/13: No new matters to report

Communications

344/13: No issues currently

Flood Action updating

Minutes of the January group meeting

345/13: These were circulated to the members of the meeting

346/13: Dry Run experiment of new equipment. This took place on the 31st January and a successful outcome was reported. There was one problem concerning the hose across the road which could be affected by traffic crossing over it. The Parish Council will look at the possibility of a ramp structure to protect the hose from wheels of vehicles. It was further identified that safety clothing should also be added to the kit of the operating team

347/13: Pressure to bear on Wessex Water

The flood action group have requested that more urgency and pressure is put on Wessex Water to bring forward its proposed improvements identified last year. The clerk will write to them and remind them again of the concerns expressed by affected villagers.

348/13: Axe Brue Drainage Board

The Drainage Board have been very quiet since Matthew Wall's visit last year and the Parish Council would like to get an update on their progress to date. A Letter will be sent to Iain Sturdey.

349/13: Grant from Somerset County Council

The amount of £6700.00 has now been requested in respect of the agreement reached in 2013 to grant this amount to assist the Parish Council in its mitigation programme. This should be paid in two weeks.

350/13: Risk Assessment

Our insurers have recommended a full risk assessment to cover the Parish Council in the event of a problem. This assessment should identify the key risks on each part of our process and what steps have been taken to mitigate those risks to members of the team and the public. This will be examined more fully at the next flood action group meeting

351/13 Trailer and Storage

It was agreed at the January meeting to purchase a £200.00 trailer for transporting the new pump to its location. A discussion ensued regarding this trailers suitability and fitness for purpose, other suggestions were put to the meeting but after further discussion it was decided to continue with this purchase as an interim arrangement whilst the group establish its longer term requirements and specification. The pump is stored securely

together with the gas bottles and these will be moved at the appropriate times as and when needed. Our insurers will be notified of the storage arrangements

352/13 Correspondence:

(a) Tennis Club email regarding light intrusion to a local resident the Sedgemoor enforcement officer Dave Crowle will be contacted

(b) Road Closure notice

(c) Local resident Rhyne and Ditch concerns private property. No Action To be taken by the Parish Council

(d) New Village agent to be appointed

(e) Hinkley C Connection project consultation

FINANCIAL MATTERS AND TO APPROVE PAYMENTS

353/13: Payments to be made

Clerks Salary for February 2014	£ 436.70
HMRC Tax and NI Payments February 2014	£ 109.20
GB Sports January 2014	£ 18.00
John Harper cement for bin fix	£ 6.28
John Tucker (Rhyne and Ditch Clearance)	£ 5400.00
Plumbing by George (New Toilet Seat gents)	£ 40.00
Andy Selway 2 nd coat toilet block	£ 185.00
John Harper Trailer for Pump	£ 200.00

354/13: It was unanimously agreed to make all of the above payments in full.

PLANNING MATTERS

355/13: There were no planning matters to consider at this meeting

MATTERS OF CONSIDERATION

356/13: Defibrillator Project

This is an ongoing discussion regarding the acquisition of a defibrillator unit in the village and a small working group have been looking at various options to support the proposal. The AED Proposal has been made with the following costs

Initial Purchase : **£1975.00**

1199

The establishment of a village emergency telephone system £100 per annum

Electrical installation of AED Box £75.00 per Annum

Some uncertainty remains concerning the effectiveness and use of the kit and it was suggested that Martin Hagan be invited to a forthcoming meeting to answer questions and concerns from members

357/13: Speed Indicator Device Purchase by BKPC

The Clerk pointed out to meeting that resolution was made to purchase the unit on **October 1st 2012** minute no **167/12** in the sum of **£3,800.00** this was subject only to agreements on specification compliance with SCC. It has recently been established that units can be purchased and managed by the Parish Council and it has further been established that suitable posts exist in the greater part of the village for installation of the unit. Cllr Ibrahim is now going to get prices on suitable compliant units ready for further discussion in March or April. Dave Grabham will then be invited for a further visit to the Brent Knoll

Community Warden Scheme

358/13: A meeting was held on the 23rd of January to consider the Community Warden scheme initiated by the County. The aim of the scheme is to combine with up to 5 Parish Councils a local resource for minor repairs and maintenance. The principles of the scheme were taken on board but it was decided that Brent Knoll do have the services of a local business forming part of a contract who would be adequately trained to deal with most of the issues likely to arise and Brent Knoll would gain little from the Community Warden proposal and it was there fore decided to withdraw from any interest in it.

MATTERS OF REPORT (and next meeting agenda items)

359/13: The Clerk requested that the Parish Council agree to Richard Young being appointed as the internal Auditor for the year 2013/14 and this was agreed

360/13: Broadband Fibre Optics may be available in the village as early as next year

The Meeting ended at 10pm

The Next full meeting of the Parish Council is on **3rd March** at 7.30 pm