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Minutes of the of Brent Knoll Parish Council meeting that was held at the Parish Hall on **2nd June 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 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"

80/14: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr R Filmer will be a little late

81/14: TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr J Harper Prejudicial interest on matters of consideration agenda item 10(c)
Cllr I Ward personal interest on Matters of consideration (10 (c) and Cllr C Trivett- Bill on matters of consideration 10 (c) Cllr D Knott personal interest on 10 (c) matters of consideration

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

82/14: The minutes from **6th May 2014 and 19th May 2014** were unanimously approved by the meeting

PLANNING APPLICATION

83/14: 07/14/00010_Tree Management proposal at Somerset Court. The Parish Council decided to support the proposal on the grounds of good arboreal practice

ONGOING ISSUES

Footpaths/ Highways

84/14: Resolution to request 5 more Stratford Gates to be delivered to Cllr Osborn ready for future installation

85/14: Further concerns raised about the reservoir surrounding footpaths which will be further investigated by the clerk

86/14: Concern expressed about one of the trees opposite Cider Farm in Brent Street. Paul Baker will be requested to deal with this issue

Village Green

87/14: Tree overhanging the toilet behind the block but overhanging the Parish Hall needs attention and a quote will be sought from David Bateman.

88/14: New bench and picnic table ready for installation by members of the Parish Council. It was further agreed to spend £40.00 to treat with Sadoline prior to installation.

Speeding

89/14: No new matters other than SID item 10 (b) of the agenda

Toilet Block

90/14: The rear store will be improved and a quote for leaking pipes and some boarding to the roof space will be sought prior to July

Flood Action updating

91/14: Cllr Harper provided the meeting with more details of Somerset Flood Relief Grants application and the discussions taking place with the Axe Drainage Board for culvert improvements from the bottom of Hill Lane across to the other side of Brent Street ditches The total cost of the project could be in the region of 140k with a contingency of 80k. The financial contributions, grants available funds etc have yet to be agreed however it is forecast that the Parish Council may need ultimately to commit to 10k as the local contribution of the scheme. Further updates in July a comprehensive scoping report has been received and is being assessed

Neighbourhood Planning Burnham on Sea

92/14: There have been no further meetings of this group since the last meeting of the Parish Council. However a meeting due in two weeks will appoint the steering group. It was proposed that a member of the Parish

Council should be involved in this process once the format has been structured as Brent Knoll may be affected by any development proposals.

93/14: Cllr Filmer joined the meeting at this point having given previous apologies prior to the meeting that he would be a little late

Communication

95/14 No new matters discussed

CORRESPONDENCE (Circulated Pre meeting)

96/14: Letter from Harvey Siggs re 20mph Tessa Munt has been sent a copy of this reply

97/14: Letters from residents at East Ride (considered under matters of consideration.

98/14: Volunteer Hospital Car Service update

99/14: Highways not continuing with advising road closures

100/14: Request from Brent Knoll Brownies

101/14: Local resident letter regarding Wessex Water visit

102/14: Requested from local resident of any planned development in the village.

103/14: Letter from Wick Lane resident regarding the Parish Council's decision to support a planning application

104/14: Information about St Michaels planned launch of a Friends of St Michael's Group for fund raising.

FINANCIAL MATTERS AND CONTROLS

105/14: Statutory Payments as agreed in April meeting for the forthcoming financial year

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| Clerks Salary for June 2014 | £ 440.95 |
| HMRC Tax and NI Payments June 2014 | £ 110.40 |
| GB Sports May 2014 | £ 18.00 |
| Jason Mayo Contract | £ 645.00 |
| Total of Statutory Payments | £ 1249.35 |

106/14: It was resolved to make the Statutory Payments for June 2014

107/14: Variable Payments

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| Concept Products (Flood mitigation equipment) | £ 62.11 |
| Aviva Insurance (Annual Premium to include increased Risk) | £ 737.66 |

108/14: It was unanimously agreed to make all of the above payments in full.

109/14: The budget was circulated pre meeting and there were no questions raised at the meeting

MATTERS OF CONSIDERATION

110/14: Defibrillator Project:

Martin Hagan of the Community Heartbeat Trust gave the meeting a fulsome presentation prior to the meeting with details of locations and costings. The Parish Council considered the benefits together with any disadvantages and resolved by a majority to proceed with the purchase. The net cost to the Parish Council will be £1500.00 the Council having received a grant previously of £500.00 from the Nuttall Trust. The annual running costs will be £226 .00 per annum. The proposal suggested that Holywell Nursing Home in Brent Street has kindly agreed to allow the installation in their porch area which is always accessible.

111/14: Speed Indicator Device Purchase by BKPC

This unit is now on order and is expected to be delivered shortly ready for installation.

112/14: East Ride letters and representations

Cllr John Harper left the meeting at this point having declared a prejudicial interest

The Parish Council has received 3 letters and listened prior to the meeting from residents of East Ride who raised concerns regarding the number of animals being kept at a property in the close. The Parish Council was not in a position to comment on the matter specifically and resolved to deal with it by sending copies of the letters to the appropriate authorities. The clerk pointed out to the meeting that this matter was not one that could be dealt with by the Parish Council.

113/13: School Transport contribution request

A representation was made to the Parish Council prior to the meeting for consideration of contribution to the running costs of a newly acquired school mini bus. The Parish Council considered this matter but took the view that the bus would be used by other schools and was not directly a community project for the benefit of Brent Knoll however it was prepared to commit the £250.00 annual grant again in 2014/15 which could certainly be used to assist the school bus running costs. This would be reviewed annually as in previous years under grant considerations

114/14: Change of meeting date in November

It was resolved to make a change to the November Council meeting date and to make it Tuesday 4th November to avoid clashing with The Burnham Carnival

113/14: Dog Fouling

Cllr Freestone awaiting responses from enquiries on how best to deal with this matter

114/14: Beat Surgery

Due to recent changes within the Avon and Somerset Constabulary it seems likely that the monthly beat surgery will end shortly. The clerk suggested that perhaps the monthly surgery could still be continued with the Clerk and one or two members of the Parish Council attending say between 10.30 and 12noon on the first Wednesday. This will be a public opportunity to raise any matters with the Council and to feed back any police matters directly. This idea will be considered further in July

115/14: MATTERS OF REPORT (and next meeting agenda items)

Meet the Councillor morning suggested

The Meeting ended at 9.25pm

The Next full meeting of the Parish Council is on **Monday July 7th 2014**