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**Minutes of the of Brent Knoll Parish Council meeting** that was held at the Parish Hall on **3<sup>rd</sup> March 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 M Borland and the Clerk and 3 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"*

**361/13: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllr C Townsend and Cllr D Knott and these apologies were accepted unanimously. Also Apologies received from District Councillor Andrew Gilling

**362/13: TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr P Osborn Prejudicial interest on footpaths, Cllr Filmer Prejudicial on all planning matters and personal interest on matters relating to hall payments Also Cllr Ward personal Interest on matters relating to Hall payments

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**363 /13:** The minutes from **3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014**were unanimously approved by the meeting.

**ONGOING ISSUES**

**Footpaths/ Highways**

**364/13:** The Parish Council are currently awaiting delivery of 4 additional Stafford Gates from the County a resolution approved to give approval for  
Signature of Chairman

the completion of the Stile improvements on Footpath 8/11 and 8/6 joining 8/5 and the contractor will be requested to contact Cllr Osborn to arrange completion.

**365/13 :** A large pot hole outside of 70, Brent Street above the 4 centimetres threshold will be reported to highways for repairs

**366/13:** Still problems exist at School exit times with parking and the dangers of emerging vehicles from the side roads.

**367/13:** Some signage in the village is covered now with mould and they need to be cleaned by highways to ensure that the visual impact remains clear

### Action Points

OJC to contact Mike Watts to arrange completion  
Contact Highways re Cleaning of some Signage  
OJC to contact Highways regarding Pot Hole repairs

### Village Green:

**368/13:** Flooded when visited earlier in the month and there appears to be an issue raised by a resident regarding split seating on the swings and some slippery surface issues these will be raised with GB Sports for a report and quotation for repair If necessary. There have been some reports of Children playing ball games on the car park which will be monitored.

### Speeding Issues

**369/13:** Further representations to the County to be made through Harvey Siggs Portfolio Holder in respect of the Parish Councils intentions to make a 20mph restriction near the School in Brent Knoll

### Public Conveniences

**370/13:** No new matters to report

### Communications

**371/13:** Additional Links to be requested by Cllr Ibrahim to the Website provider

### Flood Action updating

### Minutes of the January group meeting

**372/13:** These were circulated to the members of the meeting

**373 /13:** The key issues arising from the last meeting

The Need for purchase of further safety equipment

Operating Instructions

Training of the team

Risk Assessment

It was agreed to obtain prices and overall costs of equipment for the next Parish Council meeting in April and to consider the attendance of risk assessment training in April

**374/13:** Concerns raised about the mobility of the pump and equipment and its use in other parts of the village when needed. And areas of the village such as Burton Row, Church Lane, Westcroft Farm areas should also be considered as likely to need the support of the pump at some future point. Cllr Filmer will take up the issue of environmental concerns with Sedgemoor District Council due to concerns about waste in and around the manhole covers in Brent Street

**375/13 Correspondence:**

- (a) Statutory Road Closure Notices in Ham Road and Cheddar
- (b) Speed Cameras to be switched back on now operated by Police
- (c) Flood Relief Fund letter
- (d) Audit Commission de regulatory framework by 2017

**FINANCIAL MATTERS AND TO APPROVE PAYMENTS**

**376/13: Payments to be made**

Clerks Salary for March 2014	<b>£ 436.70</b>
HMRC Tax and NI Payments March 2014	<b>£ 109.20</b>
GB Sports February 2014	<b>£ 18.00</b>
Parish Hall room Hire	<b>£ 102.00</b>
SLCC Subscription for 2013/14	<b>£ 116.00</b>

**377/13:** It was unanimously agreed to make all of the above payments in full.

**378/13:** The Parish Council to give consideration to Statutory and unchanged Payments to be agreed by resolution at the April Meeting each year thus not having to agenda those payments on each occasion

**These would include**

Salary / Tax  
 GB Sports Inspection  
 Jason Mayo Contract  
 Sedgemoor Dog Bin Contract  
 Sedgemoor Toilet Cleaning Contract

**379/13:** The budget for month 12 was circulated at this meeting indicating that the Councils finance is in line projections.

**380/13:** The matter of future pension provision was raised particularly as we may be required to provide this as a matter of legislative changes in the future. It was agreed that the Clerk will discuss the matter with other Parish Councils and SALC to determine our obligations

**PLANNING MATTERS****Cllr Filmer left the meeting at this point****381/13: 07/14/00002 Nightingale Farm**

The Parish Council made no observations to this application

**382/13: 07/14/00004 Quantock Villa Station Road**

The Parish Council decided to support this application on the grounds of improved Visual amenity and in keeping with the street scene

**383/13 07/14/00005 Woodleigh Station Road**

The Parish Council decided to Support this application on the grounds of Visual improvement to the property.

**Cllr Filmer returned to the meeting at this point****MATTERS OF CONSIDERATION****384/13: Defibrillator Project:**

No further progress made on this matter but will be re visited at the April meeting

**385/13: Speed Indicator Device Purchase by BKPC**

Cllr Ibrahim provided the meeting with three options for consideration and they will all be presented to the County Speed camera Partnership to

ascertain compliance with policy matters. Considerations on the choice are based around visual display, ease of management and weight of units Cllr

Ibrahim has also identified potential sites and structures in the village which would be suitable for operation of the devices. These again will be matters of further consideration once the unit selection has been identified. The meeting congratulated and thanked Cllr Ibrahim for the considerable work that had been done to get to this point

### **Action Point**

OJC to make contact with Dave Grabham for a further Visit with an engineer to assess the work so far

### **386/13: Annual Contract with Brent Garden Services**

The contract for village Maintenance, the village green, gang mowing and the church yard is to remain at the same figures for the forthcoming year and the meeting resolved to approve this contract for 2014/15 It was also proposed and resolved to add maintenance of the grass verge opposite the Old Manor on Brent Street.

### **387/13: Annual Parish Meeting**

This will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April in Parish Hall and the speaker will be sgt Ashley Jones of the local police it is also intended to get an update session provided by Iain Sturdy to inform the meeting of work done in the village since their presentation last year. The usual reports will be made by District Councillor, County Council.,Parish Council Chairman and the Clerk. An update for residents will be requested at the next Flood action group.

### **388/13: Legislative Changes**

A number of changes in the pipeline at present but one area to be considered is the electronic sending of agenda's this is now deemed acceptable provided that a receipt is made to the clerk on receipt of that agenda

### **MATTERS OF REPORT (and next meeting agenda items)**

**359/13:** The problem of dog faeces continues and an article will be placed in the BKN requesting more vigilance.

### **The Meeting ended at 9.40pm**

The Next full meeting of the Parish Council is on **7<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm**