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**Minutes of the of Brent Knoll Parish Council meeting** that was held at the Parish Hall on **4<sup>th</sup> November 2014** commencing at 7.30pm when the following business was transacted'

**Present:** Councillors Cllr R Ibrahim, B Freestone, Cllr R Filmer, Cllr P Osborn, Cllr D Knott, Cllr M Borland, Cllr A Hurkett + 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*

**262/14: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were apologies from Cllr Ward, Cllr Townsend, Cllr Harper and Cllr Trivett- Bill these apologies were accepted unanimously by the meeting

**263/14: TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Osborn pecuniary interest on finance in respect of a payment for materials purchased. Also on matters relating to footpaths / gates on own property

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**264/14:** The minutes from **October 6th** were unanimously approved by the meeting

**ONGOING ISSUES**

**Footpaths/ Highway**

**265/14:** Two further gates installed as part of a previously agreed ongoing programme of improvement in the village.

**266/14:** A unanimous resolution to authorise the purchase of 10 posts to complete the above work at a cost of £40. 00 was made

**267/14:** A large pothole has appeared in Brent Street near the hairdressers and it was resolved to report this matter to the highways dept of SCC.

**268/14:** a request was made to ask the County Highways for white lining on the S Bend on the near Ivy clad hall to assist the highway safety on this dangerous bend. It was further suggested that we should request some kerbside white lining near the Methodist church to help alleviate parked cars close to the bend. It was resolved that the clerk will follow up these two requests with the County Highways

**269/14:** White lining in the centre of the road near Brent Corner would also assist motorists on what is a rather narrow stretch of road close to the Old Manor. It was resolved to request this action to the SCC Highways

**270/14:** Concerns at the Fox and Goose Junction have been raised once again following another recent accident. The highways will be asked to look further at this dangerous junction as it seems now that any early resolution to the proposed road improvements as part of a planning application by the Garden centre are unlikely to happen.

**271/14:** Network Rail to be contacted regarding the railway bridge damage reported some time ago

### **Village Green**

**272/14:** It is reported that two seats (plastic) on swings are showing signs of splitting also the surface area under the swings is very slippery at present and at some point a pressure wash will be needed. A further look at the GB Sports recommendations will be assessed at the mid November meeting and decisions taken on action.

**273/14:** It was reported that some older children appear to be using the play area as a meeting place and this may result in further discussions.

### **Speeding**

**274 /14:** No matters raised at this meeting

### **Toilet Block**

**275 /14:** Rear Store room now upgraded to allow for the storage of flood equipment and new locks will be fitted. It was further reported that the urinal area of the gents is still blocked and the clerk will follow the matter up with a local contractor.

**Flood Action updating**

**276/14:** .Current updates from the meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> October

Rota's being organised.

All equipment to be used providing a member of the Parish Council is present.

A training run will be held ASAP to get the equipment in place at suitable locations.

A risk assessment now in place

**277/14:** Further updates will be placed on the agenda for **November 17<sup>th</sup>** Provisional meeting.

**278/14:** Resolution unanimously agreed to allow for the purchase of new padlocks for the store up to a total cost of £100.00

**Neighbourhood Planning Burnham on Sea**

**279/14:** At a recent meeting there was a suggestion that there could be a proposal in the future of 1200/1500 houses in the Burnham area and potentially on Greenfield sites as all brown field opportunity has been utilised. This planning process takes account of need until 2032. More detailed updates as the group progress

**Communication/ Websites**

**280/14:** Following on from discussions it was resolved that the Parish Council should accept sponsorship funding by some local business's to assist in the financing of the village website. Further investigations and approaches will be made to suitable businesses

**CORRESPONDENCE** (Circulated Pre meeting)

- 281/14:** (a) RLT2/3 funding updates  
 ( b ) Letters from two local residents  
 ( c ) Grant funding request from Mendip community transport

**FINANCIAL MATTERS AND CONTROLS**

**282/14: Statutory Payments as agreed in April meeting for the forthcoming financial year**

Salary

Tax Payments

Contract for Maintenance

GB Sports play inspection

Signature of Chairman

1250

**Total of Statutory Payments** £ 1184.35

283/14: It was resolved to make the Statutory Payments for Oct 2014

**284/14: Variable Payments**

Wreath for remembrance Sunday	£ 17.00
Mike Lapage ( rear store upgrade)	£ 170.00
Wells cathedral Stonemasons	£ 510.00
Brent Tree Services	£ 150.00
Batteries for speed watch	£ 18.60

285/14: It was resolved to make the variable payments as listed

286/14: Cllr Osborn declared an interest and took no part in the following discussion.

P Osborn cement purchase ( Village green benches)	£ 10.08
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287/14: It was resolved to make this payment

288/14: It was resolved to defer any discussion on payments until clarification and publicity has been completed

289/14: A first discussion on budget proposals for 2015/16 looked at the likely out turn for the end of this financial year which will be largely similar to the budget set at the outset. The paper will be discussed further and some more clarity on likely spending in the following year at the December meeting. A decision on precept level will be made in January.

290/14: An article will appear in the December edition of the BKN requesting applications from suitable groups for grant funding.

**PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS**

291/14: There were no planning matters for consideration at this meeting

292/14: It was resolved to set up a short training session on planning for December prior to the start of the meeting for members this will be run by Cllr Filmer and Clerk

**MATTERS OF CONSIDERATION**

293/14: **Speed Indicator installation protocols**

The matter is hopefully reaching a conclusion by the end of this week and we will be able to install the purchased unit, however the matter of

Highway chapter 8 training has yet to be agreed with SCC and this will be monitored over the coming months

The Protocol issues identified in September have been resolved by SCC and Cllr Ibrahim will meet with Dave Grabham of SCC in the coming week or two to clarify any training or operational issues

#### **294/14: Brent Knoll Flag**

Application has been made to the flag registration office for clarification prior to a decision by the Parish Council

#### **295/14: The Beat Surgery Future**

The Clerk informed the meeting that the current arrangements were likely to end by January 2015 but that any replacement plans cannot be agreed until we have more definite indications.

**296/14:** The decision to hold a micro chipping event for dog owners is deferred until Cllr Freestone has attended a similar event at the Apex Park in Highbridge and the Parish Council will then decide on a local event in the village

#### **297/14: Sedgemoor response on matters raised at East Ride**

We are currently waiting for a formal response for information regarding residents concerns on animal welfare and environmental health issues it is expected that this formal letter should be received by the Parish Council over the coming weeks with letters also going to concerned residents.

#### **298/14: Crooked Lane ditches**

The chairman has corresponded with Brue Axe drainage board with regard to concerns over rubbish and potentially blocked rhynes on land behind South Brent Close. The Parish Council await the response

**299/14:** The chairman has responded to the meetings request to forward a letter to Liam Phillips and congratulating him on his achievement in becoming world Champion.

#### **300 /14: MATTERS OF REPORT (and next meeting agenda items)**

**To form the basis of November Provisional and December main meeting.**

CPR Training initiative  
Affordable Housing implications/ updates etc ( January meeting)

Signature of Chairman

Further updates on flood management ( November Provisional meeting)  
Precept and budget setting

**The Meeting ended at 9.35pm**

The Next full meeting of the Parish Council is on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December**  
**and Provisional meeting 17th November 2014**