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**Minutes of the of Brent Knoll Parish Council meeting** that was held at the Parish Hall on **1<sup>st</sup> December 2015** commencing at 7.30pm when the following business was transacted'

**Present:** Councillors Cllr C Townsend, Cllr P Osborn, Cllr Cllr I Ward, Cllr C Trivett Bill + Cllr R Filmer, Cllr Cllr D Knott, Cllr B Freestone, Cllr J Harper, Cllr R Hall, Cllr M Borland Cllr A Hurkett the Clerk and 1 member 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*

**245/15: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies at this meeting

**246 /15: TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PREJUDICIAL AND PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Declarations of personal interest mad by Cllr R Filmer and Cllr I Ward as trustees of the Parish Hall on item for payments to the Parish Hall.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**247/15:** The minutes from the on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015 were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

**PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS**

**246/15** No planning applications made or to add from this meeting

**MONTHLY REPORTING****To consider matters relating to highways and footpaths**

**247/15:** The reservoir surrounding footpaths are still requiring attention in spite of the matter being reported on 3 occasions to Wessex Water. The clerk will write a formal letter informing the board that the work will be carried out locally and that they will be invoiced for the cost of the work.

**248/15:** After the recent BT Works in Brent Street the question was raised about re surfacing the road. There also continuing concerns about large pot holes some of which have been identified with white marks and some with yellow the Parish Council has assumed that the white is indicative of greater need but this will be clarified.

### **Village Green and Toilet Block**

**249/15:** There was no report available for consideration at this meeting

1. The Parish Council will discuss further the use of the newly created space As a result of the recycling bin removal.
2. The downpipes on the rear of the toilet block are now partially re fitted

### **Monthly Report on Play Inspection**

**250/15:** No report on the play equipment inspection was available at this meeting

### **Flood Mitigation matters**

**251/15:** No new matters raised under this report for December

### **Parish Surgery and Police matters**

**252/15:** A Parish Surgery was attended by the clerk and Cllr Hurkett earlier today with no new local issues being reported

### **Correspondence Items**

**(a)** No new items were available for consideration and much of recent correspondence has been circulated by email to members over the past month

### **Financial Considerations and Payments by the Parish Council**

**253/15:** Statutory payments for October as approved at the April meeting minute no 486/14 Totalling = **£ 1123.10**

#### **Included in the statutory payments**

Clerks Salary and Tax Payments  
Jason Mayo Contract  
GB Sports contract

**254/15: It was resolved to make these payments.**

#### **255/15: Variable Payments as follows**

Retrospective Payment to Sally Wingate ( Wreath)	£17.00
Grant to Village School as previously agreed in November	£250.00
Grant to CAB as previously agreed in November	£100.00
Flying Colours ( new flag for Brent Knoll)	£242.64
Arien Signs ( New Village signs )paid from contributions from	
Reserve fund and St Michaels music and Arts	£522.00
SLCC Subscription 2015/16	£187.00

Signature of Chairman

Parish Hall Hire from May 2015

£303.00

**256/15: It was resolved to make the above payments**

**257/15: The Precept Budget**

The Parish Council has started the process of setting a budget and a precept for the year 2016/17. A budget proposal was put forward by clerk prior to members considering obligations and plans for the next financial year. Budgets were identified based on current year forecasts and it was resolved to organise a meeting of the finance group before the January meeting to look at proposed current and anticipated expenditure and income and to then to explain the calculations to the full January Council ready for setting the precept.

**258/15: Culvert Project by the drainage board.**

The culvert programme is anticipated to get underway in early 2016 a commitment to contribution from the Parish Council made previously was confirmed in the sum of £10,000.00 Ten Thousand Pounds subject to the project going ahead with a request for the surrounding fencing to be replaced by the board.

**MATERS OF CONSIDERATION**

**Wick Solar Farm application and supported grant for local projects**

**259/15:** It was agreed that the grant available should support all or some of the following projects for the benefit of the community.

1. St Michaels Church roof appeal
2. Bus Shelter Provision
3. Village Green Play equipment

A letter will be sent to Hadstone energy formalising our request for the £10k grant

**260/15: Village Signs**

The new signs are now in place at the 3 locations entering the village and the project has met with strong support and they have been well received by the village.

**261/15: County Council Funding**

A 5k Budget has been given to our County Councillor for a community project across the Brent Ward Area which will allow approx £500.00 for each Parish and a suggestion of a contribution to a replacement see saw has been suggested and this will be investigated prior to January

**262/15: Recycling in the Village**

Items being considered for use of this now available space are Storage, Recycling and Cycle Racks all of which will be considered during the early part of 2016.

**263/15: Crooked Lane**

Signature of Chairman

The quotes and application process has begun for gates to be erected by the County and the drainage board and it was further suggested that the removal of the existing sleepers could be used to assist the large drop around the stiles at the side of the track a matter recently raised with Network Rail.

**264/15: Bus Provision in the village**

Currently awaiting results from the user survey

**265 /15: MATTERS OF REPORT (and next meeting agenda items)**

1. SID Data
2. Availability of Super Fast Broadband
3. Slinky Bus Provision details
4. Animal concerns East Ride
5. Hedge Cutting around the Village

**The Meeting ended at 9.00pm**

The Next full meeting of the Parish Council is on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016