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Minutes of the of Brent Knoll Parish Council meeting that was held at the Parish Hall on **1st July 2015** commencing at 7.00pm when the following business was transacted'

Present: Councillors Cllr C Townsend, Cllr P Osborn, Cllr M Borland, Cllr A Hurkett, Cllr Ward, Cllr Harper, Cllr Trivett Bill + Cllr D Knott Cllr B Freestone 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

71/15: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr Filmer who is on holiday at the present time. The Parish Council accepted the apology unanimously

72 /15 : TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PREJUDICIAL AND PECUNIARY INTEREST There was a declaration of pecuniary interest made by Bella Ward on a payments item for Roger Ward.

73/15: CO-OPTION OF A PARISH COUNCILLOR

Co-option following the vacancy on the Parish Council. Two applicants gave a brief profile summary to the meeting and a number of questions were put to the applicants by members of the Parish Council. The candidates left the meeting and a paper ballot vote and selected Richard Hall to serve the Parish Council until 2019.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

74/15: The minutes from the **APCM** on the **1st June 2015** were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

MONTHLY REPORTING

To Consider matters relating to highways and footpaths

75/15: The post and rail work needed on the Knoll Path has been quoted for at a cost of £60.00 and it was resolved to agree to that work

76/15: It was agreed to ask the same contractor to quote for the final gate to be installed 8.1.

77/15: Most potholes now been dealt with in and around the village except one largish one outside the hairdressers in Brent Street which will be reported to the Highways at Somerset County Council

78/15: There is a kerbstone that needs looking at outside of the garage at 71, Brent Street that will be reported.

79/15: Plastic posts surrounding the area of the rhyme at the bottom of church lane opposite Ivy clad hall need re setting and a local contractor will asked to quote for this work

80/15: Drain covers need replacing outside of 163 and 167

81/15: It was resolved to move the dog bin currently sited near the school should be re located to Body's lane and a quote to move will be obtained from SDC.

Village Green and Toilet Block

82/15: Grass is becoming a little longer than usual and the overhanging hedge by the trim trail needs urgent attention and has been reported to Jason Mayo for the work to be done.

83/15: The new spring tractor has been installed by GB Sports and is now available for use. It was resolved to have a look at the possibility of grant funding for some updating work on the play equipment in line with the kind of units being used in Berrow and other village.

84/15: Disabled facilities for our toilet block was discussed and the clerk will make enquiries about the legislative requirements of our facility for disabled used

Flood Acton Group

85/15: The flood action group will have a further practice run with the equipment during the summer.

Communication matters

86/15: The clerk is working on some drafts for a possible Council Newsletter to be issued twice a year as a communication tool for the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Parish Council could themselves deliver such a publication. This will be ongoing and the first edition would be spring 2016

Village Signage

87/15: Further work and estimates being done on producing a new sign for entrance to the village and this will be an ongoing project during the year Arien Signs of Cheddar will be asked to quote for examples that could be used.

Parish Surgery report

88/15: The first Wednesday afternoon surgery took place earlier in the afternoon and was attended by the Police for an hour. One visitor has concerns over the footpaths near the school as being unsuitable for disabled chairs. Concerns also raised about a blue taxi parked near the bend near Methodist Church. The Police are going to investigate this concern.

Correspondence Items

89/15: No new correspondence items at this meeting.

Financial Considerations and Payments by the Parish Council

90/15: Statutory payments for July as approved at the April meeting minute no 486/14 Totalling = **£1436.00**

Included in the statutory payments

Clerks Salary and Tax Payments
Jason Mayo Contract
GB Sports contract

91/15: It was resolved to make these payments.

92/15: Variable Payments as follows

E'on Electricity Account for June 2015	£ 29.14
Insurance Premium for 2015/16	£ 759.17
Parish Hall Room Hire to June 2015	£ 175.50
Grant Thornton external Audit 2014/15	£ 240.00
TQ Exel training account	£ 1194.00
Roger Ward speed watch expenses	£ 15.48
Clerks expenses and allowance April to June 2015	£ 199.46
Retrospective payment for CPRE Flyers	£ 70.00

93/15: It was resolved to make the above payments

94/15: Statutory payments for August pre resolution as there is no formal meeting in August.

95/15: It was resolved to make those payments as listed

96/15: Budget sheets and Clerks expenses summary were circulated before the meeting

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

97/15: There were no planning matters to consider at this meeting

MATERS OF CONSIDERATION

98/15: Standing Orders

The previously issued draft of the standing orders were again included in the circulation folder and must be resolved at the September meeting

99/15: Cycle Path Crooked Lane to Brent Broad

A meeting between the chairman and a contractor took place recently and an improvement to serve as temporary solution to improve the bridle way and cycle access. This work is to be discussed with Chris East and it is a total cost of £250.00. The work to include levelling and scraping then to spread 100 tons of road chippings and would serve as ideal base for cyclists and horse riders.

100/15: CPR Training

Flyers are now out and two registrations have been received

101/15: SID now installed and awaiting new brackets and configuring support before operational.

102/15: Church Lane Rhyne Project

£50,000 from SCC to improve the culverts at the bottom of Church Lane this was applied for on 9th June 2015. It is expected also that the drainage board will contribute to the project together with Wessex Water more updates later in the year.

103/15: Pumping Station Brent Street

The Parish Council are pursuing their concerns about the pumping station location which is part of the Wessex Water infrastructure programme due to be started in 2016. We have been promised consultation prior to final decisions being proposed and to that end the Parish Council are keeping close contact with representatives of Wessex Water.

104/15: Property Numbering in Station Road

It is now thought that the Post Office are the best people to make contact with on this matter however Sedgemoor will be further contacted to identify the process of numbering assuming residents in Station Road are happy to add numbers to properties

105 /15: MATTERS OF REPORT (and next meeting agenda items)

1. Power Cuts in the village
2. Communication File
3. Protocol for Filming

4. Village Flag

The Meeting ended at 9.30pm

The Next full meeting of the Parish Council is on Wednesday 2nd
September 2015