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Minutes of the of Brent Knoll Parish Council meeting that was held at the Parish Hall on 12th May 2015 commencing at 7.30pm when the following business was transacted'

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

01/15 Parish Council Elections 2015/16

To Elect the Chairman for the forthcoming Council year

Nominations received from

Cllr Osborn, Cllr Hurkett and Cllr Townsend

Under the current standing order rules any chairman should not stand beyond a third year unless in exceptional circumstances. In view of that the clerk pointed out that the current Chairman who has served a 3 year term of office cannot be re elected unless the Parish Council resolve to suspend the specific Standing order relating to the Chairman's Appointment and to give reasons for doing so. The Clerk advised the Parish Council that any suspension of standing order should be treated as an important matter because the Parish Council cannot suspend standing orders at Will without good reason.

02/15: The Parish Council resolved to suspend the Standing order appertaining to the Chairman's election. It should be noted however that Cllr Filmer voted against this decision and it is therefore recorded as such.

03/15: At this point Cllr Osborn withdrew his nomination as a candidate for Chairman and an election with a paper ballot took place between the remaining nominees Cllr Hurkett and Cllr Townsend.

04/15: Cllr Townsend was elected the Chairman for the year 2015/16 by a majority vote.

Signature of Chairman

05/15: Nominations were invited for the election of a Vice Chairman and **Cllr Osborn** being the only nominee was proposed and seconded and voted by majority to serve as Vice Chairman for the year 2015/16.

06/15: The following council elections took place

Parish Officer: Cllr Peter Osborn elected unanimously

Footpaths Panel: Cllr C Trivett- Bill, Cllr J Harper and Cllr P Osborn elected unanimously

Planning Team: Cllr C Townsend, Cllr B Freestone, Cllr C Trivett- Bill and Cllr B Ward were elected by majority.

Brent Knoll Charities: Trustees Cllr B Ward, Cllr B Freestone and Owen Cullwick were elected unanimously

Highways Rep: Cllr M Borland was elected unanimously

SALC Rep: Cllr Filmer was elected unanimously

Finance Audit Group (Non delegated Powers) Cllr Ward, Cllr Harper and Cllr Townsend and the clerk were elected unanimously.

07/15: Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr D Knott due to work Commitments this was accepted by the meeting

08/15 : TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PREJUDICIAL AND PECUNIARY INTEREST

Cllr Filmer interest to avoid pre determination due to position on the District Council and Cllr P Osborn on the planning application **12/15/00015**

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

09/15: The minutes from **April 7th** and **April 20th** were approved unanimously.

10/15: CO-OPTION VACANCY

As a result of recent elections there is a vacancy on the Parish Council for a co-opted 11th member. The Parish Council have resolved to advertise and publicise the Council vacancy in time for June or May be July meeting for a decision.

11/15: MEETING DATES FOR THE FORTHCOMING COUNCIL YEAR

It was resolved to change the Brent Knoll Parish Council meetings to the first Wednesday in the month from the July meeting with any provisional meeting to be held on the 3rd Wednesday. This change assists with the conflict of East Brent holding their meetings on the same night and

therefore making it difficult for our District Councillors to participate in both Councils

MONTHLY REPORTING

To Consider matters relating to highways and footpaths

12/15: Reported that gate no 8. 1 is now in place and further requests to SCC for extra gates will be made to complete the work in the village.

13/15: Rail and Post issues on the top 3rd of the Knoll footpath will be assessed with Cllrs and a local contractor and at the same time the length of the remaining rail and posts assessed from the churchyard end of the Knoll path.

14/15: .A number of outstanding highway matters will be discussed with Liam Gill on the 22nd March when Mr Gill will attend with Cllrs in the village.

15/15: Bus Stop out of date information now that the service has been discontinued will be taken up with the bus companies by the clerk.

16/15: A 30 mph sign opposite the tennis court is in a poor state of repair and will be added to the list of outstanding matters to discuss with Lam Gill on the 22nd May.

To Consider matters relating to the Village Green and Toilet block

17/15: No issues relating to the toilet block at this meeting however there was a report that there are some overhanging shrubs etc around the perimeter of the green. There is also broken mesh near the side of the Parish Hall and also wooden slats near the slide on the play area these will be dealt with.

To review monthly report and play equipment

18/15: The matters relating to the springy tractor to be discussed under matters of consideration. The play surfaces have been power washed recently

Flood Action Group report

19/15: The pump has been tested for a second time and has been stored on its end. The condition of the trailer is also regularly checked

Website and Communication matters

20/15: There were no new matters for consideration at this meeting

Correspondence Items

21/15: Policing report from Pete Wills PCSO it was further resolved to hold a Council surgery which may include an occasional visit by the Police on the first Wednesday of each month at 4pm in the Jubilee Room for an hour to be available

to residents for any issues they wish to raise and will be attended by a Parish Councillor and the Clerk

22/15: The Internal Audit sign off

23/15: Letter from resident regarding various traffic concerns in the village and the clerk will send a reply and to invite the resident to visit the next Parish Council meeting on June 3rd

Financial Considerations and Payments by the Parish Council

24/15: Statutory payments for May as approved at the April meeting minute no 486/14 Totalling = £1408.00

It was resolved to make these payments.

25/15: Variable Payments as follows

John Tucker and Sons (Hedging Work March	£ 109.20
Mike Lapage (Village Maintenance matters)	£ 240.00
Keep it Clean (Play area power washing)	£ 90.00
CPRE (Subscription)	£ 36.00
Richard Young (Internal Audit Fee)	£ 20.00
Sign rite (Notice plate for Dog Bin)	£ 54.00
WI Refreshments (Annual Parish Meeting)	£ 50.00
LCR (Subscription 2015/16)	£ 17.00
SALC (Subscription 2015/16)	£ 322.58

It was resolved to make the above payments

26/15: First Half precept received from Sedgemoor DC £ 12656.50

27/15: Budget report circulated

28/15: Signatory approvals of the Parish Council members for Unity Trust Bank

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

29/15: Cllr Filmer and Cllr Osborn left the meeting having previously declared an interest

30/15: 07/15/00011: Erection of a two storey extension to South West Elevation, partly on site of existing conservatory (to be demolished and conversion of loft areas to living accommodation including alterations to the roof) at Windy Ridge Brent Knoll TA9 4DE

The Parish Council supported the application on the grounds of architectural improvement to the property.

MATERS OF CONSIDERATION

31/15: Chapter 8 Training

The Parish Council have organised a suitable training on the 29th May to enable members and residents to gain the required knowledge for work on SID, Flood Mitigation projects and Speed watch. The training will take place at Rooksbridge

32/15: Annual Parish Meeting

The Parish Meeting on 20th April was hugely successful in updating residents on the plans for major improvements to the water infrastructure of the village. There was some disappointment about the apparent delay to 2016 of the Wessex Water project however it is incumbent on all to ensure that pressure is kept up on Wessex and the Brue Axe to improve the water courses in the village

33/15: CPR Training

The Parish Council have resolved to go ahead with this training in the early autumn of 2015.

34/15: Fox and Goose Junction issues

Cllr Filmer updated the meeting on our recent requests for more action to be considered at the Fox and Goose junction which is of major concern to all in the village. At the present time the County Council do not have this project on their current radar for action. The first stage is to persuade the County for a feasibility study however a contribution to this project would need to be made in the sum of £ 5000.00 from the resources of the Parish Council to signify a commitment to any future project. The Parish Council resolved to write to the County for an agreement to this contribution and as part of the process arrange a meeting with a few members of the Parish Council.

35/15: Notice Boards near Car Park

The current Perspex front piece to the notice board is a poor state of repair and therefore needs attention. This may be by way of replacement of the Perspex or the door lift. The Clerk will contact Glasdon plc to get ideas of the best way to deal with the matter.

36/15: Bus Provision (Slinky)

There should be more investigation into this service to ascertain its relevance to people in the village. Cllr Filmer is to get more info on the service and Cllr Harper is to talk with the School to assess the viability of the mini bus owned by them for use in transporting children to King Alfred School in Burnham.

37/15: Future of Recycle Bins

Concerns have arisen over the content of these bins which appear to be used by commercial businesses at certain times. The clerk will place an article in the BKN to ascertain people's views on the removal of these bins.

38/15: Spring Tractor on the village green

The Parish Council have received two quote options for the replacement of this item primarily for use by the smaller children. It was resolved to ask GB Sports to provide this equipment at a cost of £717.00 + Vat

460 /14: MATTERS OF REPORT (and next meeting agenda items)**To form the basis of the May 2015 Meeting.**

1. Residents over grown hedge in Brent Street
2. A letter of Thanks to be sent to Richard Ibrahim
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The Meeting ended at 9.45pm

The Next full meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 1st June 2015