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**Minutes of the of Brent Knoll Parish Council meeting** that was held at the Parish Hall on **7<sup>th</sup> October 2015** commencing at 7.30pm when the following business was transacted'

**Present:** Councillors Cllr C Townsend, Cllr P Osborn, Cllr M Borland, Cllr Cllr I Ward, Cllr C Trivett Bill + Cllr R Filmer, Cllr R Hall Clerk and 1member 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*

**172/15: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were apologies from Cllr J Harper, Cllr D Knott, Cllr A Hurkett and Cllr B Freestone and these apologies were accepted by the meeting

**173 /15: TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PREJUDICIAL AND PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Cllr Filmer declaration of interest to avoid pre determination on planning

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**174/15:** The minutes from the on the **2<sup>nd</sup> September and 16<sup>th</sup> September** were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

**PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS**

**Cllr Filmer left the room having declared an interest on 119/15**

**175/15: 07/15/00021: Widening of existing access from Solar Farm on to Wick Road and the creation of track road**, on land to the south East of Wick Farm Lympsham. The Parish Council supports the proposal on the grounds of improved movement of traffic resulting in a safer environment.

**05/15/00017: Variation of a condition of planning permission 05/14/00019 on land to the South of WickFarm Brean Road Lympsham The Parish Council Are not requested to offer any responses on this application.**

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

**176/15:** Concerns still raised about the state of the surrounding footpaths around the reservoir and the clerk will again contact Bristol Water to ascertain their timetable for completing the work.

**177/15:** Concerns raised about a crumbling footpath near the top of the Knoll footpath belonging to the National Trust. It was resolved to contact the Trust to request some remedial work. The Clerk will make contact with them in the next week or so.

**178/15:** A damaged kerbstone outside Inwood in Church Lane needs attention by County Highways and will add to the list of matters for SCC.

**179/15:** Drain concerns outside and just within 142, Brent Street need some further investigation by the County.

**180/15:** As reported to the County on previous occasions, the white lining on the bends leading to an from Church Lane junction near Bodys Lane needs a significant repainting programme and is part of our ongoing requests to the County Highways.

**181/15:** Two major projects that need consultations with the County concern the exit from Battleborough Lane on to Brent Street. The visibility is poor. Also the junction at Brent Corner is thought to require a re think to make the exit from Brent Street a safer environment. Paul Baker will be asked to trim the hedges near Brent Corner which are in part the cause of some poor visibility

**Village Green and Toilet Block**

**182/15:** Reported on the following from August inspections

1. Grass is in need of cutting again
2. Toilet Block a bin is needed in the ladies toilet
3. Boundary hedges need attention once more
4. Some weeds in car park area are showing through the tarmac

**Monthly Report on Play Inspection**

**183/15:** No new matters of concern show up on this report

**Flood Mitigation matters**

**184/15:** A new meeting is arranged for 22<sup>nd</sup> October to re run the equipment before the winter season an email will be sent to a the group.

**Parish Surgery and Police matters**

**185/15:** Parish Surgery held earlier in the afternoon and a resident concerned over a number of thefts of plants from her garden over the past 12 months which clerk will report to PC Wills. We also had a visit from the village agent who is working to establish her work in the village and surrounding areas. There has been an increase in Nuisance calls reported in the village and this matter will be notified to PC Wills also.

**Clerks Report**

**186/15:** The Brent Knoll Charities Account is now fully functioning having grown from £267.00 in 2006 to over £600.00 due to dividends being added. The clerk suggested that the Council may wish to decide on any future purpose for the funds in due course

**Correspondence Items**

No new items of correspondence this month other than emails sent during the past month

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

**187/15:** Statutory payments for October as approved at the April meeting minute no 486/14 Totalling = **£ 2727.00**

**Included in the statutory payments**

Clerks Salary and Tax Payments  
Jason Mayo Contract  
GB Sports contract  
Sedgemoor Cleaning contact for 2<sup>nd</sup> half

**188/15: It was resolved to make these payments.**

**189/15: Variable Payments as follows**

E'on Energy Account	<b>£ 28.10</b>
Bristol Water Account for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Half	<b>£ 154.56</b>
Radar Lux Battery Pack for SID	<b>£ 146.25</b>
Clerks Expenses and Allowance July to September	<b>£ 230.12</b>
CPR Training payment	<b>£ 650.00</b>

**190/15: It was resolved to make the above payments**

**191/15:** Budget sheets were circulated before the meeting

**192/15:** Financial Regulations resolution deferred to November meeting

**MATERS OF CONSIDERATION****193/15: Crooked Lane and Drainage Board matters**

The Parish Council have recent issues with the drainage board who having required access for Rhyne clearance decided to remove the recently installed post work. It is hoped in the next month or so to arrange meeting with the board and Chris East of the County to improve access potential by installing gates. The clerk and chairman also noted on a walk of Crooked Lane the Stile near the railway crossing that has a large drop on one side making it difficult for dog walkers that has been raised previously to Network Rail and this will be further followed up.

**194/15: CPR Training**

17 people registered for 3 sessions starting on 8<sup>th</sup> October and handbooks will be issued on the first of the sessions.

**195/15: Filming of BKPC meetings**

An initial trial on the filming of the September meeting has been circulated during September and the only concerns being that of Sound quality which may be improved by re siting the camera to the centre of end wall and this will be trial and error exercise.

**196/15: Affordable Housing Update**

Progress is still being made on a local site previously agreed by the Parish Council and Sedgemoor however the progress is slow and there is unlikely to be any real progress until the New Year

**197/15: Recycling in the Village**

Sedgemoor have been unable to continue the contract with the existing operator for recycling and it is now unlikely that a replacement will be available and therefore the service looks to be discontinuing some time in the later part of this year and the Parish Council will look at other ways of utilising the space taken up by the recycling units

**198/15: SID Operations**

The co-ordinator Richard Ibrahim will be invited to the November for an update on the progress since installation and hopefully to obtain any data that may be available.

**199/15: Pumping Station Brent Street**

This is ongoing and Wessex water will be contacted by the clerk to get some timings and updates.

**200/15: Councillor Training**

Two members of the Parish Council attended recent Code of Conduct training in Bridgwater. The chairman suggested that a record in the form of a training certificate should be held by the Parish Council and encourage all members of the Council to attend in the future on the Code of Conduct and planning sessions.

**201/15: Village Milepost A38**

It was resolved to approve a sum of £260.00 ( the Quote) for the painting of the milepost now nearing 15 years since being done previously

**202 /15: MATTERS OF REPORT (and next meeting agenda items)**

1. Wreath for remembrance Sunday ( resolved to purchase and kindly organised by Sally Wingate)
2. SALC Provision outlined at recent AGM
  - Pensions Provision (a training session being proposed)
  - Community Tax Support grant reducing by most authorities
  - Proposed constitution change for SALC
3. Trim Trail for the elderly
4. Broadband consultation in the village proposed with evidence
5. County Councillor fund being proposed for Health and Wellbeing to which Parish Councils may apply for a community project.

**The Meeting ended at 9pm**

The Next full meeting of the Parish Council is on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>  
November 2015