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**Minutes of the of Brent Knoll Parish Council meeting** that was held at the Parish Hall on **5<sup>th</sup> January 2015** 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, Cllr Ward, Cllr Townsend. Cllr Harper ad Cllr Trivett Bill + Clerk and 2 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*

**349/14: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies at this meeting

**350/14: TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Filmer declared an interest on planning matters in order to avoid pre determination on all planning matters.

Dispensation : **Dispensation** : ) resolution in preparation of discussions on precept setting This resolution is to be made by the Parish Council in consideration of section 33 of the localism act 2011 and a dispensation must be granted due to the nature of the business being decided upon under declared pecuniary interest regulations without such a dispensation being resolved then no decisions in relation to precept can be made.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**351/14:** The minutes from **December 1<sup>st</sup> 2014** unanimously approved by the meeting.

**ONGOING ISSUES**

**Footpaths/ Highway**

Signature of Chairman

**352/14:** Still awaiting one gate to be completed soon it was pointed out that some proposed changes on footpath management are planned and we await more details in the near future.

**353/14:** Some flooding during wet spells is reported near the Red Cow Public House and this will be monitored over the next few months The Parish Council will write to the Brue drainage board to ask for an investigation.

**354/14:** A resolution to allow the hiring of tractor to clear the hedges by the motorway bridge at Harp Road

**355/14:** The County will also be further contacted regarding the dangerous junction at the Fox and Goose

### **Village Green**

**356/14:** Wet and slippery surfaces together with very wet grass reported from the recent green inspection.

**357/14:** We are currently waiting for a quote from GB Sports for refurbishment or replacement of the Spring Tractor equipment,

### **Speeding**

**358/14:** No matters raised at this meeting

### **Toilet Block**

**359/14:** No New matters raised at this meeting

### **Flood Action updating**

**360/14:** Date to be set for a dry run during January for using the flood mitigation equipment proposed date 21<sup>st</sup> January meeting at the rear of the toilet block

### **Neighbourhood Planning Burnham on Sea**

**361/14:** The Clerk told the meeting that a proposal for 1200 new houses on Greenfield sites in the Burnham area have been identified by the neighbourhood planning group and that all available brownfield sites have been utilised

### **Communication/ Websites**

**362/14:** Sponsorship approaches will continue to be made early in the New Year.

**CORRESPONDENCE** (Circulated Pre meeting)

**363/14:** Letter from Brue Drainage Board regarding culvert developments

**FINANCIAL MATTERS AND CONTROLS**

**364/14: Statutory Payments as agreed in April meeting for the forthcoming financial year**

Salary  
Tax Payments  
GB Sports play inspection

**Total of Statutory Payments** **£ 639.11**

**365/14:** It was resolved to make the Statutory Payments for January 2015

**366/14: Variable Payments**

**367/14:**

Grant to CAB Sedgemoor	<b>£ 100.00</b>
Grant to Brent Knoll Primary School	<b>£ 250.00</b>
E'on Energy Account	<b>£ 18.06</b>
Decision Power Website Management	<b>£ 330.00</b>
Clerks Allowance and Expenses Oct to Dec 2014	<b>£ 179.97</b>

**368/14:** It was agreed to make all of the above payments

**369/14:** The budget for **2015/16** was considered and a decision to set a precept level at the reduced level of **£ 24,500.00** this reflects the Parish Council's to keep its costs under control and at the same time to make provision for work on clearance work not currently being undertaken by the County.

**370/14:** Cllr Filmer left the meeting at this point having declared an interest, prior to leaving he explained his position as District Councillor with regard to the application no 1/07/14/025 which is an SCC APPLICATION NO. Cllr Filmer announced that he was objecting to this application as a district councillor and he was not involved in the eventual decision as a Sedgemoor Councillor.

**PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS**

**371/14 Application No 07/14/00027**

**For the attention Of Liam Evans**  
Signature of Chairman

Brent Knoll Parish Council met last night to consider the above application and decided to make no observations to this application

**372/14 Application No 11/14/00138**

**For the attention of Ms S Parsons**

The Brent Knoll Parish Council met last night to consider the above application and decided to make no observations

**373/14: Application No 07/14/00023**

**For the attention of Mrs S Houlet**

The Brent Knoll Parish Council met last night to consider the above amended plan. Our objection remains as the previous application and our subsequent response our objection is as follows

The Parish Council object to this proposal on the grounds of loss of light to neighbouring properties and causing over shadowing also loss of privacy to adjoining property. There is also potential landscaping, flooding issues and traffic safety issues with the entrance to the property.

**374/14: Application No 1/07/14/025**

**For the attention of Mr Bob Mills**

This application is for an Anaerobic Digestion Plant on a rural location near the junction of Harp Road and Vole Road Brent Knoll. The Parish Council strongly oppose this proposal on the following grounds

The Proposed development is contrary to SCS Policies S1 ( Spatial Strategy for Sedgemoor) and S3 ( Sustainable development principles) and also SWCS Policy DM1 ( Basic Location Principles) as this proposal is on a Greenfield site well away from a recognised settlement and no case has been made for development at the proposed open countryside location. The proposed development is also contrary to SCS Policy D4 ( Renewable of Low Carbon energy Generation) and Policy D14 ( Natural Environment) the proposed scale of the plan and site does not reflect the local landscape character and associated scenic qualities of the location. The policy is also contrary to SCS Policy D2 ( Promoting High quality and inclusive design) Policy D4 ( renewable or low Carbon energy generation) the proposed development would impact on the local visual amenity and generate adverse noise levels.

In addition the Parish Council object due to the close proximity of a neighbouring property which will be dwarfed by this proposed unit. The Parish Council objected to the application in September 2013 AND WE ARE THEREFORE ENTIRELY CONSISTENT IN OUR VIEWS.

Please confirm the receipt of or comments

**375/14: Cllr Filmer returned to the meeting**

**MATTERS OF CONSIDERATION**

Signature of Chairman

**376/14: Affordable Housing:**

It was resolved to request that the affordable housing team make further contact with Site 5 as the first option followed by Sites 3 and then 6 Once these approaches have been made the Parish Council will consider the next moves

**377/14: CPR Training :**

Following on from previous discussions it has been decided to accept the offer made by St John's Ambulance to run sessions of CPR Training at £25.00 per person and they have identified the need for a minimum of 24 people. The Parish Council are in receipt of grants from the Nuttall Trust and we will seek permission to use this grant for the purpose of this training. Other options will be sought

**378/14: Speed Indicator installation protocols**

A list of requirements from SCC regarding the operation of the purchased SID Units. The Parish Council will be writing to SCC to approve most of those requirements these include

Chapter 8 Training

Yellow Jackets for operatives

Full Insurance cover

Replacement Battery

Public liability cover

A future legally binding agreement to be approved by the Parish Council

**379/14: Current Beat Surgery**

Until the Parish Council are updated by the local Police there will be no further surgeries .

**380/14: Bus Route 102 :** A letter has been forwarded to SCC asking for more consideration to be given before axing this valuable and important service to the village we are currently awaiting a response.

**381/14: Drainage Board response to Council's letter**

They have replied and stated that the culvert surveys are continuing and will reply back to the Parish Council when information is available

**382 /14: MATTERS OF REPORT (and next meeting agenda items)**

**To form the basis of the February 2015 main meeting.**

**The Meeting ended at 9.30pm**

The Next full meeting of the Parish Council is on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015**