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Minutes of the of Brent Knoll Parish Council meeting that was held at the Parish Hall on **6th January 2016** commencing at 7.30pm when the following business was transacted'

Present: Councillors Cllr C Townsend, Cllr P Osborn, Cllr I Ward, Cllr C Trivett Bill + Cllr R Filmer, Cllr Cllr D Knott, 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

266/15: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr B Freestone and were accepted by the meeting

267 /15: TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PREJUDICIAL AND PECUNIARY INTEREST

Declarations of Interest received from Cllr Filmer both prejudicial and pre determination on planning application also Pecuniary on 07/15/00025 Also Cllr I Ward personal interest on planning application 07/15/00025. Cllr C Townsend a Pecuniary interest on payment item 8 on the agenda and Cllr J Harper and Cllr Trivett Bill prejudicial interests on agenda item 9 (d)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

268/15: The minutes from the on the 1st December 2015 were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

UDDATING REPORT BY VILLAGE AGENT KIM WILCOX

269/15: Our Village agent gave the Parish Council an up to date briefing on her work as part of team of Village Agents in The Somerset area.

Key Points from the presentation

1. Now working with Medical centre in East Brent
2. Clinical Commissioning funding to expand Medical centres expansion
3. Village agent now operating 24 Hours a week
4. There are now 10 agents in the County

5. Half of Somerset now covered by agents
6. Kim Wilcox has 52 Clients
7. 21 Clusters in the County of Somerset

Councillor Filmer left the meeting at this point having declared an interest

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

270/15: 07/15/00025: Erection of an Agricultural Building on land to the North East Highbarn 44, Brent Street TA9 4DT. Response as follows

Brent Knoll Parish Council met last night to consider this application and decided to support the proposal on the grounds of Business development, Suitability of Purpose and sympathetic development in keeping with the local area

Cllr Filmer returned to the meeting at this point

MONTHLY REPORTING

To consider matters relating to highways and footpaths

271/15: The reservoir surrounding footpaths are still requiring attention in spite of the matter being reported on 3 occasions to Wessex Water. Cllr P Osborn to take a look at the current situation.

272/15: It is proposed to contact Peter Struck of the Drainage Board to request the movement of surplus hardcore from the current Culvert Project to be used on the reservoir surrounding area. Subject to landowners permissions and we need to ascertain who that is

Village Green and Toilet Block

273/15: 1. During the December inspection was saturated and longer than usual grass reported but too wet for Jason Mayo to cut The toilet block was reported as in working order and without any specific problems.

Monthly Report on Play Inspection

274/15: No report on the play equipment inspection was available at this meeting but will be forwarded by email to members in due course.

Flood Mitigation matters

275/15: The culvert work now well under way and progress will be inspected regularly by members of the Parish Council.

Parish Surgery and Police matters

276/15: A Parish Surgery was attended by the clerk and Cllr Harper and we had a PCSO in attendance there were no visitors on this occasion

Correspondence Items

(a) Letter of thanks from Sedgemoor CAB for the grant award made by Brent Knoll under section 137

Financial Considerations and Payments by the Parish Council

277/15: Statutory payments for January as approved at the April meeting minute no 486/14 Totalling = **£ 728.62**

Included in the statutory payments

Clerks Salary and Tax Payments
GB Sports contract

278/15: It was resolved to make these payments.

279/15: Variable Payments as follows

Decision Power Website Management fee 2015/16	£337.20
E'on Energy Account	£27.29
Quarterly Office Expenses October 2015 to December 2015	£161.41

It was resolved to make these payments

280/15: Cllr Townsend left the meeting having declared a pecuniary interest

Payment to Cllr Townsend (Brackets for Toilet Block)	£3.59
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281/15: It was resolved to make this payment

282/15: Cllr Townsend returned to the meeting.

283/15: Consideration of budget and precept for 2016/17

The mini finance group met earlier in the day for a detailed look at the budget proposal by category. The Clerk highlighted the budget on the overhead to enable all members and public to see clearly the workings on the Budget. There were minor changes of the proposed budget and consideration given to the level of reserves for the Council going forward and it was decided that a figure of 9 months expenditure should be set as the Council reserves figure.

284/15: A precept level for the year **2016/17** was set at a figure **£29,672.00** this reflects the Councils commitment to spending on the ongoing Culvert Work and some additional spending on IT Projects and Extension of the village maintenance contract and Churchyard contract.

MATERS OF CONSIDERATION

285/15: SID Progress

It was requested that we should consider offering support to the sterling work being undertaken by Richard Ibrahim. The Parish Council are also considering advertising for small jobs person on a self employed basis as and when required who could also double to assist with SID.

286/15: County Council Funding

It has been suggested that Fitness Courses being run locally may be acceptable for this funding and the Village Agent is investigating opportunities that may exist

287/15: Problems in East Ride

Cllr J Harper and C Trivett – Bill left the meeting having declared an interest. For some time residents in East Ride have been concerned about Noise pollution and Animal welfare issues in the Close. This matter is not an issue that the Parish Council have any authority to deal with however Sedgemoor District Council have forwarded a letter to Cllr Filmer in which it states that efforts have been made to install monitoring equipment to assess the noise pollution but have failed to get any agreement from local residents in East Ride.

Cllr J Harper and Cllr C Trivett- Bill returned to the meeting

288/15: Broad band Provision in Brent Knoll

The fibre Optic service is now available in the village and is now an option being taken up by residents in the village.

289/15: Recycling area next to the toilet Block

A working party consisting of Cllrs B Ward, Cllr C Trivett- Bill Cllr J Harper and Cllr P Osborn will report back to the Council

290/15: Bus Provision in the village

User survey undertaken and in response to the BKN item on bus provision we had a total of 4 responses that will be passed to Mendip Community Transport /

291/15: Entrance to the Village

A proposal was made to add some colour and interest to the Village entrance from the A38. A group will look at what can be done and to improve the entrance by adding some plantation over the coming months. The Chairman kindly agreed to use the annual chairman's allowance of £50.00 in support of this worthwhile project and the Parish Council also agreed to a further £ 50.00 to add to the fund

292 /15: MATTERS OF REPORT (and next meeting agenda items)

1. Affordable Housing updates February

The Meeting ended at 9.30pm

The Next full meeting of the Parish Council is on Wednesday 3rd February 2016