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Minutes of the of Brent Knoll Parish Council meeting that was held at the Parish Hall on **2nd March 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 J Harper, Cllr R Hall, Cllr M Borland Cllr B Freestone, the 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

324/15: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted from Cllr D Knott and Cllr A Hurkett.

325 /15: TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PREJUDICIAL AND PECUNIARY INTEREST

Declarations of interest from Cllr Filmer under the terms of pre determination and Cllr Filmer Personal interest on agenda item on Filming of meetings and Cllr I Ward personal interest on letter received from Mr R Ward. Cllr C Trivett-Bill prejudicial on planning application 07/16/0001

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

326/15: The minutes from the meeting of the **3rd February 2016** were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Cllr R Filmer and Cllr C Trivett Bill left meeting having declared interests

327/15: 07/16/00001 Erection of a single storey extension to NW Elevation on site of existing conservatory (to be demolished) at 69, Brent Street Brent Knoll. The Parish Council supported the proposal on the grounds of a sympathetic addition and replacement of existing conservatory.

328/15: 07/16/00003: Management of horse chestnut trees at Luburs Court Church Lane Brent Knoll Highbridge TA9 4DG. The Parish Council supported

the proposal on the grounds of good arboreal practice provided that the planning policy of the District Council provides the same support

Cllr R Filmer and Cllr C Trivett- Bill returned to the meeting

MONTHLY REPORTING

To consider matters relating to highways and footpaths

329/15: The National Trust footpath both near the first gate and the second need attention. The Trust will be contacted in due course to request a survey of the problem.

330/15: One gate outstanding near Ball Copse Hall and a contractor will be contacted to arrange.

331/15: Horse gate to be erected soon on Crooked Lane as pre arranged.

332/15: Wick Lane needs investigation for sinking road edges and Pot holes

Village Green and Toilet Block

333/15: Reported from this months inspection

- (a) Grass very Long and wet
- (b) The goal post area extremely muddy
- (c) 4 section slats loose on benches
- (d) Council Sign on rear fence obscured by growth
- (e) Trim Trail overgrown
- (f) Used lighters in the recycling area
- (g) Wash basin taps in the ladies very inefficient

Monthly Report on Play Inspection

334/15: Item on the agenda under matters of consideration

Flood Mitigation matters

335/15: No New matters for consideration at this meeting

Parish Surgery and Police matters

336/15: Attended by two Councillors and the village agent also attended by PCSO No residents attended

Clerk Matters

337/15: Clerk advised the Council of recent email quantity and whether any replies should be requested on each item. It was agreed by members that identification of reply needed would head each item.

Signature of Chairman

Correspondence Items**338/15:**

- (a) Request for Grant Funding from Mendip Community Transport. Decision to defer to next financial year after more information from their service.
- (b) Letter from local resident requesting that the village considers more defined activity for the Queens 90th birthday celebrations later this year.

Financial Considerations and Payments by the Parish Council

339/15: Statutory payments for March 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

340/15: It was resolved to make these payments.

341/15: Variable Payments as follows

Drainage Board Consortium Culvert works Brent Knoll agreed Contribution
£ 10,000.00

342/15: It was resolved to make this payment.

Drainage Board Consortium Culvert Works SCC Contribution awaited
In the sum of **£ 50,000.00**

343/15: It was agreed to make the payment of £50,000.00 fifty thousand Pounds subject to the receipt and clearance of the same amount due from County.

344/15: A budget Paper was circulated to members prior to the meeting

345/15: Confirmation regarding the 5k contribution for Community projects Now received from Hadstone Energy and £725.00 received from the Nuttall Trust to support the provision of the see saw.

MATERS OF CONSIDERATION**346/15: Play Equipment future upgrading**

A Further look at the whole area of the play area to be considered by a working group who will consider the most important aspects of any improvements and then the Council to consider the costing and funding sources. This will be an ongoing matter over the spring and summer 2016

347/15: The recycling areas next to the toilet block

Some outline drawings presented to the Council for possible future extension of the car parking areas and to remove the existing fence barrier between the car park and the toilet block to be further discussed in April

348/15: Hadstone Energy Community Grant

The Parish Council have received a 5k grant for any proposed community project decided upon by the Parish Council this has been accepted by the Parish Council

Some ideas so far include

Money to support any improvements to the Fox and Goose Junction
Church Roof Project
Bus Shelters Brent Corner end of the village

Others will be further put forward at a future meeting

349/15: Wessex Water Infrastructure Project

Correspondence from Wessex Water on the proposed improvement project for the village suggest that they are on target for work starting later this year. The Parish Council will try to ascertain the level of disruption that may be caused to the village for this vital work.

350/15: Annual Meeting Agenda resolution

An agreed format for the forthcoming APM was considered to facilitate both the presentation by the rev Simon Lewis and the Wessex Water updating process.

351/15: Horse gate Installation in Crooked Lane

It is hoped that an installation of this gate will take place within two weeks.

352/15: The reservoir footpath surround

It has been agreed with Bristol Water that having cleared the path overgrowth recently that a maintenance contract to be carried out regularly by the board should be instigated and that has been agreed.

353/15: No Right Turn from the Wyevale garden Centre

Some concern raised at the previous meeting about the poor condition of the far side no right turn signage on exit from the garden centre. The County have been contacted and have denied liability for that sign. However it is on the highway and the Council are of the view that something may have been agreed during the original planning process. Cllr Filmer has agreed to investigate this matter with the planning authority.

354/15: Filming of meetings

A question was raised about the placing of meetings on "You Tube". It was stated that this is now part of any filming protocols allowed under recent legislation and the process is in line with current rules and legislation. Any member of the public can film a meeting provided that the protocol is adhered to.

355/15: Handy Man appointment for the Village

The matter will be considered and a specification for a self employed person to carry out some of the regular maintenance. Some jobs often fall to the members and this seems at times unworkable. A specification will be brought before the next meeting and to consider the financial aspects.

356/15: Litter Clean for Queens 90th Birthday celebrations in 2016

It was agreed to place an article in the BKN to request volunteers from the village to assist with a cleanup prior to the celebrations this year.

357/15: Flyers on telegraph poles after events have completed

It has been noted that flyers advertising local events tend to remain long after the event and it was resolved to place an article in the BKN. Requesting the removal of such flyers.

358/15: Queens's 90th birthday celebrations 2016**Some Proposals as follows**

A carving on existing stones as a mark of the event
 Hanging Baskets by local residents
 A BKN Article to be placed next month
 Other plans being suggested such as street parties organised by local groups.

Over the coming months it is hoped that other groups will come together to Co-ordinate the activities planned and the Parish Council will support and contribute where appropriate.

359 /15: MATTERS OF REPORT (and next meeting agenda items)

1. A request to consider the standing order 5f in the light of May Annual Parish Council meeting.

The Meeting ended at 9.30pm

The Next full meeting of the Parish Council is on Wednesday 6th April 2016