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Minutes of the of Brent Knoll Parish Council meeting that was held at the Parish Hall on **2nd November 2016** commencing at 7.30pm when the following business was transacted'

Present: Councillors Cllr A Hurkett, Cllr C Townsend, Cllr P Osborn, Cllr I Ward, Cllr C Trivett Bill, Cllr R Filmer, Cllr R Hall, Cllr M Borland, Cllr Harper and Clerk Owen Cullwick there were 3 members of the public prior to the start of the meeting

"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

221/16: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr B Freestone and Cllr D Knott and gave apologies for absence which were accepted unanimously

222/16: TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PREJUDICIAL AND PECUNIARY INTEREST

Cllr R Filmer declared interest on the grounds of pre determination on all planning matters, Cllr R Filmer Pecuniary Interest on item under payments and Cllr R Hall Pecuniary Interest on item under payments

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

223/16: The minutes from the meeting on the 5th October and 19th October 2016 were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

224/16: Cllr R Filmer left the meeting having previously declared an interest on 222/16 .

225/16: Applications responded to

07/16/00026: Variation of condition3 of planning permission 07/15/00016 (installation of a solar park with an out put of approx 2.79 mw) to extend the duration of the planning permission from 25 years and 6 months to 30 years and 6 months on land at Wick Lane Brent Knoll

Council Response :

To support the proposal and variation of planning permission 07/15/00016 on the grounds of previously granted permission on the same land with existing infrastructure and that there are no material differences to the project and the extension of 5 years will not affect the local community

Cllr Filmer returned to the meeting

The Clerk informed the Council that an application to the applicants and agents of the above application has been made for a Community grant in line with general government recommendations for these kinds of planning applications. The Clerk also informed the Parish Council that an agreement has been reached with the company for 2k in each of the first 5 years of the life of the Solar Farm to be used for a Community project. This being subject to the application being granted by the District Council. This has been confirmed in writing by the applicant.

To Receive Reports

226/16 On Footpath matters

(a) Footpath reference AX 8.1 a gate at the end of the alley is falling apart

Action: Clerk to contact Chris East to establish County support

(b)Reservoir needs stoning with the chippings that have been stored locally

(c) Six Posts need replacing on the lower part of the Knoll footpath and Ian Durston is to quote asap

(d) Kerbstone needs replacing outside of 75, Brent Street

Action: Clerk to contact Highways

227/16: On Highway Matters

(a)A problem exists requiring some urgent attention in Station Road where the road has developed serious crumbling and the camber is affected,

Action: Clerk to contact Highways

(b)Jason Mayo has improved the walk way on the overgrown footway on the A 38 near White cross Farm however he is limited due to the hedgerow being overgrown and further requests to the land owner will be made.

(c)It is noted that many of the random signs have now been removed.

228/16 Village Green and Toilet Block and Car Park areas

(a)It was agreed to ask Jason Mayo to look at the trip hazards identified in the recent GB Sports monthly report

(b) A proposal was made for us to consider requesting the working group to look at the low risks identified in the report. An annual report is to be circulated to members for consideration at the December meeting.

229/16: Flood Mitigation Group

Some starting issues have been encountered and it was resolved to order a spare part so as to avoid future potential failure.

230/16: Parish Surgery

One member of the public attended with concerns over cold calling.

Action: Clerk agreed to follow up with PC Wills

231/16: Clerks Matters

It was suggested that to assist in the smooth running of meetings that a regular topic within the code of Conduct, Standing Orders, Financial regulations or planning is offered to keep us all up to date and fully compliant. It was agreed to start this in December.

CORRESPONDENCE

- (a)** A letter from Sedgemoor District Council offering competitive rates for legal services (for information)
- (b)** A letter from a local resident offering support to any proposal to improve the Fox and Goose junction (for Information)

232/16 PAYMENTS AND FINANCE

Total of Statutory payments November 2nd 2016
2016 as agreed
April 6th 2016

£ 1408.74

Resolution to approve the above Payments unanimously
Other variable payments

Cllr R Filmer and Cllr R Hall left the room having declared a pecuniary interest
 On item 222/16
 Cllr R Filmer (Key cutting for green gate) **£ 15.00**
 Cllr R Hall Postage expenses **£ 2.81**

Resolution to approve the above two payments unanimously

Cllr R Filmer and Cllr R Hall returned to the meeting
 Sally Wingate (Poppy Wreath) **£ 20.00**

Resolution to approve the above payment unanimously

233/16 Precept Budget for 2017/18

The Clerk produced the figures for the current year with projections for the end of year and the following observations were considered by the meeting.

- (a) The limit of reserves
- (b) The exclusion of fixed reserves from within the reserve budget
- (c) Additional budget for toilet block for possible additional maintenance
- (d) Some minor changes to the category allocations within the budget

A revised calculation for approval by the Parish Council at the December meeting and an intended resolution to approve a precept for 2017/18

Signature of Chairman

The Clerk also informed the Parish Council that an application to be included in the financial Compensation scheme current limits 75k. This has previously been unavailable to Parish Councils.

MATERS OF CONSIDERATION

234/16: Hills to Levels Project Crooked Lane

It was reported that the first stage of the grant from the Royal Bath and West has been received together with the contribution from Axe Brue Drainage board. The work is yet to commence but it is anticipated for a start during November

235/16: Affordable Housing

Esther Carter and Duncan Harvey will attend the meeting on 7th December to update the Parish Council on the survey of need undertaken by Sedgemoor District Council.

236/16: Bus Provision in the Village

Parish Council waiting for a response to a letter sent to Bakers Dolphin and Crosville in Weston before deciding the next move. MP has made contact with Crosville and will be meeting with their MD

237/16: Jubilee Stone engraving project

Project ongoing

238/16: Millennium Oak Plaque

The previous plaque has disappeared in recent years and is to be replaced with the following engraving.

“This English Oak Tree (Quercus robur) was kindly donated by Mrs Sue Boss, to celebrate the millennium. It was planted by Messrs Maurice Jackson and Peter Osborn Chairman and Vice Chairman of Brent Knoll Parish Council , by kind permission of Miss Frances James”

Arrangements to be made for Premier Trophies to Quote.

239/16: Wessex Water Infrastructure

Further Site Visits to be arranged.

241/16: Solar Farm and Vehicular Access Wick Lane

Concerns raised about heavy vehicles during the proposed construction of the Solar Farm. And the possibility of large vehicles being left in the Wick Lane restricting totally the accessibility of local traffic

Action : Clerk to take the matter up with the agents and applicants

243 /16: MATTERS OF REPORT (and next meeting agenda items)

No matters. The Meeting ended at 9.30pm The Next full meeting of the Parish Council is on Wednesday 7th December 2016

Signature of Chairman