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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> September 2016** commencing at 7.30pm when the following business was transacted'

**Present:** Councillors 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, Cllr D Knott the Clerk and 11 members of the public and 2 Sedgemoor Officers  
*"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*

**156/16: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr C Townsend and Cllr A Hurkett and Cllr A Gilling ( District Councillor) gave apologies for absence which were accepted unanimously

**157/16: TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PREJUDICIAL AND PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Cllr R Filmer declared interest on the grounds of pre determination on all planning matters, and Cllr P Osborn declared a pecuniary interest on payment due for maintenance expenses

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**158/16:** The minutes from the meeting on the **6<sup>th</sup> July and 27<sup>th</sup> July** were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONSULTATIVE PROCESS**

**159/16:** The affordable housing team from Sedgemoor updated the meeting on the consultative process to date. An outline was given of the responses to the recent event held in Brent Knoll to establish local views on the principle of lower cost housing in the village. Previously a survey has revealed a demand of between 8 and 10 which would need to be supported by a number of open market properties the full result from this consultation document is available on the Sedgemoor District Council website. No decisions taken by the Parish Council at this meeting however Sedgemoor DC will re do a needs survey to obtain an updated picture of need this will be published in the near future.

**PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS**

**159/16:** Cllr R Filmer left the meeting having previously declared an interest on 10/9/16 .

**160/16:** Applications responded to

**07/16 00010: Retention of Change of use and conversion of farm building to dwelling**

At Bramble Farm Harp Road Mark TA9 4HQ ( Also being consulted on at Mark PC)

Not supported poor information and lack of construction plan

**07/16/00019: Conversion of Barn to a garage and installation of a first floor area at the Laurels Wick Lane Brent Knoll TA9 4BU**

Support on the grounds of improved functionality and viability

**07/16/00020: Listed Building consent for the erection of a replacement porch at 4, Brent Street, Brent Knoll TA9 4DU**

Support on the grounds of direct replacement provided that it complies with Listed Building improvement status

**161/16:** Cllr R Filmer returned to the meeting.

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

**162/16**

**Concerns Raised**

Crumbling road edge on Ham Road just beyond Chill Park on the left hand side heading to BOS.

**Action :** Clerk to contact Highways

Lead up to railway bridge from Burnham split in the middle of the road

**Action :** Clerk to contact Highways

A 38 Footpath around Whitecross Farm the hedges need attention and the footpath has become overgrown.

**Action :** Owner to be contacted for the hedge maintenance and Jason Mayo regarding the footpath.

**163/16: Fox and Goose Junction**

A proposal to improve the Fox and Goose Junction in return for open Market Housing is to be put to a consultation open event on the 5<sup>th</sup> October as a result the applicant wishes to provide the Parish Council with the details prior to the event on 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

**Village Green and Toilet Block and Car Park areas**

**164/16:** Reported from this month's inspection

(a) The Perimeter of the green requires tidying and the grass is reported as very long. The Muga has now been completed to a high quality and some attention is need to the area behind the unit. A formal opening Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 2.30p followed by a working party to clear stones and debris from behind the MUGA

(b) There is concern about lack of movement of the See Saw and this will be reported to GB as it may be possible to adjust the unit

(c) The Parish Council would like to consider cost options for painting the remainder of the play equipment.

(d) reported that some render is coming off of the toilet block

**165/16:** Fence Removal between Car Park and Toilet Block

It was resolved to remove the fencing separating the car park and the toilet block the signage will then be removed and re sited

**Flood Mitigation Group**

**166/16:** No new matters to report this month

**Parish Surgery**

**167/16:**

The Surgery was attended by a local PCSO and one member of the Public

**Clerks Matters**

**168/16:** No new matters raised

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**169/16:** A number of letters in response to Station Road location for affordable housing and the consultative process

**Action :** Clerk to reply to the letters either by email or letter.

**170/16:** RLT2 and 3 Funding Summary ( Information only)

**171/16:** Sedgemoor CAB Grant funding request ( to be Considered November )

**172/16:** GB Sports Play Inspection report ( for information)

**173/16:** NHS Health Check Events ( to be circulated )

**174/16:** Sedgemoor Annual Training events ( details of dates to be re circulated to members)

**PAYMENTS AND FINANCE**

**175/16:** Statutory Payments for September 2016 total **£ 1408.74**  
As agreed on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016

**176/16: Variable Payments List for Sept2016**

GB Sports for the installation of the new See-saw	<b>£ 2754.00</b>
GB Sports Annual inspection 2016	<b>£ 75.60</b>
Jason Mayo for Hedges on the perimeter of the village green	<b>£ 150.00</b>
Glasdon suppliers ( new Lock fixing Pack for Notice Board)	<b>£ 45.98</b>
Brent Tree Services ( tree removals on the village green )	<b>£ 500.00</b>
Cllr Osborn ( bolts for the cycle rack installation)	<b>£ 7.88</b>
<i>Cllr Osborn left the meeting during this matter</i>	
Arien Signs ( Signs for gates)	<b>£ 24.00</b>
 Total Vat reclaim on the above payments	 <b>£ 471.60</b>

**177/16: It was resolved to make the above Payments**

**178/16:** A current budget and updated bank statement were circulated to members.

**MATERS OF CONSIDERATION****179/16: Hills to Levels Project Crooked Lane**

It has been proposed that the Parish Council should support an improvement project on Crooked Lane and funded by a grant from Royal Bath and West of England Society in the sum of **80%** of the project cost. A contribution by Brent Knoll PC In the sum of **£971.57** would be made to complete the project. A contractor has put forward under a tender process to complete the work at a cost of **£19437.50**

The improvements will create a safer and improved footway for residents using Crooked Lane and will improve the access to Burnham on Sea via Brent Broad. It was pointed out that this is an excellent opportunity to improve facility at minimal cost to the Parish Council Tax Payer. It has been confirmed by the Axe Drainage authority that no on going liability would be placed on the Parish Council

**180/16:** It was resolved to support the project and to offer the **£971.57** to contribute to the project

**181/16: New MUGA**

The new MUGA Has now been installed and looks excellent. An official opening will be on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm.

**Action :** Clerk to invite young residents and press

**182/16: Bus Provision in the Village**

This is an ongoing matter and a meeting between The Parish Council, The County East Brent PC District Councillor First Bus was held with James

Heapey Local MP. Took Place recently. There was little enthusiasm on the part of First Bus to change the current status of local bus provision in Brent Knoll.

It was resolved for some members of the Parish Council to approach Crossville in Weston Super Mare to ascertain whether any level of service could be provided in the villages of Brent Knoll and East Brent.

**Action:** Cllr Filmer and Cllr Hall to Contact Crossville

#### **183/16: Jubilee Stone engraving project**

The Knoll Jubilee stone has been completed with both the 2002 and 2012 dates engraved and the remaining engraving will be completed in the next two weeks. It was proposed that the engraved stone below the flag pole should face the right way to avoid problems with vehicular access to the car park.

**Action :** Cllr Harper to follow up

#### **184/16: Wessex Water Infrastructure Project 2016**

This work is now underway and we are receiving regular updated information from Wessex Water it is hoped that the road closure will be kept to a minimum time frame.

#### **185/16: GB Sports / Contractor and associated matters**

It has been decided to accept the quotation from GB Sports for improvements to the swings and the quote is **£740.16** inclusive of VAT.

A Decision on the contract of monthly inspections is ongoing but it was resolved to allow the clerk to obtain alternative proposals for play equipment safety checks and annual checks.

**Action :** Clerk to investigate

#### **186/16: SID**

The Chairman has agreed with PC Wills to operate some regular speed checking in the village a request was also made about introducing some weight restriction in the village

**Action :** OJC to check with County

#### **187 /16: MATTERS OF REPORT (and next meeting agenda items)**

There were no matters of report at this meeting

**The Meeting ended at 10.05 pm**

**The Next full meeting of the Parish Council is on Wednesday  
October 4th at 7.30pm and a Provisional planning meeting 21<sup>st</sup>  
Sept at 7.30pm**