

**BRENT KNOLL PARISH COUNCIL**[www.info@brentknoll.co.uk](http://www.info@brentknoll.co.uk)**Clerk to the Parish Council****Owen J Cullwick****7, Roscarrack Gardens****Falmouth****Cornwall****TR11 4FH**[clerk@brentknollpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@brentknollpc.co.uk)

**Minutes of the of Brent Knoll Parish Council meeting** that was held at the Parish Hall on **5<sup>th</sup> September** commencing at 7.00pm when the following business was transacted'

**Present:** Councillors Cllr R Filmer, Cllr C Townsend Cllr R Hall, Cllr C Trivett – Bill, Cllr D Knott, Cllr J Harper Cllr P Osborn, Cllr M Borland, Cllr B Freestone and Clerk Hazel Brinton there was 2 members of the public present at this meeting. Also 2 Officers from Sedgemoor to present updates on affordable housing

*"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.*

*The Parish Council has agreed to film all public meetings in accordance with the legislation Draft Regulations laid before Parliament under section 43(3) and (4)(i) of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.*

**61/18: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr A Hurkett and Cllr I Ward

**62/18: TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PREJUDICIAL AND PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Cllr R Filmer declared a personal interest on matters relating to Sedgemoor and County as the elected Councillor for the District and the County. Cllr Filmer declared an interest to avoid pre determination as a member of the District Planning Authority on planning Matters associated with this agenda.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**63/18:** The minutes from the meeting on the **4<sup>th</sup> July and 15<sup>th</sup> August** accepted as a true record of the meeting proposed and seconded and approved unanimously.

**64/18: PLANNNG CONSIDERATIONS**

Cllr Filmer left the meeting having previously declared an interest on item 36/18

**07/18/00022:** Demolition of existing rearing pen and barn and replacement with a new larger rearing pen at Wick Farm Wick Lane Lympsham Weston super Mare BS24 OHG.

**Response:** Unanimous Support from the Parish Council on the grounds of good husbandry

**07/18/00023: Erection of new roof over existing slurry yard** at Wick Farm Wick Lane Lympsham Weston Super Mare BS24 OHG.

**Response:** Unanimous Support from the Parish Council on the grounds of good Environmental Practice

**07/18/00024: Formation of two areas of concrete hard standing** at Rookery Farm Vole Road Mark TA9 4PE

**Response:** Unanimous Support from the Parish Council on the grounds of good environmental practice

Cllr Filmer returned to the meeting

## **65/18: County and District Report from Cllr R Filmer**

### **District Update**

#### **Cllr Filmer updated the Parish Council on the following matters**

- ( a ) Royal Ordinance site Puriton and compulsory purchase of land around the site
- ( b ) Retail Park in Bridgwater including the new Marks and Spencer and Lidl
- ( c ) Ongoing Unitary Discussions

### **County Update**

- ( a ) Hinkley Project some better progress reported
- ( b ) New methods of Pothole management now potential for one man rather than team
- ( c ) The need for imperative budget savings
- ( d ) 12 million current over spend at current rates
- ( e ) Children's Services 20 million over spend national 800 million
- ( f ) Government grants cut to County by 50%
- ( g ) Potential for some services to be devolved from County to District
- ( h ) Taunton Park and Ride and Car Parking management

## **66/18: On Footpath matters**

- (a. Hand Rail to top Kissing Gate on the Knoll footpath needs attention
- (b.

### **Action:**

## **67/18: On Highway Matters**

- (a) Large pothole now outside of Tennis Courts on Brent Street

### **Action:** [Clerk to contact highways on all matters](#)

## **68/18: Village Green and Toilet Block and Car Park Areas**

- (a) Play Surface replacement now in hand
- (b) Table near the bin needs re painting
- (c) Weed problem around the car park and toilet block areas
- (d) Scuff marks reported on the gents toilet walls
- (e) All facilities appear to be working appropriately at present

**68/18: Flood Mitigation Group**

No Issues raised at this meeting

**69/18: Parish Surgery**

No Members of the public attended this meeting Kim Wilcox Village agent also attended

**70/18: Clerks Matters**

No new matters raised at this meeting

**71/18: Correspondence**

A correspondence item raised by a resident Chill Park area regarding speeding in that area

This was considered to be part of the overall concerns on speeding in the village and further consideration ongoing about using the current resources available in the best way

Contact to be made with highways to determine the possibility of additional SID Points Station Road

**72/18: Finance and to approve payments****To approve the Statutory payments Listing as previously circulated to members****To Include****Total of Statutory payments for September 2018****As agreed in April 2018****£1468.05****Other variable payments**

Sure bond Surfaces UK ( Deposit in advance of 50% ) for new Play Surfaces	<b>£ 5367.00 Vat inclusive</b>
Richard Young Locum Clerk fees for August 15 <sup>th</sup> 2018	<b>£ 62.10</b>
GB Sports annual Inspection	<b>£ 79.20 ( inc Vat)</b>
Somerset Association of Local Councils Annual Subscription 2018/19	<b>£ 333.74</b>
Arien Signage ( for Coronation Oak signage)	<b>£ 72.00</b>

**73/18: Resolution to approve the above payments unanimously****74/18: MATERS OF CONSIDERATION****a. Transport Survey**

The Parish Council decided that a collective response on behalf of the Parish Council should be done in addition members should be encouraged to undertake an individual return that can if required be anonymous.

Clerk to take on the collective response

**b. Chairman's Statement**

*That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be*

*prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.*

It was resolved unanimously by the Parish Council to forward concerns on a matter of importance to the District Council Monitoring Officer for further decisions and to exclude the press and Public from this part of the meeting.

The public then left the meeting and the filming was suspended.

**c. Sewage Outflow Brent Street A38 end of the village**

Following recent matters relating to a planning application some residents have reported some sewage outage with gurgling and back flowing sewers in heavy rain It was resolved unanimously by the Parish Council to forward concerns on a matter of importance to the District Council Monitoring Officer for further decisions and to exclude the press and Public from this part of the meeting.

on to the highway It was decided to request that the Clerk write to Wessex Water to ensure that this area had been fully included within the huge infrastructure project completed 2 years ago

**d. Notice Board replacement updates**

A new Notice board is currently being built by Paul Dixon and should be completed this month

**e. Any Further considerations / decisions for the toilet block.**

Cllr Townsend agreed to follow up on a previously discussed quote with Peter Binding and to obtain further quotes based on the specification provided by Peter Binding and there is no need for a survey.

**f. Cedar Close Bench also future maintenance of this ground.**

The Bench is now fully installed and it was previously agreed to request a quote from Jason Mayo to include the ground in his annual maintenance contract which is in the sum of £270.00 for the remainder of the contract period and this figure also includes the South Brent close verge on Station Road and the verge in front of the Glebe Field.

**g. Stiles across the Crooked Lane railway crossing.**

This is ongoing and Cllr Townsend to obtain a suitable survey and costed solutions to this dangerous area.

**h. Village Green Rhyne Maintenance issues .**

This is currently ongoing and a matter that Cllr Knott is looking into

**i. Unregistered Footpaths.**

It was decided that there are no known unregistered footpaths on the current knowledge of the village.

**k. Drainage at the rear of the Church.**

An ongoing matter being handled by Cllr Knott

**l. Monthly Sid and crime reports .updated information and report**

The Chairman will forward any crime reports that are sent to him under the neighbourhood watch scheme to the PC and will also try to assess the likelihood of SID Reports.

**m. Quotes for the Post and rail fencing/ bench on the village green.**

Three quotes have been received for this work and the clerk will check out one of the quotes to ensure that it includes the removal of all the green residue from the hedges prior to painting to ensure that the job is completed to a satisfactory standard and using the same materials as the rest of the fencing. Also further discussions about the need for painting the rear fence at the next meeting.

**n. Update on Diocese Contact regarding the Glebe field**

The Clerk has obtained a strong indication from Greenslade Taylor Hunt that the land status will remain as it is and there is no intention to sell in the near future

**o. Dog Fouling in Body's Lane**

This is a matter to be raised further but in the meantime will be the subject of a BKN article outlining the concerns

**p. Rubbish Bin Opposite the School**

Complaints have been made that the rubbish bin near the school has been used for dog waste causing smell and unpleasantness. The suggestion was to say via BKN that it was proposed to remove this bin to eliminate the nuisance and request feedback from readers as to whether this action was supported.

**75/18: Matters of Report and items for October 2018 agenda**

Signage for Coronation Oak to be erected  
Churchyard Tomb Parish Council support and contribution

**Meeting Dates**

The Next main meeting of the Parish Council is on **October 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 7pm with a Parish Surgery at 4.30pm to 6pm also a provisional meeting for any planning matters if needed on **17<sup>th</sup> October 2018** if required ( no surgery on that dates)

**Meeting Concluded at 9.40 .pm**