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Minutes of the of Brent Knoll Parish Council meeting that was held at the Parish Hall on **5th June 2019** commencing at 7.00pm when the following business was transacted.

Present: Councillors Cllr M Borland, Cllr W Camp, Cllr R Filmer, Cllr J Harper. Cllr A Hurkett., Cllr D Knott, Cllr D Sturgess, Cllr N Summers, Cllr C Townsend Cllr C Trivett Bill , Owen Cullwick Clerk and 14 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.

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.

Prior to the start of the meeting 3 members of the public raised questions to the Council which were covered on the agenda or added to July for consideration.

32/19: Declarations of Office were duly signed by Cllr W Camp Cllr A Hurkett and Cllr N Summers. These declarations were witnessed by the Clerk

33/19: The Clerk outlined our current corporate policy obligations and suggested that some updating will be required during the year 2019/20. In order to manage this process more efficiently it was resolved that we should look at one document at each meeting during this Council year commencing with Media Policy in July and Cllr N Summers has agreed to look at our Health and Safety Policy for the green and toilet block.

34/19: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr B Freestone

35/19: TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PREJUDICIAL AND PECUNIARY INTEREST

Cllr Filmer declared a personal interest on matters relating to Sedgemoor and County as the elected Councillor for the District and the County. Cllr R Filmer declared an interest to avoid pre- determination as a member of the District Planning Authority on planning matters. Cllr D Knott Pecuniary Interest on planning application **07/19/00017** has a working relationship with the applicant. Personal interest declarations from Cllr R Filmer, Cllr J Harper and Cllr C Trivett –Bill. As members of the British Legion on item 9d of this agenda. Cllr M Borland personal interest on item 9e the re routing of public right of way.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

36/19: The minutes from the meeting on the **8th May 2019** accepted as a true record of the meeting proposed and seconded and approved unanimously by those who attended the previous meeting.

37/19: PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Cllr Filmer left the meeting having declared an interest on **35/19**

07/19/00015 : **Extension of existing outdoor arena and the erection of an agricultural building** at the Old Farm, Burton Row Brent Knoll TA9 4BY

Response: This application was supported by the Parish Council on the grounds of improvement to agriculture.

Cllr D Knott left the meeting having declared an interest on 35/19

07/19/00017: **Erection of a general purpose agricultural building and hard standing** at Ham Farm Ham Road Brent Knoll TA9 4BJ

Response: Support on the grounds of animal welfare which is in keeping with general agriculture enhancement.

Cllr Knott and Cllr Filmer returned to the meeting

38/19: COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Filmer updated the Parish Council on the following matters

District : The elections for the District have now been completed with 28 of the 48 conservative and therefore Conservatives held control of the District Council

Committees now in place

Cllr R Filmer is chairman of the planning committee

Cllr A Gilling has now changed from planning to Housing portfolio

County:

Social Care Issues aired on Panorama

The County is now operating within emergency budget

5 Million Over spend in 2019/20

Coastal footpath at Berrow a new local project for funding

Turn right location in Biddisham set for new funding for the junction

148 miles of roads requiring re surfacing in the County infrastructure

39/19: Footpaths Report

Concerns over the reservoir surrounding footpaths

The Knoll footpath back of the Church and the Finger post in Burton Row falling down

The footpath at the top of the Knoll path (National Trust being contacted)

40/19: Highways Report

Station Road is re opened after works completed

Concerns over the slow removal of closed signs at Ham Road

Signature of Chairman

41/19: Village Green/ Toilet Block and Car Park

The report this month has concerns over the following

Grass very long

Grass over grown in front of the hall

There are Weeds all around the car Park

Chain link fencing on the left side of the green needs repair/ replaced

The bamboo growth has now run to 6 feet in height

Bushes on the green over grown

Benches need treatment

Some parts of the play equipment still need touching in

It was resolved that members will do a walk around prior to the next meeting and decide a plan of action for improvement to some of these areas

Cllr Freestone green duty for June 2019

42/19: GB Sports report

There are a number of matters that have been drawn to members interests on the reports recently. We will ask Colin Lewis of GB Sports to quote for correcting these matters.

43/19: Parish Surgery

There was one member of the public who visited the surgery to explain the details of the right of way footpath changes planned for the top end of Manor Ride.

44/19: Police/Crime/Speed watch /SID report

45/19: The Meeting was suspended at this point to allow Richard Ibrahim to give the Council and update on replacing the Speed Indicator Device.

Richard Ibrahim who very kindly assists the Parish Council in managing the SID Unit in the village. Richard gave the Council 3 options for replacement from the most basic unit to the all encompassing option costing around £1700.00. Richard is sending full details of the 3 options so that at the next meeting these options can be considered for a decision by the Parish Council.

46/19: Meeting re opened

We also have a volunteer prepared to come forward to assist the village with the speed watch programme. Details of that scheme will be sent to the resident who has offered.

47/19: Clerks Matters

The clerk is looking at ways to assist members with the increasing number of emails that are being forwarded and perhaps a twice weekly transmission of emails a possibility.

48/19: Financial Considerations and decisions

Statutory payments for June as agreed in April

£ 1562.60

Other variable payments

Came and Company Insurance Premium 2019/20

£ 944.21

Signature of Chairman

(The 2nd of a 3 year term of Insurance)

49/19: It was resolved to approve the above payments unanimously

50/19: MATERS OF CONSIDERATION

(a) To consider a proposal for a change to the media Policy for the Parish Council

The Parish Council currently has a media Policy agreed in 2017 however it has been proposed that some parts of it specifically Social media may want some updating for the future to that end all members of the Parish Council will take a look at the current document to consider what changes may be appropriate provided they are within current legislation. Cllr Sturgess has agreed to look in some detail at the media policy with his experience. The Parish Council will consider members thoughts at the July meeting. Cllr Sturgess will circulate his ideas paper ready for distribution with the agenda for July to allow members adequate opportunity to consider.

(b) To consider meeting dates / days change for 2019/20

A proposal to consider a meeting day change probably to a Monday or a Friday

A proposal to change the day of the Parish Council meeting from Wednesday to either a possible Friday or Monday. A discussion on the merits of such a move or to remain unchanged ensued and a vote taken on the proposal. It was resolved to remain on Wednesday as the best day for Parish Council meetings.

(c) Village entrance planters to review current actions

The village planters and the contribution from Blue Diamond for planting has now been fully agreed

(d) War Memorial request for Cleaning Contribution £250.00

It was resolved to approve a contribution of £250.00 towards the cost of the Brent Knoll memorial as requested by the British Legion. Payment to be made July meeting.

(e) Re routing of footpath (as per Richard Mills Roberts email)

Richard Mills Roberts has provided the Parish Council with details of a re routing of right of way footpath at the lower part of Manor House and onto Coombeside and Manor Ride. This change has been driven by initial errors when Manor Ride was developed in the 1960's by Stanley Stone (Chelsea) Ltd. Errors have been discovered due to property conveyancers enquiries recently and Richard Mills Roberts has sent details of a proposed change north of its current location. There is a cost for two Kissing gates to complete the project and the Parish Council has been asked for support in the sum of £350.00. The Parish Council are currently holding a grant for a now aborted project and the Chairman will contact the Nuttall Trust and get approval for that grant to be used for the purpose outlined above. It was resolved to make the grant in the event of the Nuttall fund not being available to us.

(f) To consider outstanding matters for consideration and priorities

The clerk has drawn up a list of matters that are ongoing matters from the previous Council and this meeting decided on the following matters to take forward for future meetings.

1. Defibrillator and CPR Training
2. Speed Indicator and Speed watch

Signature of Chairman

3. The use of the Telephone Kiosk
4. Rhyme maintenance issues on the right of the village green
5. Play Equipment issues for low risk items

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6. Improvements to Village Surroundings
7. Website updating
8. Media Policy changes
9. Health and Safety Policies for the Village Green / Toilet Block

51/19: MATERS OF REPORT

Concerns over Travellers pitch in Rooksbridge

NEXT MEETING

The Next meeting of the Parish Council will be the on **the 3rd July 2019** a Parish Surgery will take place at **4.30pm – 6pm**