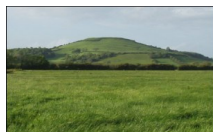


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Public Session

3 members of the public addressed the Parish Council on matters relating to planning matters 07/21/00002 and 07/20/00026

MINUTES

Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of **Brent Knoll Parish Council** held by way of ZOOM on **Wednesday 7th April** at 7pm when the following business was transacted.

PRESENT

Chairman Cllr C Townsend, Cllr M Borland, Cllr W Camp, Cllr R Filmer, Cllr B Freestone, Cllr J Harper, Cllr A Holmes, Cllr A Hurkett,, Cllr N Summers and Cllr C Trivett –Bill District Councillor Andrew Gilling Owen Cullwick Clerk and 6 members of the public

226/20: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS GIVEN

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr David Knott

227/20: DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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. Also Cllr R Filmer Pecuniary interest on planning application 07/20/00026 reasons of views of the proposed site of application. Also Cllr Filmer on application 07/21/0002 Pecuniary Interest as a neighbouring property

228/20: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Resolution to approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of a Virtual meeting of the Parish Council on the 3rd March and the 17th March Unanimous

229/20: PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Cllr Filmer left the meeting having declared an interest on 227/20

Planning Application No 07/20/00026

The Parish Council Objects to this application on the following grounds unanimous

(a) The development would create a very poor visual impact on this area from all directions

(b) The level of density and the layout are too high for this rural location creating loss of light and reduced privacy

(c) There are significant highway concerns on a road system already under strain

would be caused by significant increase in volumes of traffic and greater movements of vehicles. This will of course lead to highway safety issues.

(d) Environmental concerns due to the rural nature of the location.

(e) The visual impairment of such a development towards an historic location would be unacceptable.

(f) There are also shared access issues and rights of way concerns together with local farming considerations.

(g) Provision for parking and turning of vehicles is not adequately provided for.

(h) A huge increase in noise levels that would emanate from this substantial development would create disturbance.

07/21/00002: Change of use from Pre School(use Class E (f) to a residential dwelling (Use Class C3) at **50, Brent Street Brent Knoll TA9 4DT**

Response: The Parish Council supported this application on the following grounds

(a) The Business associated with this property has now been re located to the School and therefore there is no business activity conducted at this property.

(b) The property was previously a class 3 residential home and is now wishing to be reinstated to its former use.

(c) The new location to which this business has been transferred is significantly more suitable and with safer access to the highway.

07/21/00003: Reduce height and spread of Willow Tree (TPO ref T2) by 3m to previous pruning points at **Applecross Station Road, Brent Knoll TA9 4BH**

Response: The Parish Council supported this application on the grounds of good arboreal practice providing it is compliant with the (Tree Preservation Order) Regulations 1969.

Cllr Filmer returned to the meeting

230/20: TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

(a) To approve Contracts for the year 2021/2022

GB Sports	Play Inspection	£216.00
JP Mayo	Village Maintenance Contract	£7366.00
Sedgemoor District Council	Dog Bin Collections and Toilet Block	£2514.88
E'on Energy	Toilet Block Electricity	
£Variable		
Came and Company	Council Insurers	£ Annual Review

(b) Footpaths: Follow up Matters

There were no new matters of concern raised this meeting however a general review of the Knoll footpath and the failing hand rails to be investigated along the farm field in due course a suggestion of warning signs may be appropriate for later consideration. Reported that Cllr Filmer Cllr Knott and David Filmer had diverted water from footpath near the church as agreed in the March 3rd meeting.

(c) Highways: Follow up Matters

Crooked Lane Railway Bridge is on the Radar for Network Rail.

(d) The Village Green/ Car Park and Toilet Block

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The Green: The new picnic table now in place on the green the grass has been Recently cut and all looking tidy at present. It was suggested that some of the Warning signs at the green entrance need replacing with larger typeface so That they can be seen more easily Cllr J Harper to obtain quotes and bring to the May Meeting

The Toilet Block: Hand Dispensers missing in the gents and empty in the ladies and this will be mentioned to the cleaning contractors concerns also raised about a level of general untidiness which again will be reported.

(e) To receive a report from GB Sports on the monthly inspection

Waiting for March report from GB Sports

(f) The Chairman's Report

There were no matters raised by the chairman other than confirming his Annual report incorporated into the Council report

(g) The Clerks Report

The Annual report of the Council pre circulated and will go on to Website in time for annual meeting 21st April

(h) The Police Report/ Speedwatch

Police report for March pre circulated to members there has been no Speedwatch activity this month

(i) District and County Council report Cllr R Filmer

Key issues briefed to Council

Covid Numbers still reducing significantly
Vaccine take up in all age groups at high levels
Physical Hybrid meetings from mid May
Updated information on Unitary discussions and process including potential Poll
Somerset Medal for outstanding contributions to the Covid emergency applications invited with up to 250 Word supporting note

231/20: FINANCIAL MATTERS AND PAYMENTS

232/20: Statutory Payments approval for 2021/2022

GB Sports and Leisure	£18.00 Monthly
Owen J Cullwick (Sedgemoor Salary Management)	Agreed under staffing discussions
Sedgemoor District Council	£2500.00 Split two payments
JP Mayo	£736.60 Monthly 10 months

233/20: Monthly Payments List

Glasdon Uk	New Bench	£750.14
ICO	Subscription 2021	£40.00
Santander	Valuation Fees	£1530.00
Owen J Cullwick	Expenses / Allowance Jan/March 2021	£140.14

234/20: Resolution to approve the above payments. Proposed seconded and resolved Unanimously.

235/20: Resolution to approve the annual accounts for 2020/2021 unanimous

236/20: Resolution to approve the Annual Governance Statement Unanimous

237/20: Resolution to approve the Annual Accounting Statements Unanimous

238/20: ONGOING MATTERS (Reported updates only)

239/20: The Village Shop: Talks continuing between the working group and the Steering group for the Community Shop no decisions yet taken.

240/20: Dog Bin Positioning in Brent Street: Waiting for Installation to be completed

241/20: Highway Weight Restrictions within the village: Ongoing Issue

242/20: 20 mph Restrictions near the School: Ongoing Issue

243/20: To consider the contents of a letter from local resident regarding some concerns on drainage and signage: Waiting for County highways to update the PC

244/20: CORRESPONDENCE

2 emails received today regarding the green boundary deferred to May agenda

245/20: Defibrillator for the Village: Waiting for the future of the village shop sale to be confirmed so that the Kiosk can be moved and re allocated.

246/20: NEW MATTERS OF CONSIDERATION (Decisions to be taken)

247/20: Climbing Frame Problems Two quotes have been received by local contractors and the Parish Council will make a decision on the best option at the May meeting.

248/20: Delivery a new Speed Indicator Device. The Parish Council is waiting to Take delivery of a new unit made by Elan City (Evolis) this should be delivered in the coming 4 weeks it was resolved to approve the use of Nicholls Facilities management to undertake the movement of the unit at a cost of £15.00 per movement and to provide the available data to the Parish Council. It was agreed to write to Richard Ibrahim with thanks for his considerable work on the SID in recent years together with his advice and time in managing the previous units.

249/20: Annual Parish Meeting 2021: Confirmed as a virtual meeting on the 21st April by ZOOM

250/20: Handyman Proposal for the village The Parish Council is currently seeking the services of a suitable handyman to be available from time to time on a self employed basis and so far there have been no responses.

251/20: Health and Safety Services The Parish Council as previously agreed will use the services of a specialist Health and Safety contractor to provide the Council with professional advice. It is proposed to meet with Atlas of Wellington in late May.

252/20 MATTERS OF REPORT

None Reported

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

May 5th 2021 Annual Council Meeting (Virtually) and the Annual Parish meeting 21st
April (Virtually)