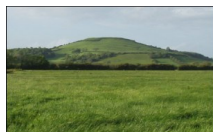


# BRENT KNOLL PARISH COUNCIL

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## Public Session

### MINUTES

**Minutes** of a Virtual Meeting of **Brent Knoll Parish Council** held by way of ZOOM on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021** 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 Owen J Cullwick Clerk of the Parish Council.

In addition there were 4 members of the public for part of the meeting. Two members of the public made submissions to the Council on planning matters.

#### **146/20: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS GIVEN**

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr D Knott and District Councillor Gilling

#### **147/20: DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Cllr R Filmer declared a personal interest on matters relating to Sedgemoor District Council and Somerset County Council as the elected Councillor for the District and the County. Cllr Filmer also declared a prejudicial interest on all planning matters to avoid pre determination as member of the District Planning Authority. Cllr C Townsend declared a pecuniary interest on items 6 (i) and 9 of the agenda on matters relating to the Glebe Field as a neighbouring property. Cllr A Holmes declared an interest on item 5 in connection with grant applications for Promise Works as his involvement with the charity.

#### **148/20: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of a Virtual meeting of the Parish Council on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 4<sup>th</sup> November as previously circulated be taken as read and approved as such and signed by the Chairman at the earliest opportunity.

#### **149/20: PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS**

*Cllr R Filmer left the meeting having declared an interest on 147/20*

**07/20/00023:** Change of use of land from agriculture to form extension to caravan park for the siting of static caravans and timber chalets. Formation of a fishing lake

(revised scheme) **at Westbrook Farm Harp Road, Brent Knoll Highbridge, Somerset TA9 4HQ**

**Response:** *The Parish Council in Brent Knoll considered the above application on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and unanimously resolved to object to the proposal on the following grounds*

- (a) Inadequate flooding measures*
- (b) Over development and not reduced sufficiently since a previous application*
- (c) Traffic generation issues*

**07/20/00024:** Erection of an agricultural Building at **Hafod, Wick Lane Lymsham Weston super Mare North Somerset. BS24 OHG**

**Response:** *The Parish Council unanimously objected to this application on the following grounds.*

- (a) Creating a poor visual amenity*
- (b) Over development of the relatively small site*
- (c) The unit proposed far too large for an agricultural use*
- (d) Insufficient ventilation for the purpose intended*

**11/20/00025:** Erection of 4 lodges and the creation of a parking area **at Yarlinton Barn, Dobunni Farm, Wick Road, Lymsham, Weston super Mare North Somerset BS24 OHA**

**Response:** *The Parish Council unanimously supported this application on the grounds of Economic development and the associated benefits to the community*

*Cllr Filmer returned to the meeting*

## **150/20: TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS**

### **(a) Footpaths: Follow up Matters**

- (1) A Tree has been reported as fallen to the rear of the Cider Farm
- (2) The general condition of footpaths is poor with a lot of mud
- (3) There is a broken hand rail on the Knoll footpath
- (4) The Horse field is now very difficult to access due to ground un even
- (5) A stile near the railway crossing is in a poor state and awaiting the previously agreed stoning of the area.

It is now very difficult to put relevant works into action until both the weather improves and restrictions have eased.

### **(b) Highways: Follow up Matters**

- (1) Very bad damaged road outside of Ball Copse Hall
- (2) Posts at the A38 end of Brent street need replacing / repairing quote has been sought by a local contractor and will be paid by Wales and West Utilities.

### **(c) The Village Green/ Car Park and Toilet Block**

**The Green:** Grass reported as ok however the benches are still in poor state and are waiting spring treatment. Considerations to be given to purchase a Non maintenance bench that does not require treatment.

**The Toilet Block :** The lock is in need of replacing or adjustment in the gents cubicle bulbs out in one or two areas

**(e) To Receive a Play Inspection report from GB Sports**

The report for December was pre circulated to members and identified as having no new matters to consider at this stage.

**(e) The Chairman's Report**

There were no matters raised by the chairman that are not previously covered at this meeting.

**(f) The Clerks Report**

**Helping Hands Group:** In view of the current lockdown requests sent out To previous volunteers for further support. A flyer will be placed on the Website and on the notice boards. An article will also be placed in the next Edition of the BKN.

**Health and Safety Policy Statement:** the recent circulated document is the Interim Policy Statement approved by the Council and will be replaced later In 2021 by a full Policy and risk assessment set of documents. It was resolved to adopt this interim Policy.

**(g) The Police Report**

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This was a pre circulated document to members with no matters for consideration at this point in time.

**(h) District and County Council report Cllr R Filmer****Key issues briefed to Council**

Coronavirus numbers in Somerset increasing and locally causing a concern  
The County has gone from Tier 2 to Tier 4 very quickly  
Vaccination centre for the area Berrow Medical Centre  
Some hope for limited Bus Services ( trial) later in 2021  
Super fast broadband roll out by truspeed in the coming months

**151/20: FINANCIAL MATTERS AND PAYMENTS**

Statutory payments made under the listing of regular payments and agreed as minuted in April 2020 under minute ref 187/19 which authorises payments made to the following.

GB Sports and Leisure  
E'on Energy  
JP Mayo  
Owen J Cullwick Sedgemoor District Council

**Monthly Payments List**

SLCC Annual Subscription 2020/21	<b>£ 144.00</b>
Office and Expenditure for the period Oct to Dec 2020	<b>£ 151.95</b>
Decision Power annual website maintenance 20/21	<b>£ 486.54</b>

**152/20: Resolution** to approve the above payment.

To present the revised budget for December for Consideration (*Pre Circulated before the meeting*) *no comments*

**152/20: Grant Allocations 20/21**

**The Parish Council unanimously agreed to make the following grants to local groups**

The Brent Knoll Rainbows	£ 250.00
Mendip Community Transport	£ 100.00
The Pre School Toddlers	£ 250.00
Promise works	£ 200.00 (Cllr A Holmes left room during this item)

**Total Grant Allocation                    £ 800.00**

**153/20: MATTERS FOR DECISION AND RESOLUTION**

**154/20:** Resolution to endorse the sum of £1500.00 for the valuation of the Village shop premises as required by the lender

**155/20: To consider updates to the SID Provision**

The Parish Council are waiting for a response from SG to the Council correspondence sent in December in order to resolve the refunding of the unit cost of the SID due to poor functionality

**156/20: Dog Bin Positioning in Brent Street.**

The Parish Council are waiting for the County to approve the selected site of the new bin opposite the School and once that is received the installation by Sedgemoor can go ahead

**157/20: Weight Restrictions within the village**

This is an ongoing matter and the County are in the process of considering any request to impose the above restrictions

**158/20: 20 mph Restrictions near the School**

The Parish Council are keeping a watch on the County progress although it is unlikely to result in any movement until later in 2021

**159/20: To consider the contents of a letter from local resident regarding some concerns on drainage and signage**

The Council has received a letter containing a number of matters that the Council should address over the coming year. These will be looked at during the coming months and the District, the Drainage board and the County will be involved in some of the matters raised and the Parish Council will keep the village informed.

**160/20: The Glebe Field Church Lane for tender**

**Cllr C Townsend** left meeting during this discussion having declared an Interest

The Glebe Field in Church Lane has become available for sale by tender and the Parish Council after a discussion resolved unanimously to tender for the land with a view of improving Community benefits and providing the village with an important long term asset.

**Cllr C Townsend** returned to the meeting

**161/20: CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Email with reference to weight limits as identified in 157/20.
- (b) Planning concerns with reference to application 07/20/00024.
- (c) Updated Information on Bakers Field Station Road.
- (d) Email about lack of post box operation near Brent Corner.

**162/20: MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR February 2021**

No Matters to report

**163/20:** A resolution to exclude press and public due to the confidential Nature of the matter being discussed was passed unanimously.

Cllr Townsend left the meeting at this point as part of his declaration of interest made on item 147/20 of these minutes

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021** (Virtually) and a provisional meeting on the **20<sup>th</sup> January 2021** (Virtually)