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Public Session

MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of **Brent Knoll Parish Council** on **Wednesday 21st July 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 Cullwick Clerk, District Councillor A Gilling and 9 members of the public

49/21: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS GIVEN

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr D Knott.

50/21: 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.

51/21: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Resolution to approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council on the 23rd June 2021.

52/21: THE COMMUNITY SHOP (Survey Results)

(a) The Clerk gave public notice of the result from the recent community engagement survey. The Survey was aimed at understanding the strength of support for borrowing capital funds for the building of a new shop and its effect on the local taxpayer.

Key Points from the survey

Total Households sent Survey 535

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| The Turnout figure | 29% |
| The level of support | 80% (127) |
| Level of Rejection | 20% (30) |

These figures were regarded by the Parish Council as an overwhelming level of support for the proposals put forward in the survey document.

53/21: COMMUNITY SHOP (Council decision and way forward)

Resolution to approve the demolition of the existing toilet block and replace it with a new building to include a shop and modern toilet facilities.

This resolution was supported unanimously subject to 5 conditions that must be met prior to any final decision to progress on the build out of this site.

Conditions Outlined

1. Agreement from the Secretary of State through SALC for approval of a loan of up to £80,000.00 to support the project
2. Satisfactory outcome from the resolution of the existing shops future
3. Design and build costs are within budgets set by the Parish Council
4. A sustainable and viable business plan for the short and medium term together with an up to date set of accounts demonstrating the shops ability to meet the running costs and the costs of setting up and fitting out the new premises.
5. The Management Committee of the shop undertake to enter a full repairing lease in accordance with the current position of such an undertaking.

On satisfactory completion of these conditions the Parish Council will be asked to take a final decision on the construction of a building in line with all current planning and building regulations. Although timescales are difficult to assess the process of loan approval will start.

53/21: PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Cllr Filmer left the meeting having declared an interest on **30/21**

Planning (To consider planning matters and to respond accordingly to the District Planning authority within the due time)

07/21/00010: Formation of new wheel track leading from existing access at **Upper Battleborough Farm, Bristol Road Brent Knoll TA9 4HJ.**

Response: The Parish Council support this proposal on the grounds of improved access for business and agricultural use by majority

07/21/00011: Erection of an agricultural Building at **Hafod Wick Lane Lymsham BS24 0HG.**

Response: The Parish Council object to this application on the grounds of poor visual amenity the over development of small site, insufficient ventilation for livestock.

07/21/00012: Erection of a modular classroom to form teaching space and ancillary facilities on site of existing to be removed at **Brent Knoll Church of England Primary School TA9 4EQ.**

Response: The Parish Council support this proposal on the grounds of improvement to educational facilities for the school.

07/21/00014: Erection of front NE Porch and front NE Dormers and rear SW inverted Dormer as well as the erection of carport on site of existing garage (to be part demolished), Brent Street Brent Knoll TA9 4DT

Response: The Parish Council support this application on the grounds of property improvement

Any comments the Parish Council wishes to make in respect of East Brent Application **24/21/00009** for the application to build 35 houses west of Hill Lane East Brent BKPC is not a consultee to this proposal but can make comment if it is decided to do so.

Response: The Parish Council agreed that members should write to the planning authority individually in support of the East Brent Objection to this proposal

Cllr Filmer returned to the meeting.

54/21: TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

(b) Footpaths: Follow up Matters

- (a) Reservoir footpath in a very poor state (Clerk to contact Steve Chick)
- (b) Chicken Field and associated areas follow up with Jason our contractor or to Locate a suitable alternative.

(c) Highways: Follow up Matters

Badly crumbling road surface in hill lane report to highways again

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

The Green: Cllr A Holmes to report in due course

The Toilet Block: All ok at present

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

Pre Circulated

(f) The Chairman's Report

There were no matters raised by the Chairman

(g) The Clerks Report

Holiday dates of 2nd August to 13th August 2021

(h) The Police Report/ Speed watch

Police report pre circulated

(i) District and County Council report Cllr R Filmer

Key issues briefed to Council

Covid update. Upward trend in line with national figures
One Somerset now confirmed
Changing policy on Children's homes to provide smaller domestic settings
District and County operating hybrid meetings

54/21: FINANCIAL MATTERS AND PAYMENTS

55/21: Statutory Payments resolved to approve for July

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| Arien Signs | £42.00 |
| SALC Subscription 2021/2022 | £343.00 |

56/21: Resolution to approve

Unanimously agreed to make these payments

57/21: ONGOING MATTERS (Reported updates only)**58/21: Highway Weight Restrictions within the village:** Ongoing Issue**59/21: 20 mph Restrictions near the School:** Ongoing Issue**60/21: To consider the contents of a letter from local resident regarding some concerns on drainage and signage:** 1st September meeting 20**61/21: Defibrillator for the Village:** Waiting for the future of the village shop sale to be confirmed so that the Kiosk can be re located. However another option for sourcing the unit is currently being discussed**62/21: Correspondence**

There are no new items of correspondence other than those that Councillors have responded to by email

63/21: NEW MATTERS OF CONSIDERATION (Decisions to be taken)**64/21: Village Contract**

The Parish Council are looking at what small changes if any may be needed to the existing contract and a possible further extension from 2022/2023 for a period of 3 years in order to allow the contractor to invest in new equipment and machinery. The Parish Council has agreed to make this extension provided that all of the additional considerations are taken into account.

65/21: Boundary Changes

A link for the Parish Council to make any comments on proposed boundary changes was pre circulated to the Parish Council Cllr Filmer explained the nature of the changes and the Council unanimously agreed to put forward the following changes to the consultation

The Parish Council in Brent Knoll would like to see the Village of Brent Knoll and the Knoll Ward in the Bridgwater constituency rather than the Wells Constituency. The Parish Council believes that the Bridgwater Constituency which is proposed to include Burnham on Sea, Berrow and Brean are more closely related both geographically and with commonality of their local community and therefore is a better fit for any re organisation

66/21: Resolution to delegate

A resolution was unanimously approved by the Parish Council to delegate urgent matters needed for decision to the Cllr Townsend, Cllr Borland and the Clerk during the extended period between meetings to be reviewed further on 1st September 2021. Consultation between members will be by email where possible.

67/21 MATTERS OF REPORT

Signage and Drainage
Bakers Field Delays
State of Brent Street Rhynes
Bus Back Project

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

September 1st 2021 7pm Parish Hall main room. Parish Surgery **1st September 4pm**
Main room Parish Hall