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Public Session

MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of **Brent Knoll Parish Council** on **Wednesday 1st September 2021** at 7pm when the following business was transacted.

PRESENT

Chairman Cllr C Townsend, Cllr M Borland, Cllr R Filmer, Cllr B Freestone, Cllr J Harper, Cllr A Holmes, Cllr D Knott and Cllr C Trivett-Bill, Owen Cullwick Clerk, and 22 members of the public

70/21: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS GIVEN

Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs W Camp, A Hurkett and N Summers and District Councillor A Gilling

71/21: 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. Cllr Filmer also declared personal interest on date requests for Parish Hall and On the shop discussions as a shareholder of the Community shop. Cllr D Knott declared a prejudicial interest on application 07/21/00013 as a neighbouring property. Cllr B Freestone declared a personal interest on application 07/21/00009.

The clerk made a recommendation that Cllr J Harper might be wise to consider declaring a pecuniary due to his land's close proximity to the application proposal. Cllr Harper did Not feel that a pecuniary interest was required and therefore decided to remain in the consultative process.

72/21: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Resolution to approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council on the 21st July 2021

73/21: PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Cllr Filmer left the meeting having declared an interest on **71/21**

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

07/21/00009: Change of use of land for 12 glamping pitches, Solar Table of 80-100 panels

Relocate on earth bund, formation of car parking area and compacted nature/ sculpture trail, Bird watching hide, wild flower meadow, black poplar plantation, planting of natural Hedgerows and some native trees and planting of some rare type apple trees **on land to The North of Middle Street Brent Knoll TA9.**

Response: The Parish Council objected to this proposal on the following grounds

- (A) Concern over the applicants involvement in writing all of the support documents and lack of impartiality.
- (B) Management of foul water on the site.
- (C) Environment, bats migration and feeding ,claims made in application but no time table of plan.
- (D) Architecture/ effect on appearance, concerns on the temporary buildings being installed and no specific detail.
- (E) Highways and road safety due to traffic increase and increased people attracted To the single track road.

Cllr D Knott Left the meeting at this point having declared an interest on **71/21**

07/21/00013: Erection of two storey detached dwelling, with attached garage and formation of Access on site of existing outbuilding (to be demolished). Also erection of garage for existing dwelling. **On Land at 56, Brent Street, Brent Knoll TA9 4DX.**

Response: The Parish Council objected to this proposal on the following grounds

- (a) Over dominance of the available site and over shadow issues with neighbouring property
- (b) Over Development of a small site
- (c) The visual impact due to the dominance of the building
- (d) Issues of Rhyne management

Cllr D Knott returned to the meeting at this point.

11/21/00011: Erection of stables and feed store on **Land to the South of RSPCA rescue Centre Brent Road Brent Knoll** (Burnham Application).

Response: The Parish Council made no observations to this application

07/21/00019: Erection of two dwellings on site of existing dwelling to be demolished **at Sunnycot, Church Lane Brent Knoll TA9 4EG**

Response: The Parish Council supported this application for the following reasons.

- (a) Improvement to replace a poor property that exists currently
- (b) The new proposal is in line with the character and look for existing Street Scene
- (c) The design is compatible with other properties in the area

Cllr Filmer returned to the meeting.

74/21: TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

(b) Footpaths: Follow up Matters

- (a) Body's Lane Gate on going list
- (b) Gate on footpath opposite Tennis Courts very stiff (Cllr D Knott to check)
- (c) The Path North of reservoir still in a poor state
- (d) Car Park to Windyridge poor signage
- (e) Back of Church to 1st corner of Knoll path now completed at a cost of **£720.00**
- (f) Footpaths around Bakers Field

(c) Highways: Follow up Matters

Hedge opposite South Brent Close 4 properties set back the hedge needs sorting
(Clerk to write again to the owners)

Ham Road Telegraph pole now in the middle of an overgrown hedge
(Clerk to write to owners)

Ham Road 30mph sign buried in the hedge (County to be informed)

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

The Green: Nothing reported

The Toilet Block: Nothing reported

(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

There were no matters raised by the Clerk

(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: Sedgemoor now reported 600 cases per 100,000 which is high
94% of adults now received one dose and 85% two doses which is good level of
Vaccination.

Electoral Matters: Decisions currently being considered on the number of Councillors
that will be required within the new One Somerset authority.

Street Lighting: Currently being updated for energy saving measures at a potential
Saving of £100,000. Per annum

75/21: FINANCIAL MATTERS AND PAYMENTS

76/21: Statutory Payments resolved to approve for September

Steve Chick footpath maintenance	£720.00

77/21:

Resolution to approve

Unanimously agreed to make these payments

78/21: ONGOING MATTERS (Reported updates only)

79/21: Highway Weight Restrictions within the village: Ongoing Issue

80/21: 20 mph Restrictions near the School: Ongoing Issue however the 40mph Proposals are getting nearer implementation on the A38

81/21: To consider the contents of a letter from local resident regarding some concerns on drainage and signage: 6th October meeting meeting 2021

82/21: 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

83/21: Correspondence

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

84/21: NEW MATTERS OF CONSIDERATION (Decisions to be taken)

85/21: Community Shop

A tri party meeting between the Hall the Council and the shop was held (minutes separately) to consider the future location for a temporary shop until a more permanent unit has been established and the shop requested the use of the car park utilising two spaces for the immediate future and permission to plug in to our electricity supply from the toilet block

The Parish Council resolved to approve this proposal on a temporary basis and the use of the electricity supply. The Parish Council will invoice the shop for all power over and above the Parish Council's average usage.

86/21: The Village Contract

A proposal put forward to review the current contract with JP Mayo and to set out more clearly what is required from the contractor and this is to include a work grid which would identify each month the jobs that have been completed which could be provided prior to each meeting. This contract will be signed by both the Council and the contractor.

Resolution: Approved to implement this revision subject to the contractor agreeing to it

87/21: Parish and Town Elections

SALC Have asked Parish and Town Council s their views on a possible change of election to be brought forward from 2023 to 2022 to bring them into line with County elections Salc will collate the replies before submitting firm views to government.

Resolution: to respond that the Brent Knoll PC wishes to remain as it is and allow the Parish elections in 2023 as planned

88/21: Local Land Offer

A local land owner has offered the Parish Council the Car Park at the top pf Hill Lane in the sum of £1.00 plus legal costs being paid by the Council. This is a generous offer

The Council resolved to approve the acquisition on the basis outlined and the Clerk will set up the legal framework with Holley and Steer in Burnham and obtain a quote for the work.

89/21: Queens Jubilee Celebrations 2022

A BKN article will be forwarded to local groups to remind them of this event in summer 2022 and contact will also be made with East Brent for any joint ventures.

90/21: New Litter Bin corner of Hill Lane and Church Lane

A new litter bin to be provided and the chairman will consider the options available and prices in the region of £350 - £420 will be looked at.

Resolution: approved to purchase

91/21: Date requests from Parish Hall for 2022

The Parish Council agreed to the two dates being requested for use of the green in 2022 11th June and 23rd July 2022.

Cllr Filmer left the room during this item.

92/21 MATTERS OF REPORT

Chest Tomb Update (Letter read from the co-ordinator)

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

October 6th 7pm Parish Hall Jubilee Room. Parish Surgery October 6th **4pm** Jubilee room and a Provisional meeting if required **15th September** 7pm for urgent planning matters.