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Public Session

MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of **Brent Knoll Parish Council** on **Wednesday 5th October 2022** at 7pm when the following business was transacted.

PRESENT

Cllr M Borland, Cllr S Bougourd, Cllr R Filmer, Cllr J Gray, Cllr M Kingscote, Cllr D Knott, Cllr A Reason, **Cllr C Townsend (Chairman)** Cllr T Woods and Owen Cullwick Clerk, and 9 members of the Public

Public Session covered the following topics

The Community Shop
The Village agent update / Warm Spaces
3 prospective candidates for Co-option
Edward Symes Chest Tomb completion

90/22: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS GIVEN

Apologies: Cllr J Mathews

91/22: STATEMENT OF DISPENSATION RULES

The Clerk read out the policy on DPI Dispensation which authorises the Parish Council as an authority to grant a dispensation to a member who has a disclosable Pecuniary Interest but makes an application for a dispensation under certain conditions. This Policy also allows the power to be granted to the clerk to agree and approve such a dispensation subject to a suitable resolution being supported by the Parish Council. The Parish Council agreed to the following resolution

We resolve that the Council delegates the power to grant dispensations to the Clerk. The power rests with the authority under section 33(1) of the localism Act 2011 and the basis is set out under section 33(2). This resolution was agreed unanimously whilst the current Clerk is in post but will be reviewed on any future change of Clerk.

92/22: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST *(in accordance with the localism Act 2011 s33 (b-e) these declarations do not preclude any later declarations)*

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. Cllrs T Woods, C Townsend and J Gray Declared personal interests on matters relating to the shop as shareholders.

93/22: DISPENSATION OF A DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (DPI)

Cllr Filmer requested a dispensation of a Pecuniary Interest relating to the shareholding in

the Community shop. This relates to shareholding above the threshold of 1% of to share capital issued by the shop. This matter falls within the designation of a DPI and therefore requires a dispensation to be granted so that full participation can be maintained during the discussions taking place over the coming months. The Clerk now has agreed to this dispensation under the granting of powers identified by resolution 91/22 of this meeting record. The dispensation is granted for a period not exceeding 4 years from the date of this meeting.

94/22: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Resolution to approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of **7th September 2022**.

95/22: CO-OPTION OF A PARISH COUNCIL TO FILL VACANCY

The Parish Council vacancy occurred resulting from the resignation of Nigel Summers in July. The appropriate notice was given *Rule 22 of Schedule 2 of the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) Rules, 1986*, there were no responses to this initial vacancy notice and therefore the matter became the subject of a local vacancy notification under the 28 day rule which expired on October 4th. There were 3 applications who all submitted formal applications which were circulated to members prior to this meeting. Each of the 3 applicants addressed the Council during the public session and the Parish Council proceeded to a show of hands vote on ballot 1. The result of ballot 1 being inconclusive in providing an absolute majority the meeting proceeded to Ballot 2 where there was a decisive result in favour of Adrian Povey by a majority of 5 to 4. Adrian was invited to join the Council and take his seat. This matter completed the Council numbers to the required 11

96/22: PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

07/22/00009: Erection of two storey side (East) extension on site of existing single storey extension to (to be demolished) and the installation of front (South) and rear (North) roof lights at **140 Brent Street Brent Knoll TA9 4BE**

Response: This is the 4th presentation of this application and the Council unanimously rejected the proposal on the grounds of

Overshadowing
Privacy
Over development of the site

07/22/00020: Erection of side (North) balcony, rear (West) dormer and single storey extension on site of existing conservatory (to be demolished) **at Druidale House Burton Row, Brent Knoll TA9 4BX**

Response: The Parish Council make no observations to this proposal unanimous

07/22/00019: Erection of two storey rear (NE) and single front (SW) extensions on site of existing (to be demolished) also the erection of first floor side (NW) and single storey side (SE) Extensions (part retrospective) **at Briars Cottage, 42 Brent Street Brent Knoll TA9 4DT**

Response: The Parish Council support this application on the grounds of property improvement and general completion of the project.

97/22: TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

(a) Footpaths: Follow up Matters

The following matters are ongoing and all waiting for suitable quotes to complete

It was reported that footpaths near Windy Ridge on the filed side are in very poor condition

will approach the land owner and seek to get an arrangement for this matter.
Steve Pinn due to complete the Post and Rail project on the Knoll footpath Friday the 8th October

Kenny Gordon now started work on the newly acquired car park in Hill Lane and will complete the Horse field and other matters once this job has been completed.

It was reported that a barrier exists opposite the cider farm which needs investigation.

A Bridleway known as the jungle is to be dealt with by Lympsham Parish Council and a request for £100.00 contribution has been received and the Parish Council has agreed to this contribution unanimous.

A verge currently maintained under our village contract by Jason Mayo at South Brent Close has an overgrown hedge that also needs attention and a request to be made to Jason for either a one off job or this to form part of the annual contract work at Crooked Lane.

The apple tree (Village Green) reduction of 30 % will be undertaken by Cllr a Reason Cllr D Knott and Cllr a Povey in November having full regard to Health and Safety matters. The Chairman thanked them for undertaking this task.

(b) Highways: Follow up Matters

30 mph Signage has now been installed at Ham Road.

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

A report from Cllr Woods for September on the village green and surrounding areas. Some degradation of the play facilities which is now in need of some repainting however the grassed areas are well maintained. The car park areas all ok however the toilet block as previously noted is in a poor state of cleanliness and clerk will take this up at the sdc level. The large dip in front of the toilet block is being attended to by Cllr Knott and will be completed with a top soil surface in due course. A barrier has been erected around the offending area until the job is complete.

It was agreed to purchase a bench in composite material and use the funds granted by the Nuttall Trust. The Council will also at the same time add the new bench required by the Hall to the purchase order so that some saving can be made on carriage etc. There may also be discounts that can be taken for more than one purchase. This was agreed by the Council unanimous

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

Pre Circulated no new issues reported. The surebond surface is breaking down in places and we have written to exercise our rights under the warranty. We will need to contact the company to query their refusal to accept a warranty claim due to heat excess and ground movement. This will be an ongoing issue.

(e) The Chairman's Report

No new matters

(f) The Clerks Report

The clerk highlighted the forthcoming budget discussions for 2023/2024 and told the members that a draft will be sent out in due course for a detailed discussion on November 2nd

(g) The Police Report/ Speed watch

Report from Danielle Mckewan our new PCSO recently circulated however there is detail missing in the report which will be identified with the PCSO

Cllr Filmer updated the meeting on the following

- (i) The County overspend currently running at 25 million pounds
- (ii) Adult and Children's care spending ballooning
- (iii) 600-700 people being looked after currently
- (iv) LCN Responses from individuals and the Parish Council
- (v) ROF at Puriton plans for a GIGA Factory

98/22: FINANCIAL MATTERS AND PAYMENTS

99/22: The Statutory payments list was approved for month of October 2022 as agreed in April as minute no 238/21

Variable Payments

Office expenditure and allowances for the period July to September 2022	£ 330.60
Nichols Facilities Management SID Movement services	£ 60.00
Bat Survey as part of the toilet block removal	£310.00

100/22: Resolution to approve the variable payments Unanimous

Other Finance Matters

101/22: Decision to defer the matter of the E'on Contract until the matter has become clearer on government support this matter deferred.

102/22: Clerk raised the warm spaces project and clarified the potential grants available to support the use of the Jubilee room for a period of the winter season on a day a week basis. The grant will be applied for from the Community Council of Somerset up to a potential £1000. 00

103/22: An article to be submitted to the BKN Inviting local organisations to apply to the Parish Council for small grants under our current Policy

104/22: ONGOING MATTERS (Reported updates only)

- (i) Weight restriction consultations (On going with Highways)
- (ii) Speed Restrictions near school 20MPH (On going and to be implemented in due course (Posts Now installed)

105/22: Correspondence

(i) No new matters for council that are not covered by email circulation

106/22: NEW MATTERS OF CONSIDERATION (Decisions to be taken)

107/22: The Community Shop Project

The working group updated the meeting on the following

Design and planning
Loans and borrowing
the legal framework
Future Public engagement requirements

Meetings between the shop and the Council on Monday 4th October

All the preleasing and final leasing terms and conditions.

A public engagement event in the Parish Hall Early November 6th (suggestion of a front cover of the October BKN to highlight the event.

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Due to the issues identified at the declarations part of these minutes Cllr Filmer will step down from the working group and Cllr S Bougourd will step into the working group

108/22: Surgery Attendance in October 5th (10am to 12 noon)

Cllr Povey will attend with the Clerk on 1st November

109/22: The Village Flagpole

This flagpole needs attention and will be removed temporarily and a decision taken as to the refurbishment needed on lanyards etc Cllr Knott and Cllr Reason have kindly agreed to undertake this task.

110/22: MATTERS OF REPORT

Bench in Memory
Railway and Bus Links

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Provisional **2nd November 2022** Main Meeting and a provisional if needed on **19th October 2022**