

# BRENT KNOLL PARISH COUNCIL

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## Public Session

### MINUTES

**Minutes** of the Meeting of **Brent Knoll Parish Council** on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022** at 7pm when the following business was transacted.

#### PRESENT

Cllr S Bougourd, Cllr R Filmer, Cllr J Gray, Cllr M Kingscote, Cllr D Knott Cllr J Mathews, Cllr A Povey, Cllr C Townsend (**Chairman**) Cllr T Woods and Owen Cullwick Clerk, and 8 members of the Public

#### **153/22: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS GIVEN**

Apologies: Received and accepted from Cllr M Borland and Cllr A Reason

#### **154/22: DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Cllr R Filmer Other Registerable interest (ORI) on all matters relating to his role as County Councillor and District Councillor and member of the Parish Hall. A dispensation granted on the 5th October re stated on matters relating to shareholding in the Community shop and is further declared at this meeting. Cllr T Woods and Cllr J Gray and Cllr C Townsend, declared ORIs reflecting their shareholding in the Community shop. Cllr S Bougourd and Cllr J Mathews ORI on matters relating to planning applications **07/22/00026** of this agenda.

#### **155/22: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Resolution to approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of **2<sup>nd</sup> November and 16<sup>th</sup> November** this was unanimous.

#### **156/22: PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS**

**24/22/00037:** Erection of a dwelling on site of existing agricultural building ( to be demolished) on **land to the South of Burton Row East Brent.** (this is an East Brent application) that we have been invited to consult on.

**Response:** The Parish Council offered no observations which was unanimous

**07/22/00025:** Change of use of residential shed to class B8 Storage, Including the erection of new entrance gate and fencing to to the western boundary ( retrospective application) **at Hafod Wick Lane Lympsham Somerset BS24 OHG.**

**Response:** The Parish Council listened to both the applicant and an objector to this application and noted their comments. The Parish Council objected to this application on the grounds of increased traffic generation on a rural lane and The proposed gates imposing an unacceptable look and style in a rural location and are also too high.

**07/22/00026:** Conversation of Barns to form 1 dwelling including the demolition of adjoining steel sheds and the erection of link extension **at Northgrove Farm, Burton Row Brent Knoll TA9 4BY**

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

**07/22/00027:** Erection of agricultural workers dwelling **at Wick Farm, Wick Lane Lympsham Somerset BS24 OHG**

**Response:** The Parish Council decided to offer no observations to this proposal

**07/22/00028:** Erection of 2 agricultural buildings with new access gate and fencing **at Hafod Wick Lane Lympsham BS24 OHG**

**Response:** The Parish Council decided to object to this planning proposal due to the scale of the proposal the poor visual impact in this rural location and over development.

**07/22/00031:** Certificate of lawfulness to confirm the commencement of development in relation to planning permission ref 07/20/00015 (Change of Use and conversion of two traditional agricultural buildings to private dwellings with garden curtilage, parking and garaging, demolition of other buildings ,alterations to access and formation of new access **at Somerset Farm, Harp Road, Brent Knoll TA9 4HQ**

**Response:** The Parish Council decided to offer no observations to this proposal unanimous

**07/22/00033:** Change of use from existing single dwelling to 2 dwellings and erection of single storey extension to the west elevation **at Westcroft Farm 166, Brent Street Brent Knoll TA9 4BE**

**Response:** The Parish Council decided unanimously to offer no observations to this proposal

## **157/22: TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS**

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

It was decided by a unanimous resolution to ask Steve Pinn to undertake an annual strimming of the area close to Windy Ridge on the Knoll Path The Church to the Knoll Path and Car Park. this would be at a cost of £550.00 plus Vat.

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

There were no new matters to discuss on Highways

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

The green inspections did not highlight any new matters however Cllr Povey agreed he would site the new seating bench to replace existing and this would be set on a concrete base and secured.

The Council has received a grant from an established Trust Fund of £3000.00 in order to contribute to the replacement roundabout currently being considered. The Clerk also suggested that he apply to further trust funds to obtain further support for this considerable purchase coast of over £15,000.00. This was agreed by the Parish Council.

Cllr Knott will undertake green inspections for December

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

The pre circulated document does highlight some low to medium level matters that will need to be addressed and will come forward for discussion whilst deciding on future budget allowances.

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

No new matters raised at this meeting

**(f) The Clerks Report**

No new matters raised at this meeting

**(g) The Police Report/ Speed watch/SID**

ANPR The Council has received a grant for a superior piece of speed detection equipment to sit alongside the SID Unit which will be a more robust method of indication of speed violation offending in the village and will recognise the number plate of offending vehicles. The sum of £5000.00 has been granted to the Parish Council and will only require a top up of £900.00 to purchase the equipment. The County will need to be involved in the installation to ensure compliance. An additional site for SID Installation in Burton Row needs to be considered in the forthcoming year.

**157/22: District and County Councillor report for November Cllr Filmer**

Matters updated on following

- (a) Council over spend 25 million to date
- (b) 44 Million over spend projected in year I of unitary
- (c) Unitary authority still on target for April 1<sup>st</sup> 2023
- (d) Further Scheme to accommodate 400 plus Ukranians
- (e) Potential coming together of Business Rates and Council Tax

**158/22: FINANCIAL MATTERS AND PAYMENTS**

**159/22:** The Statutory payments list was approved for month of December 2022 as agreed in April as minute no 238/21

**Variable Payments**

Glasdon Benches for both the Village Green and the Parish Hall	<b>£1422.66</b>
Brent Knoll WI for refreshments consultation event	<b>£15.00</b>
Nichols Facilities Management November services	<b>£60.00</b>
Scribe Accounting software for 2022/2023	<b>£345.60</b>
Kenny Gordon Ground Works (retrospective payment)	<b>£7892.40</b>
SLCC Membership 2022/2023	<b>£177.00</b>
Media Edge Consultation event survey	<b>£15.00</b>

**160/22:** It was resolved to make the variable payments for December 2022

**161/22:** A total of £1609.70 is available for Vat reclaim on the above payments

**Other Finance Matters**

**162/22:** The Council resolved to approve the 1 year contract with E'on to supply energy to the toilet block at a forecast cost of £5000.00 although the shop is responsible for approx. 80% of the cost and tapped into the Council supply

**163/22: 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)

**164/22: Correspondence**

(i) No new correspondence (other than those circulated by Emails)

**165/22: NEW MATTERS OF CONSIDERATION (Decisions to be taken)****166/22: Shop related Matters**

Matters discussed and decisions taken

This was primarily an updating session for the meeting and the Clerk outlined the various matters that have been actioned to date as follows

- (a) Loan Approval extension applied for and conditions met
- (b) Legal process with Council Solicitor taken place
- (c) Further actions to be taken by the shop with their legal advisors

**167/22: Allotment Provision for the Village**

This is currently an ongoing matter

**168/22: Surgery Attendance January 4<sup>th</sup> 2023 (10am to 12 noon)**

Cllr A Povey will attend with Owen on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 10am

**169/22: Training updates and certification**

On going issue to be completed in January 2023

**170/22: Car Park Security Hill Lane**

Now that this area is completed the Parish Council will look into the future of access security and it was also requested for the Parish Council to consider Dog Bin and rubbish receptacle. this is on going however some signage will be instigated as a next step

**171/22: Flag Pole Refurbishment**

Cllrs D Knott and A Povey have made significant progress and will seek to re install the flag pole fully refurbished later this month.

**172/22: Warm and Social Project**

Following on from the grants made to the Parish Council from The Community Council Somerset the warm space started last week and is now fully functional between 11am and 2pm in the Jubilee Room each Friday. We now have a good number of very willing volunteers who are prepared to give some time to the project.

**173/22: MATTERS OF REPORT**

Parking at the School

Speeding Bus Services

Cllr M Kingscote to take on the grant applications to Nuttall Trust when required

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING January 4<sup>th</sup> 2023 7pm** Jubilee Room and a provisional meeting if needed on **January 17<sup>th</sup> 2023** for urgent planning matters