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Public Session

MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of **Brent Knoll Parish Council** on **Wednesday 2nd February 2022** at 7pm when the following business was transacted.

PRESENT

Cllr M Borland, Cllr R Filmer, Cllr B Freestone, Cllr J Harper, Cllr A Holmes, Cllr D Knott, **Cllr C Townsend, Chairman** Owen Cullwick Clerk, and no members of the public

179/21: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS GIVEN

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr A Hurkett, Cllr N Summers, Cllr W Camp, Cllr C Trivett- Bill

180/21: 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 R Filmer declared personal interest on matters relating to the community shop due to his position as a shareholder. Cllr c Townsend declared a personal interest on matters relating to the Community shop.

181/21: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Resolution to approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council on the **5th January 2022**

182/21: PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Cllr Filmer left the room having previously declared an interest

07/21/00025: The Laurels Wick Lane Brent Knoll TA9 4BU Variations of condition 2 of planning permission 07/20/00001 (Change of use, conversion and extension of garage workshop and store into dwelling. Change of use of part of paddock to garden

and Widening of existing vehicular access (revised application) to exclude dormer window and add solar panels.

Response: No Observations

Cllr R Filmer returned to the meeting

183/21: TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

(a)Footpaths: Follow up Matters

Concern was raised about a stile issue on the Knoll Path behind the church and the access of dog walkers now extremely difficult as they struggle to get over it ongoing and arrangements that Cllr D Knott is to supply the available kissing Gate

Applewithy Rhyne behind 135 Brent Street there a large gaps under the structure together with a loose post. As above ongoing matter

Both of these matters will be discussed with Nichols Facilities with a view of meeting with Cllrs B Freestone and C Trivett Bill to discuss repair options

Dangerous and missing steps on National Trust land at the top of the Knoll Clerk to make contact with NT. The National Trust has now been approached to investigate the matt

(b)Highways: Follow up Matter

(a) To consider Evolis SID On the A38 to remind motorists of new 40MPH

(b) The drain is still blocked and by the Old Manor verge and will hopefully be dealt with during the March repairs identified by Cllr Filmer

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

No Reports presented this month as Cllr Trivett Bill unable to attend the meeting

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

Waiting Circulation

(e) The Chairman's Report

There were no new matters to raise not already covered on the agenda

(f) The Clerks Report

Clerk reported on the surgery attended by two members of the public Our Village Agent and Cllr A Holmes. Matters reported on

(a) Speed Indicator Devices locations

(b) Weight Restriction concerns which is an on-going matter

(c) Speeding Indicator results and concerns raised about the forwarding of data for action to be taken and the Police actions.

(g) The Police Report/ Speed watch

There has been no recent updated info

(h) District and County Council report Cllr R Filmer

Key issues briefed to Council

- (a) Covid Numbers and recent increases
- (b) Lower 5 year death rates
- (c) Lower hospital admission rates from Covid
- (d) Vaccination rates still improving with 96% of over 18's now covered by one Jab
- (e) District Council Council increase £5.00 per band D Property
- (f) County rate likely in the order of 1.99%
- (g) Increased funding for both Social and Children's care

184/21: FINANCIAL MATTERS AND PAYMENTS

185/21: Statutory Payments resolved to approve for February 2022

Grant to local group re Engage	£ 300.00
Grant to Somerset Air Ambulance	£ 50.00
Grant to Mendip Community Transport	£ 50.00
Grant to Sedgemoor Citizens Advice	£ 50.00
Paul Dixon (Work on the Village Green)	£ 158.00
GB Sports Climbing frame repair	£1434.00

186/21: Unanimously agreed to make payments as listed

187/21: Richard Young to be appointed as Auditor for 2021/2022

188/21: ONGOING MATTERS (Reported updates only)

189/21: Highway Weight Restrictions within the village: Ongoing Issue

190/21: 20 mph Restrictions near the School: Ongoing Issue should be implemented over the coming 12 to 18 months

191/21: Bus Back Better Cllr Freestone briefed the meeting on the latest discussions with the group to push harder for improved services and for current services to be used by the community. Ongoing letters to be drafted by Cllr B Freestone and Clerk in response to current correspondence

192/21: Community Shop Updates The working group updated the meeting on recent activity and explained that we are waiting for some clear indications of cost which would be provided before the Parish Council is asked to make a final resolution to proceed with the building project this would hopefully be in March. Cllrs discussed any concerns that they had in relation to the project and these will be hopefully addressed at the decision making meeting hopefully in March or April

193/21: Correspondence

No new correspondence items raised at this meeting

194/21: NEW MATTERS OF CONSIDERATION (Decisions to be taken)

195/21: Queens Jubilee Celebrations 2022

1. Cllr John Harper will act as the Parish Council representative on your multi organisational group to ensure a co-ordinated approach.
2. The Parish Council will provide some financial Support to the activities by offering £1000.00 as a donation to the costs of the celebration and a further £1000.00 in the form of a loan to be paid back after the event. So a total of £2000.00 to get your funding off of the ground.

3. The Parish Council will support a project for a permanent commemoration to be outlined by John Harper at your next meeting.
4. The Parish Council will organise the brazier event on the Knoll on 2nd June and gain the necessary consents from the National Trust.

196/21: HILL LANE CAR PARK ACQUISITION 2022

A meeting is due to take place week commencing 7th February with the Council's Solicitor to detail the plan on site and at the next meeting quotes will be considered and decision taken on the way forward for the refurbishment of the area

197/21 MATTERS OF REPORT

Matters Raised for future discussion

Telephone Kiosk re location to Village Green.
Bus Back Better updates
Electoral Information for 2022.
Notice Board Re Location
Cllr Filmer told the meeting that the guides are to provide a defibrillator
Police activity in Station Road reported

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

March 2nd 2022 7pm Parish Hall Jubilee Room. Parish Surgery **March 1st 2022 10am to 12 noon** Jubilee room.