

# BRENT KNOLL PARISH COUNCIL

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## Public Session

### MINUTES

**Minutes** of the Meeting of **Brent Knoll Parish Council** on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022** at 7pm when the following business was transacted.

#### **PRESENT**

**Chairman** Cllr M Borland, Cllr W Camp Cllr R Filmer, Cllr B Freestone, Cllr A Holmes, Cllr A Hurkett, and Cllr C Trivett-Bill, Cllr N Summers, District Councillor A Gilling, Owen Cullwick Clerk, and 20 members of the public

#### **157/21: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS GIVEN**

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr C Townsend, Cllr D Knott and Cllr J Harper

#### **158/21: 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 and a personal interest on payments to the Parish Hall as a trustee. Cllr N Summers Personal interest on Grant awarding to an organisation to which a member of his family are interested parties.

#### **159/21: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Resolution to approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council on the **1<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

#### **160/21: THE COMMUNITY SHOP SUPPORT**

The Community shop management group made a presentation to the Council regarding its financial viability and to take questions from the Council for clarity on the plan previously circulated. The presentation was a joint exercise between the shop Chairman, the accountant, The volunteer support person and the purchasing volunteer. A number of relevant questions were put from the Council.

A debate followed by the Parish Council to consider its position currently and going forward into the future and specifically the progression of a new build shop to replace

the portakabin that exists currently for a period of up to 2 years.

**161/21: Resolution 1** Is to agree the viability plan as being an acceptable document to fulfil condition 4 of those 5 conditions set back in July.

This resolution was approved by a majority vote of 5 in support and 3 against

**162/21: Resolution 2** Assumes an approval to resolution 1 and that the Council agree to move forward to the next stage of architects Drawings together with tender quotes for the cost of the project.

This resolution was approved by a majority vote of 6 in support and 2 against

### **163/21: PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS**

Cllr Filmer left the room having previously declared an interest

**07/21/00023: Orchard View Burton Row Brent Knoll Highbridge TA9 4BX** Erection of two Storey rear (NW) and first floor extensions including the raising of ridge height and demolition of existing rear (NW) Hot tub Extension Listing of Applications 2021 and outcomes where determined (pre circulated)

**Response:** Support on the grounds of improvement to property and the amendments are acceptable

**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:** Variation of condition 2 is supported by the Parish Council as it considers little change to the original

**07/21/00027: Land to the West of Voila, Station Road, Brent Knoll** Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission 07/21/00027 ( Change of use and conversion of building into 2 dwellings to amend the approved drawings.

**Response:** Continue of the previous support as there is no significant change

Cllr R Filmer returned to the meeting

### **164/21: 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

Applewithy Rhyne behind 135 Brent Street there a large gaps under the structure together with a loose post

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.

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

No new highways issues

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

**The Green:** A detailed report received from the Clerk after 3 visits made during December which is recorded in the inspection file for record keeping the main issue in need of attention is the hedge entrance to the green from the car park which is now in a poor state.

**The Toilet Block:** All appeared on the 3 visits to be satisfactory apart from a tap running in the ladies.

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

Pre Circulated

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

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

**(f) The Clerks Report**

The clerk requested more email responses to the information on meetings sent out

**(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**

Numbers on Covid rising steeply need for sensible precautions

Elections update

Booster Jab programme well under way 50% over 18's received booster jab

more funding for Somerset social care

Website the best option for reporting highways matters

**165/21: FINANCIAL MATTERS AND PAYMENTS**

**166/21:** Statutory Payments resolved to approve for January 2022

Clerks Expenses and Allowance for the period to December 2021	<b>£ 240.85</b>
Nichols Facilities management for December 2021	<b>£ 60.00</b>
SLCC Subscription Renewal 2021/2022	<b>£ 144.00</b>
Parish Hall room Hire charges	<b>£ 117.50</b>

**167/21:** Unanimously agreed to make payments as listed

**168/21:** It was decided to have a mini audit group zoom meeting prior to the end of this financial year

**169/21: ONGOING MATTERS** (Reported updates only)**170/21: Highway Weight Restrictions within the village:** Ongoing Issue**171/21: 20 mph Restrictions near the School:** Ongoing Issue should be implemented over the coming 12 to 18 months**172/21: Correspondence**

No new correspondence items raised at this meeting

**173/21: NEW MATTERS OF CONSIDERATION (Decisions to be taken)****174/21: Queens Jubilee Celebrations 2022**

Steve Russell of the local British Legion presented some thoughts to the Parish Council on his ideas for the 2022 Jubilee and the Parish Council will consider their plans to support the programme with grant funding at the February meeting

**175/21: HILL LANE CAR PARK ACQUISITION 2022**

The Parish Council is anxious to get this project to a conclusion as we now have two quotes for work to improve the area. Clerk will try and establish with Holley and Steer where we have reached in the process and this will be a key item for the February agenda.

**176/21: January 2022 Surgery attendance**

The February Surgery on February 1<sup>st</sup> will be attended by Owen Cullwick, Andy Holmes and Kim Wilcox.

**177/21 SMALL LOCAL GRANTS**

The Parish has 3 applications for small local community grants in accordance with the Parish Council small grants Policy. The Parish Council resolved the following grant awards

RE Engage Brent Knoll :	£300.00
Sedgemoor CAB :	£50.00
Mendip Community Transport	£50.00
Somerset Air Ambulance	£50.00

Total of grants approved                      **£450.00**

**178/21 MATTERS OF REPORT**Matters Raised for future discussion

Telephone Kiosk re location to Village Green.  
 Bus Back Better.  
 Parish Councillor Training.  
 Electoral Information for 2022.

Some Members of the Parish Council raised concerns about visits to homes, emails and statements about failure to use the shop facilities.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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