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Public Session

MINUTES

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

PRESENT

Clr M Borland, Chairman Clr R Filmer, Clr B Freestone, , Clr A Holmes, Clr A Hurkett Clr D Knott, Clr N Summers, District Councillor A Gilling Owen Cullwick Clerk, and no members of the public

205/21: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS GIVEN

Apologies: received and accepted from Clr C Townsend, Clr J Harper and Clr W Camp,

Absent: Clr C Trivett -Bill

206/21: DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Clr Filmer declared a personal interest on matters relating to Sedgemoor and County as the elected Councillor for the District and the County.

207/21: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Resolution to approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of a meetings of the Parish Council on the **2nd February and the 16th February 2022**

208/21: PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

There were no planning matters

209/21: TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

(a)Footpaths: Follow up Matters

Current ongoing matters to be quoted for with our Hill Lane car Park agreed contractor

(a)The Bodys Lane surfacing and improvement project

(b)Applewthy 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 Kenny Gordon Contractor with a view of meeting with Clr C Townsend to discuss repair options

The Stile behind the church to be replaced with a gate and quotes to be sought the gate is available

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 agreed that they will be completed prior to the Jubilee celebrations in June

Some trees have been reported on the footpath around the reservoir and also on a footpath adjacent to the Bakers Field. The clerk will discuss removal with suitable contractors for tree removal. There is also a tread on a stile in need of replacement or repair in Ham Road

(b) Highways: Follow up Matter

(a) Works on drain in Brent Street due to commence very soon

(b) Crumbling road edging (previously reported)on Ham Road just past Cowslip Cottage

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

Report from Malcolm Borland for February who reported things were satisfactory apart from very long grass (due to start cutting soon)also that the play equipment needs some re painting.

Thanks were given to Cllr D Knott, Cllr R Filmer and Amanda Reason for work that was done on Sunday last in removing a huge amount of overgrown hedge on the car park adjoining the green and for further work at the end of Brent Street

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

Waiting Circulation

(e) The Chairman's Report

The Clerk read out the Chairman's Annual Report in his absence

(f) The Clerks Report

There were no matters raised by the clerk not already covered at this meeting

(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 still active although numbers have reduced

(b) Re organisation of the scrutiny committee now in place

(c) Government both Commons and Lords should soon legislate on the unitary

(d) Somerset County budget set at 3% including 1% social care

(e) Schools meal funding will continue for the time being

(f) Some Contingency plans to help with Ukraine support have been put in place

(g) Additional funding by government allowing increased Social Care support plus 13%

210/21: FINANCIAL MATTERS AND PAYMENTS

211/21: Statutory Payments resolved to approve for March 2022

212/21: Unanimously agreed to make payments as listed

213/21: Nichols facilities management for February 2022

£60.00

214/21: As previously agreed the Brent Knoll Charities fund will be used to support a needy resident with outside clearance project subject to suitable quotes with a final decision being taken on April 6th 2022

215/21: The Parish Council considered two quotes for upgrading and refurbishing the soon to be acquired car park facility in Hill Lane. The two quotes were close. The Council decided that contractor Kenny Gordon should undertake the work at a cost **of £3975.00** plus Vat. It is anticipated that this work will be undertaken once the legal ownership has been established

216/21: ONGOING MATTERS (Reported updates only)

217/21: Highway Weight Restrictions within the village: Ongoing Issue

218/21: 20 mph Restrictions near the School: Ongoing Issue should be implemented over the coming 12 to 18 months.

219/21: 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. Funding has now been provided to continue a local service until October and use of this facility is urged.

220/21: Community Shop Updates

There were no new matters for consideration or update

221/21: Correspondence

1. Cedar Close to Manor Ride Signage (Clerk to follow up)
2. Middle Street Planning ongoing / changes nothing at this stage for the Council to consider.

222/21: NEW MATTERS OF CONSIDERATION (Decisions to be taken)

223/21 Elections 2022

The Clerk re iterated the need for papers to be served in person at Sedgemoor District Council between 21st March and 5th April for those wishing to serve on the Parish Council

224/21: Queens Jubilee Celebrations 2022

There was no report at this meeting on any updates however a request has been made by the co-ordinator about a publicity banner to be erected on the car park highlighting events. The Parish Council are happy to allow this however not to be bolt fixed but by some form of strapping as is used by the fete.

225/21: HILL LANE CAR PARK ACQUISITION 2022

This matter is progressing to a conclusion

226/21: Surgery Attendance in April (5th 10am to 12 noon)

Cllr W Camp will attend this surgery and will also do the green inspection for March

227/21: Telephone Post Box and Notice Board

The Notice board will be refurbished and placed at Bakers Field in due course however both the telephone Kiosk and Post Box will be re located once the shop future building is considered.

228/21: The Annual Parish Meeting

The meeting will comprise

Mark Shelford Police and Crime Commissioner (Your chance to meet him and ask questions

All Speed matters to be updated

The Bus Back Better Project (Brian)
The Jubilee Celebrations
The Community Shop Project update

229/21: Time Capsule

A working group of Cllrs Holmes, Freestone and Hurkett will meet to consider this idea over the coming weeks

230/21 MATTERS OF REPORT

Matters Raised for future discussion

A Bungalow in Brent Street causing some concern as it has become an environmental issue is to be raised with the District Council.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

April 6th 2022 7pm Parish Hall Jubilee Room. Parish Surgery **April 5th 2022 10am to 12 noon** Jubilee room. Any urgent planning matters on 16th March if needed