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Public Session

MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of **Brent Knoll Parish Council** on **Wednesday 4th January 2023** at 7pm when the following business was transacted.

PRESENT

Cllr M Borland, Cllr R Filmer, Cllr J Gray, Cllr M Kingscote, Cllr J Mathews, Cllr A Reason, Cllr C Townsend (**Chairman**) Cllr T Woods and Owen Cullwick Clerk, and 2 members of the Public and 1 officer from Sedgemoor DC

174/22: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS GIVEN

Apologies: Received and accepted from Cllr S Bougourd, Cllr D Knott and Cllr A Povey

175/22: 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 R Filmer declared a DPI on matters relating to his role as a trustee on discussions of grant allocation and personal interest on matters relating to the grant application from St Michael's Church as a member of the friends of St Michael's group. Cllr M Kingscote declared an ORI On planning application no 07/22/00022 as a recent previous occupation of a nearby property and involvement with a local committee group in the location.

176/22: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Resolution to approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of **7th December 2022** this was unanimous.

Cllr R Filmer left the meeting for all planning matters and Cllr M Kingscote left the meeting for application 07/22/00022 and returned all other applications

07/22/00022: Erection of a two storey dwelling with 3 parking spaces separately installation of window to rear (NW) elevation and 1 parking space to 12 Laurel Avenue at **12 Laurel Avenue Brent Knoll TA9 4BD**

Response: The Parish Council considered all of the issues surrounding this application and also listened to the Homes in Somerset officer. The Parish Council

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objected to this proposal on the grounds of parking and highway issues. The road in which this property is to be developed is very narrow with little turning facility it already has very limited parking space and the Parish Council take the view that any additional strain on the road space would create a safety of access issue particularly in regard to accessibility of emergency vehicles. Also some privacy issues regarding a neighbouring property.

07/22/00032: Installation of 5 rapid charging points and associated infrastructure to existing car park **at Sanders Garden World Bristol World TA9 4HJ**

Response:

The Parish Council support this application on the grounds of environmental improvement to the business. Unanimous

07/22/00034: Erection of dwelling with garage and associated works on site of existing (to be demolished) **at Westways Harp Road, Mark Somerset TA9 4PF**

Response: No Observations unanimous

Cllr Filmer returned to the meeting

177/22: TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

(a) Footpaths: Follow up Matters

The footpaths extremely muddy at present consistent with the time of year. It was noted that a Kissing Gate currently stored at Ball Copse Hall will be installed during the Spring. Also the footpath now cleared and improved from the corner of the water tanks to the Bakers Land. It is intended to set up an arrangement with Steve Pinn to clear annually.

(b) Highways: Follow up Matters

Areas of the railway bridge in Station Road require attention as some parts have sunk in places on the road creating a poor surface. To be reported to highways

An area from Burton Row through Middle Street has developed a hole which was previously repaired report to Highways

Brent Corner Bend has been raised by a local resident as being very unsafe. This has been an area of concern over many years and has limited solution options however the Clerk will write again to the owner of September Cottage and request even further cut back of hedge intrusion which has clearly exacerbated the problem. It will also be raised with Aileen Fletcher at the County on her next visit

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

Cllr D Knott report due after this meeting and will be reported on at the February 1st meeting

Cllr Sarah Bougourd to carry out January Inspections_

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

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Concern was raised on this pre circulated report about the security aspects of the roundabout. This concerns the temporary barrier that has been placed around the roundabout whilst we await the surface repair due soon.

(e) The Chairman's Report

No new matters raised at this meeting

(f) The Clerks Report

The Clerk updated the meeting on the previous day's Parish Surgery when we had Cllr R Filmer and Cllr M Kingscote together with 4 members of the public the following areas of concern were raised

- (a) Speed Indicator Device placement additions Burton Row
- (b) Data and information flow to Police and what happens to it
- (c) General speed mitigation measures and signage
- (d) Cold Calling issues starting to emerge

(g) The Police Report/ Speed watch/SID

ANPR The Council has received a grant cheque of £5000.00 which is a significant contribution towards the £5900.00 cost of the unit. a letter of thanks has been sent to the Police Community Trust from the Chairman. A resolution to approve the purchase of this unit was formally agreed unanimously by the Parish Council. It is hoped to set up a meeting with other Parish Councils namely Lympsham and East Brent in due course together with Stuart Nichols of facilities management to discuss the further matters relating to the installation of this piece of equipment.

178/22: District and County Councillor report for November Cllr Filmer

Matters updated on following

- (a) Council over spend £21.5 Million
- (b) Unitary re organisation plans progressing
- (c) New Bus scheme to instigate £2.00 fares for all Journeys in the County
- (d) Virgin Media fined for road digging infringements
- (e) Tier 2 Director level jobs currently being decided from the Districts

179/22: FINANCIAL MATTERS AND PAYMENTS

180/22: The Statutory payments list was approved for month of January 2023 as agreed in April as minute no 238/21

Variable Payments

Plumbing Solutions call out / new taps toilet block	£166.90
Clerks Allowances and Expenses for period Oct to Dec 2022	£385.24
Nichols Facilities Management November services for December	£70.00

181/22: It was resolved to make the variable payments for January 2023

182/22: Under the Parish Council grant Policy and further to the applications received recently the Parish Council has made the following grants to local groups.

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Cllr Filmer left the meeting having declared an interest in Parish Hall grant decisions and St Michaels's Church grant decisions

The Parish Hall: to contribute for the provision of Solar panels **£250.00**

St Michael's Church: for the provision of a footpath to remembrance garden **£350.00**

Re Engage: to contribute to the work of this local charity **£250.00**

CAB: to support the work of the organisation to local individuals **£100.00**

183/22: Resolution to approve all of the payments to be made in February

Cllr Filmer Returned to the meeting.

184/22: 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 2023

185/22: Correspondence

(i) Local resident concerns over safety at Brent Corner discussed under 177/22
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186/22: NEW MATTERS OF CONSIDERATION (Decisions to be taken)

187/22: 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 (Now confirmed in writing from the Communities dept)

(b) Paul Martin will complete design and specification process Mid February

(c) We will place advertising in the BKN Website and local press this month for interested parties who may wish to receive a tendering pack

(d) The Shop Management group to complete their discussions with their legal advisor on the leasing from the Parish Council

189/22: Surgery Attendance January 31st 2023 (10am to 12 noon)

Cllr C Townsend and or Cllr A Reason will attend on 31st January

190/22: Car Park Security Hill Lane

A rubbish bin to be installed at this location Clerk to order as per Hill Lane unit from Glasdon uk. Also Signage to be arranged with the following wording

BRENT KNOLL PARISH COUNCIL
Free Parking
Parking restrictions and Conditions

Brent Knoll Parish Council accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to vehicles parked in this car Park or the contents therein. unless the the damage is caused by its negligence

For your own safety and in consideration of other users of this Car Park

No Camping or Vehicle repairs
no racing or reckless driving
No Games or other recreational activities
Vending only with Parish Council permission

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191/22: Flag Pole Refurbishment

Cllrs D Knott Cllr A Povey and .Cllr A Reason are continuing their work to carry out the refurbishment of this unit and will be re installed in the coming weeks also updating on works to Apple Tree on the village green.

192/22: Flooding

Back in 2012 the Parish Council initiated a group of people to consider the matters relating to local flood concerns. Since that time much work has been completed by both the drainage Board and Wessex Water that have hopefully alleviated many of the concerns there has been one fresh incidence of domestic flooding recently and Cllr Filmer reported the flooding incident towards East Brent end of Burton Row. This has resulted in water entering a property.

The Parish Council has some equipment purchased in 2012 including the pump. Cllr Knott is being asked if he would take the equipment from the storage and check out its functionality so that the PC Can decide to maintain it or to sell it before the demolishing of the toilet block where the equipment is being held.

193/22: Warm and Social Project

Following on from the grants made to the Parish Council from The Community Council Somerset the warm space started in December and will now carry through until March at least we have a good rota of volunteers and this will continue on Fridays until at least March 11am to 2pm in the Jubilee Room.

194/22: Play Area Grants and Projects 2023

We currently have £3000.00 available in Trust Fund Grants and need to supplement this with additional grants in 2023 to support the purchase of a piece of disabled paly equipment to replace the roundabout it was agreed that Clerk and Chairman will pursue further grant application shortly in order to fulfil the additional finance needed. Once all finance is in place and the conditions are understood the Parish Council need to resolve to approve the purchase of suitable units.

Grant applications to

ASDA
EDF
Nutall Trust

195/22: MATTERS OF REPORT

Cllr Filmer updated meeting on the Bulb Planting
Cllr Reason suggested Tea and Coffee for meetings

DATE OF NEXT MEETING February 1st 2023 7pm Jubilee Room and a Parish Surgery on the 31st January in the Jubilee room 10am to 12 noon