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Public Session

MINUTES

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

PRESENT

Cllr M Borland, **Cllr R Filmer, (Chairman)** Cllr J Gray, Cllr M Kingscote, Cllr J Mathews, Cllr A Povey, Cllr A Reason, Cllr C Townsend, Cllr T Woods and Owen Cullwick Clerk, and 5 members of the Public.

The meeting opened with 1 member of the public addressing the Parish Council on speed mitigation measures within the village

22/23: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS GIVEN

Apologies: Received and accepted from Cllr D Knott

23/23: DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Cllr R Filmer Other Registerable interest (ORI) on all matters relating to his role as Councillor for the new Somerset Council. A dispensation granted on the 5th October 2022 re stated on matters relating to shareholding in the Community shop and is further declared at this meeting. Cllr T Woods, Cllr J Gray and Cllr A Povey, Cllr C Townsend and Cllr Mathews declared ORIs reflecting their shareholding in the Community shop. Cllr R Filmer declared an ORI On matters relating to Parish Hall.

24/23: MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were accepted by the meeting as a true and accurate record of the meeting held on 3rd May 2023 (The Annual Parish Council Meeting)

25/23: Statement from Cllr M Kingscote (Different to the agenda subject)

Cllr M Kingscote made a statement regarding the declaration of office of Cllr Filmer at May APCM. The meeting made no decisions on this statement.

26/23: The Clerk updated the membership on the following matters

ANPR

SID Data uploads

Annual Leave

DBS Checking

Email Listing circulated to members from the previous month of May

27/23: PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE PARISH COUNCIL

07/23/00006: Erection of a first floor Extension with two storey Extension to the NE and SW Elevations and formation of new vehicular access **at 65, Brent Street, Brent Knoll TA9 4DX.**

Response: The Parish Council objected to this proposal on the grounds that it is out of keeping with the surrounding street scene and neighbouring properties

28/23: WORKING GROUP REPORTS FOR JUNE 2023

The Footpaths Team

Water reservoir tanks footpath. There have been local comments regarding the lack of access to parts of the previously accessible footpaths which are claimed now to be on private land this is ongoing issue for land owners. Any landowner or resident who believes this to be a right of way should raise directly with Somerset Council.

The team will also do a footpath survey of all known paths and will update the Council over the coming months.

Highways Team

Potholes reported near the Red Cow
30 mph Roundels need refurbishment painting in Burton Row

The Buildings working group

Details of further progress with National Grid later on this agenda.

The Village Green / Car Park / Toilets

The green due to be cut once more before the village fete otherwise the green is in good shape. One of the picnic tables is reported to be in a poor state as previously noted and the gents Toilet toilet bowl requires a plumber. This will be requested.

The Parish Surgery 6th June 2023

There were no attendees at this surgery

Somerset Council member report

Cllr Filmer reported some matters that are currently worthy of mention as follows

£2.00 Bus Pass extension to October with increase to £2.50 from then
Large increase In Pothole grants from central government £5 million
Gritter increase in miles to 83,000 miles from 45,000 previous year during winter
Recycling of cartons / Tetrapaks now only via doorstep collection

29/23: FINANCIAL MATTERS AND PAYMENTS

Statutory Payments Listing for **June 2023** approved by the Parish Council unanimous as agreed for the current year 2023/2024

- (a) Contract
- (b) Staff payments
- (c) contract GB Sports
- (d) Water Account
- (e) Nichols facilities management

29/23: Statutory Payments resolution to approve for the month of June 2023

Variable Payments Listing for June 2023

Pata Payroll service for May 2023

£8.60

30/23: It was resolved to make the variable payments for June 2023

Proposal by Cllr J Mathews for a policy on the payment of expenses incurred by a member. The clerk clarified the position that expenses are payable where previous approval has been granted by a majority of the meeting membership

31/23: NEW MATTERS OF CONSIDERATION (Decisions to be taken)

32/23: Play Equipment and grant

Together with the school, a survey amongst school children indicated a liking for the traditional pieces of equipment that may just require some updating however there is a strong indication that a Zip Wire (Low Level) or larger see-saw would be a very popular addition to the play area. Also a request for Diamond painting on grass or a 30 meter running track. These are all matters of an ongoing nature for the Council to consider, the Chairman will obtain further information."

33/23: Email Domain

The clerk has now registered the Council to the domain service provider in readiness to extend to all members a dedicated email address for Council business. unanimous decision for clerk to investigate further.

34/23: Parish Hall Representative from the Parish Council

The Parish Hall committee has invited a member of the Parish Council to become a trustee and represent the Parish Council alongside other local group representatives. Cllr A Povey and Cllr J Mathews were nominated and Cllr A Povey was elected by a majority Council decision.

35/23: Community Shop Matters and Building update

The Buildings working group have discussed the current proposals and options provided by National Grid in order to move the project forward.

The Parish Council has two options to consider as follows

Option1 Re routing the Power cable identified earlier in the year without the need for a sub station this would effectively require a level of trenching and would be moving the existing supply quality around the toilet block building to enable the work to commence in demolishing the toilet block and provide for a new building. This would be a relatively quicker option and could be completed in 4-6 months

Option2 Would add a sub-station to the area (location to be identified) and would ultimately improve the supply provision for future improvements within the area including potentially the adding of electric charging points. This option would take considerably longer in the planning by National Grid and would be a minimum of 12 months before commencement.

The decision to proceed with the re- routing of the power cable in such a way that keeps the option of the substation open by a majority decision.

36/23: Council Vacancy

Somerset Council has now been informed of the vacancy that exists and offered up the required notices to comply with legislative requirements. At the July meeting the Parish Council will consider the co-option process in line with the co-option policy adopted by the Parish Council in 2022.

37/23: Cllr J Mathews Proposal for consistency in naming proposers of items on the agenda

The clerk explained that as a general rule all matters placed on the agenda result from on going matters brought forward or general council matters that have arisen during the **1735**

month. However if any individual member wishes to make a proposal on a given topic it is good transparency to name the person who is making the proposal as it is individual rather than full Council.

38/23: Matters of Report

Matters for further discussion

Future of Telephone Kiosk
Meetings with builders
Brent Corner Signage
Solar additions on proposed new build

Meeting closed at 8pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Next main meeting of the Parish Council will be on July 5th 2023 at 7pm in the Jubilee room of the Parish Hall also a provisional meeting to be held on 21st June 2023 at 7pm in the Jubilee Room of the Parish Hall and a Parish Council Surgery on 4th July 2023 in the Jubilee Room between 10am and 12 noon