

## EAST BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

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The Minutes of a the East Brent Parish Council meeting held on  
Monday 12th September 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, East Brent.  
When the following business was transacted

**Present:** Cllrs Rawles, Webb, Lloyd Jones, Champion, Loader, Bees,  
Gilling, Woodward & Walker.

- 1. Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest.**  
Cllrs McGreavy, Bowden, Filmer & Jim Murray (Clerk).  
Declaration of Interest from Cllr Gilling to avoid predetermination of  
planning applications.  
**Note:** Due to the absence of the Clerk to the Parish Council the minutes  
were taken by Cllr Bill Walker.
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016.**  
The minutes of the meeting held on the above date were agreed and  
signed as a correct record.
- 3. Matters Arising – Joseph’s Pound Children’s Play Area.**  
Cllr Walker reported that the grass had just been cut but in fact the grass  
was more clover than anything else. Some discussion followed with the  
result that Cllrs Rawles & Gilling are to explore the possibility of getting  
the area ‘slot seeded’ and/or weed killer sprayed by local certificated  
contractor, Gerry Goodall. Cllr Walker further reported that a decoration  
contractor had examined the rusty goal posts presently in situ and stated  
that re-painting was not a cost effective option. It was proposed by Cllr  
Lloyd Jones and seconded by Cllr Champion that the PC should accept  
the offer by the original supplier of the goal posts, Broxap, GB Sports  
WsM, to supply two new uprights for a cost of £38 + VAT (total  
£45.60p) – proposal agreed unanimously. Cllr Walker was asked to  
contact GB Sports ASAP. It was suggested that if the two activities i.e.  
the re-seeding and the removal of the old goalposts were coordinated,  
then the re-seeding would be more effective. It had also been noted  
during a routine inspection that some of the warning notices had been  
damaged or removed. Cllr Walker proposed, seconded by Cllr Lloyd  
Jones, that some more notices be purchased of a size and shape that  
would render them more robust. Proposal carried unanimously. During

the last routine inspection it had also been noticed that there was evidence that children (beach spades) had been digging holes (trip hazard) in the area – these had now been filled in.

Cllr Gilling left the meeting.

#### 4. **Planning.**

Application No 24/16/00024 – The Stables Business Park, Bristol Road, Rooksbridge, Axbridge. BS26 2TT. The siting of two shipping containers for storage purposes. After some discussion and viewing a short video film of the area it was proposed by Cllr Champion, seconded by Cllr Webb, that the PC support the application. Proposal carried unanimously. Application No 24/16/00025 – Dwelling, Oldmead Lane, Rooksbridge. BS26. Change of use of agricultural building to dwelling. Due to some confusion over the application number and location it was decided by the Chair to defer this item for another meeting – Cllr Rawles to investigate.

Cllr Gilling re-joined the meeting

#### 5. **Financial Matters.**

a)	Clerks salary	£ 756.64	(July & August)
b)	Clerks Exp. July/August	£ 45.00	
c)	Village Hall (extra hire)	£ 8.00	
d)	Defib Pads	£ 125.94	(awaiting invoice)
e)	CAB contribution	£ 100.00	
f)	Parish Annual Insurance	£1515.51	
g)	SID replacement batteries	£ 79.94	
	SID replacement connectors	£ 16.30	
h)	PGC Invoice 00006	£ 134.33	General areas
		£ 62,00	Rooksbridge verge
		£ 185.00	Joseph's Pound x 2
		£ 25.00	Strimming A370
i)	PGC Invoice 00007	£ 586.00	Cemetery
j)	PGC Invoice 00012	£ 105.00	Knoll Inn-War Mem
		£ 57.75	Hedges opp M.Chapel
k)	PGC Invoice 00013	£ 95.00	Butchers corner.

The above payments were discussed and it was proposed by Cllr Champion, seconded by Cllr Lloyd Jones that these payments be made. Proposal carried unanimously.

**Note:** Item d was amended to £125.94p and Item g the cost of which was split between two invoices.

**6. Community Led Housing Survey.**

This document was discussed and completed accordingly for the Clerk to return.

**7. SALC AGM.**

Somerton 10am 17.09/2016.

Cllr Colin Loader will be attending.

**8. Annual Service Questionnaire.**

This document was discussed and Cllr Lloyd Jones volunteered to complete it and send to the Clerk for returning to SDC.

**9. Planning Training**

Planning Training Event, 6pm Bridgwater House, King Square.

Cllrs Rawles, Loader & Walker to attend.

**10. Matters of Report.**

(a) Chairperson. Cllr Rawles reported that as the commitments of the Clerk had changed it was now possible to return to having the PC meetings on the first Monday of each month and because of his commitments this arrangement would allow Dist Cllr Filmer to attend meetings more often. Proposed by Cllr Rawles, seconded by Cllr Woodward. Agreed unanimously. Cllr Rawles to contact Liam Gill of the Highways Department to complain about the standard of work during the clearing of the roadside pathway from the traffic lights to the War memorial.

(b) Councillors. Cllr Webb reported that she and Cllr Gilling had attended a meeting called by James Heapey MP about the cessation of bus services within Sedgemoor. Other attendees were representatives from SCC & SDC and bus companies. The outcome of the discussions are ongoing. Cllr Webb also commented on the condition of the roadside hedges where, in some cases, they were overhanging the carriageway. Cllr Champion suggested that as the hedge-cutting programme, by the road authority, had been put back by a month, this problem should be solved when the hedge cutting commenced again. Last month Cllr Webb had brought to the attention of the PC the fact that very often, after the South West Partnership waste collection trucks had made their rounds, there was a lot of litter left on the roads. She had written to SDC Clean Surrounds but had had no acknowledgement of her letter. Cllr Webb offered to write again to Clean Surrounds. Cllr Webb further reported that there had been no response from Parishioners to her appeal for help to repaint the roadside 'finger posts'. It was suggested that the PC should get commercial quotations for this work – Cllr Webb offered to organise this.

Cllr Lloyd Jones gave a slide presentation on the War Memorial showing how, over the years, the adjacent trees and shrubs had grown to obscure quite a lot of the views of the Memorial. He went on to show that the metal, and wooden fences plus the concrete and wooden seat also need some attention. Cllr Webb offered to ask for volunteers to paint the wooden fence and Cllr Lloyd Jones offered to contact local tree surgeons to get quotes for the tree work. Cllr Loader mentioned that the car parking in the turning bays in Red House Road had not been resolved and was still a problem with no response from the local Police – Cllr Loader to progress further.

(c) Cemetery. The Cemetery Committee Chairman not being present there was no report.

(d) Clerk. The Clerk was not present.

The meeting ended at 21.20

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016