

# EAST BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of East Brent Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017, when the following business was transacted.

Present: Chairman Cllr V. Rawles, Cllr C. Loader, Cllr E. Champion, Cllr A. Gilling, Cllr B. Bees, Cllr B. Woodward, Cllr N Lloyd-Jones, Cllr J Bowden, Cllr S McGreavy  
In attendance the Clerk plus 2 parishioners

- 1. Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest and dispensations.** Apologies from Cllr Walker and County Cllr B Filmer. Re Planning – Cllr Gilling to avoid predetermination at Sedgemoor Development Committee.
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April and 24<sup>th</sup> April** the minutes of the meetings held - were agreed and signed as a correct record.
- 3. Matters Arising: - Joseph's Pound play area** – Cllr Rawles reported that the clover had now been sprayed. Following the initial grass cutting carried out by SDC – damage was noticed on some of the rubber matting along with one of the play equipment. Cllr Walker had already reported this SDC. The Council had received a quote to replace the damaged matting at a cost of £530. The Clerk to write to SDC informing them of the quote and asking them to either make the required repairs or the PC would go ahead with the work and seek reimbursement from SDC.

Cllr Gilling left the meeting at 7.45pm

- 4. Planning**
  - 24/17/00004** - Dolhurst, Delhorn Lane, Lympsham. Erection of outdoor equestrian arena – as the Council had already agreed to approve this application at the April meeting it was agreed to restate the comments as per the previous application.
  - 24/17/00011** - Mudgley Lodge Farm, Mudley Road, Rooksbridge BS26 2TL – erection of steel portal framed building for the storage of hay, straw and machinery. The Council agreed unanimously to support this application Proposed by Cllr Loader and seconded by Cllr Bowden.
  - 24/17/00008** - York House Farm, Rooksbridge Road, Rooksbridge BS26 2UD – re-roofing of an existing barn and erection of cover over existing yard – this had already been approved by SDC.

Cllr Gilling returned to the meeting at 7.50pm

**War Memorial Update** – Cllr Lloyd-Jones gave a presentation of all the work that had been carried out over the past 9 months and showed photographs of “before and after”. The works have come in well under the initial estimated budget. All the Councillors agreed it was a great improvement. There is another item to review and that is with the concrete posts that support the metal chain going around the memorial as these have deteriorated over the years. Cllr Lloyd-Jones is to make enquires as to what can be done and possible replacement options. It was agreed that the Clerk to write to the Webb family thanking them for their generous contribution of the new bench.

## 5. Financial Matters

a)	Clerks Salary (April)	£ 379.39
b)	Hire of hall for 11 meetings	£ 198.00
c)	Donation to Village Hall	£ 400.00
d)	Water meter at Cemetery	£ 20.62

It was agreed unanimously to authorise payment of the above invoices

6. **New Councillor** – The Clerk had received 3 applications (1 dropped out due a house sale issue so will now be moving to a property outside the Parish). A subcommittee was set up to start the interviews before the end of May.
7. **Speeding A370** – The Clerk had contacted the Lympsham Clerk and was agreed a joint request to place on the agenda at the next cluster meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> June. The Council’s SID is to be located outside Dulhorn Farm for data to be collected so that can be presented at the cluster meeting. Cllrs McGreavy, Walker and Rawles agreed to attend.
8. **Notice Boards** – Cllr Rawles and the Clerk had asked 3 contractors for quotes and will report back at the June meeting
9. **Goal Net Replacements** – the football goal nets and net supports have become after several years of use damaged and with the extensive use by children of this area is was agreed to replace the items. Cllr Lloyd-Jones had obtained a quote from the supplier and it was agreed that he is to go ahead and order the replacements items.
10. **Village Get Together** – the Clerk had received a letter from the Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset asking all communities to have a “get together” to remember the MP Jo Cox on the anniversary of her death. It was agreed that the Village Fete would be our contribution.

### **Matters of Report**

**Chairman** – reported that the special paint had now been ordered and the repainting of the fingerposts will be done as soon as possible. Concerns over the amount of litter discarded from cars from the fast food chains at the Sedgemoor services – the Clerk to write to Adrian Gardener at SDC once Cllr Rawles can let the Clerk have photographic evidence. The flower pots by the road sign on the A370 are to be replaced with something better suited and the existing ones ideally are to be repositioned at the War Memorial. Cllr Rawles to obtain some quotes for the a more suitable plant holder and report back at the June meeting.

**Cllr Lloyd-Jones** – informed the meeting that he had not heard any more yet from the Drainage Board about the impending works to be carried out at on Church Road and will follow up with them for an update. He has been in touch with PGC to carry out some strimming along the A370 around the signs after the recent verge cutting, plus at the old butchers corner. The proposed puffin crossing on the A370 was ongoing and nothing was going to be done until the end of the year after all the assessments had been carried out by SCC.

**Cllr Loader** – reported on the parking issue at Redhouse Road and Popham Close. As Cllr Loader had been monitoring the situation Popham Close was still an issue. The Clerk to write to Tom Dougal at SDC to see if yellow “turning point only” lines could be implemented.

**Cllr A Gilling** – reported that the damaged listed milepost signs are under consideration for repair via SDC.

**Clerk** – informed the Council of the meeting he had attended regarding the possible minibus service for the Village run by the community transport. Initial costings are working out to be very expensive and so not feasible and he asked for any updates to be given to the PC.

- The meeting closed at 8.45pm -