

EAST BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of East Brent Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Monday 3rd April 2017 at 6.30pm, when the following business was transacted.

Present: Chairman Cllr V. Rawles, Cllr C. Loader, Cllr E. Champion, Cllr J. Webb
Cllr W. Walker, Cllr A. Gilling, Cllr B. Bees, Cllr B. Woodward In attendance the Clerk plus 4 parishioners

- 1. Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest and dispensations.** Apologies from Cllrs McGreavy & Lloyd-Jones - Planning – Cllr Gilling to avoid predetermination at Sedgemoor Development Committee. Cllr Loader re 24/17/00005.
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 6th March 2017** the Minutes of the meeting held - were agreed and signed as a correct record.
- 3. Matters Arising: - Joseph's Pound play area** – Cllr Walker reported that on his regular inspection he noticed that some bolts had been stolen (now been replace) along with a damaged sign – again being replaced. Where possible he asked if we all can be vigilant when visiting the area.

Cllr Gilling left the meeting at 18.38pm

4. Planning

24/17/00004 - Dolhurst, Delhorn Lane, Lympsham. Erection of outdoor equestrian arena – the Council agreed to approve this application Proposed by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Bees. All in favour.

24/17/00005 - 1 Popham Close, Retention of existing fence. There are no further documents with this application. The Council had no observations with this application.

24/17/00006 - Land To The North West Of, White House Lane, Loxton. Erection of general purpose agricultural livestock building partly on site of hay store (to be demolished). The Council had no observations with this application.

24/17/00007 - Poplar Farm, Eastertown. Erection of a building for storage and distribution (Use Class B8) The Council agreed to approve this application. Proposed by Cllr Loader and seconded by Cllr Webb. All in favour.

24/17/00009 - 2 East Drive, East Brent. Erection of a conservatory to rear (SW) elevation (Re-submission of previous Appl. - 24/17/00001. The Council had no observations with this application.

24/17/00010 - Sedgemoor Services, Overflow Car & Coach Park. The Council had no observations with this application.

Cllr Gilling returned to the meeting at 18.55pm

5. Financial Matters

a)	Clerks salary (March)	£379.39
b)	Clerks Expenses (March)	£10.98
c)	Dave Criddle – gravel at gate of Cemetery	£60
d)	Fete Contribution	£275
e)	Ian Morgan Fencing at War Memorial	£1330.00 + VAT
f)	St Margaret's Donation	£50
g)	Glasdon - new bench at the War Memorial (Webb family)	£641.41- inc VAT

It was agreed unanimously to authorise payment of the above invoices

6. **CLLrs Duties** - the Clerk handed out an up to date listing of CLLrs duties for them to report back at the next meeting.
7. **New Councilors** – following the advertisement in the Parish Magazine the Clerk had received two applications to fill the post. As the Clerk had received the resignation from Cllr Webb due to her imminent house move – the vacancy will now be formally registered in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972.
8. **Email Parishioners** – The Clerk receives from time to time important emails from SDC (for example Council Tax Scamming) which requires urgent distribution not only to CLLrs but would be beneficial to all parishioners. Sometimes these emails miss the publication of the parish magazine. It was agreed for an article to be placed in the magazine to ask parishioners for their email address - this would then be registered with the Clerk - to set up a mailing list. Under the Data Protection act, these emails would be given willingly and stored **ONLY** on the Parish Council computer. This has proved successful in other Parishes.
9. **Public Space Protection Orders** – a consultation document has been asked by SDC if our Parish would like certain areas to be included. This would encompass anti-social behavior, dog fouling and drink/drug related problems. It was agreed that the following areas could be added: Rooksbridge amenity area, play area in East Brent, Cemetery car park and Joseph’s Pound. SDC will then consider these if there is enough evidence to support such orders.
10. **Matters of Report**

Chairman – reported on the fatality on the A370 – this is the 2nd within an 8 week period. It was agreed that the Clerk to contact the Lympsham Clerk about their concerns over speeding. The CLLrs to see if the SID could be installed near Dulhorn Farm so the data obtained can then be submitted to Highways/Police to help reduce speeding along this stretch of road.

Cllr Webb – as she is soon to be leaving the village, she has quite a few files which she has agreed to pass onto the Chairman for future reference (example Jubilee event etc.) At this juncture the Chairman made a presentation leaving gift on behalf of the Council to Cllr Webb thanking her for all her work over several years being a Cllr.

Cllr Bowden – reported the grass sale from the Cemetery had been registered with GTH – and asked the Clerk to contact funeral director Ashley Edwards about the marking up of a garden of remembrance plot. The litter box and road sign on Strowlands, near the Knoll Inn has fallen into the ditch. The Clerk to write to highways

Cllr Bees – reported that the drains at the Methodist Hall were blocked. Cllr Walker agreed to make enquires. The wall near the Knoll Inn had fallen into the ditch. Cllr Walker to let the Clerk have photographic evidence so he can contact SDC. He had been asked by some parishioners of the recent council tax bill was showing at 0.7% increase in the precept year on year. The Clerk stated that the precept had not been increased. Cllr Gilling explained that this may have been due to the error in the calculations of some Council Tax bills and was looking into it.

Clerk – to attend a meeting at East Huntspill re the loss of various bus routes in the area and will report back at the next meeting

The meeting closed at 19.35pm to make ready for the Annual Parish Meeting