

EAST BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of East Brent Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Monday 14th March 2016 at 7.30pm, when the following business was transacted.

Present: Cllr. B. Bees, Cllr. E. Champion, Cllr. N. Lloyd-Jones, Cllr. C. Loader, Cllr. V. Rawles, Cllr. W. Walker, Cllr J. Bowden, Cllr J Webb, Cllr. A. Gilling, - in attendance the Clerk

Before the meeting was opened Mr J. Stanford addressed the meeting enquiring why there had been an increase in the precept and requested details of the financial status of the Council. The Chairman explained that this would be answered at the next meeting which is the Annual Parish Meeting April 11th

1. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest.

Apologies: District Cllr B Filmer Cllr. S McGreavy, Cllr B Woodward

2. Minutes of the meeting on Monday 8th February 2016

The Minutes of the meetings held on the above date was agreed and signed as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising: Joseph's Pound Play Area - Rooksbridge - Cllr W Walker gave a detailed outline re the proposed playground equipment. He had attended various site meetings and obtained a quote for 4 pieces of equipment. The Parish Council had received 2 letters of complaint re the project and their comments were noted. RLT2 funding is available to fund the purchase of the equipment and after some discussion there were two options to propose.

Option 1 – leave the area as it is with just the football goal and seats and just carry on with the maintenance schedule that is in place now. However, we will have to address the problem of a high net fence.

Option 2 – add further equipment for younger children and with that would become additional expenditure as insurances, maintenance checks, annual inspections etc.

It was agreed unanimously for the Parish Council to proceed with the project without prejudice. To this extent there is to be an open meeting at the Annual Parish Meeting on April 11th 2016 at 7.30pm for all Parish residents to hear the proposals. Cllr W Walker to obtain another quote

4. Planning:

24/16/00005 - Dolhurst, Delhorn Lane, Lympsham BS24 0EB - Change of use of double garage to ancillary living accommodation. The Council agreed to support this application. Proposed by Cllr N Lloyd Jones and seconded by Cllr C Loader. All in favour

24/16/00006 - Unit L2 Mendip Business Park Mendip Road Rooksbridge BS26 UG
Erection 2 storey extension - This application has been deferred until the next meeting due to the plans being altered

24/16/00007 - Prospect Farm Cottages, Strowlands. TA9 4JH - Retention of a shelter for showman's wagon - The Council agreed to support this application. Proposed by Cllr E Champion and seconded by Cllr C Loader. All in favour

5. Financial Matters:

- a) Reimbursement to Parish Magazine £107.50 (Customer paid into wrong account)
- b) Payment of SID £2882.01
- c) Highways Training / Lantra Cards £800 + VAT
- d) Clerks Salary £328.32
- e) Buncombes - install of defibrillators £288 + VAT
- f) Premier Trophies - Xmas Tree £25.00

It was agreed unanimously to pay all the above invoices

- 6. Road Widening (Butchers Corner)** - Cllr N Lloyd Jones informed the meeting of emails he has had with Transport Development at SCC stating that the PC is to be kept updated and be given the opportunity to provide their feedback on any potential scheme that SCC are now looking into. There is a level of concern about increasing speed of traffic and pedestrian safety.
- 7. Footpath East Brent Village Green** - Work on the footpath is progressing and the PC had received an email from Sedgemoor that the cost for completing the path related works will be met by Sedgemoor in the new financial year.
- 8. Planning Application 24/15/00040 – Leon Estates opposite Knoll Inn** – Cllr Walker reported that although the original Order 215 had lapsed, it had now been re-instated as of the beginning of March. Despite contacting the Enforcement Officer of SDC there was nothing to report regarding the Enforcement Order that had been raised against the site. Cllr Gilling to follow up with SDC.
- 9. Finger Post update** – Cllr J Webb updated the meeting about conversations and correspondence with Somerset County Council in connection with volunteers carrying out the painting of the posts. This had been agreed in principle by SCC as long as their guidelines are met re Transport Chapter 8, Section 171 licence.
- 10. Annual Parish Meeting format** - after much discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council meeting will now take place at 6.30pm followed by the Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7.30pm where a talk would be given by Rev Simon Lewis in connection with the future of the Church "Pitching our Tent". District Councillor Mr J Denbee has been invited speak. After which will be an open meeting re the Joseph's Pound play area with an opportunity for all Parishioners to have input into the proposed new children's apparatus
- 11. Correspondence** - The Chairman read an email from the secretary for the Mayor at Weston super Mare asking permission to wear his Chain of Office at a private function within East Brent in April. This was granted.
Cllr Walker reported that there had been a number of Emails, via the website, regarding the work that has been done by SDC on the East Brent Village Green from a Mr P Shore. He had been advised to liaise directly with SDC.
- 12. Matter of Report**
Cllr J Webb informed the meeting of an email she had received regarding dog mess in the Churchyard. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Sedgemoor (Mr D Aggett) to inform him and also the possibility of installing a Dog bin. Cllr Webb had spotted a large amount of fly tipping on White House Lane – and had reported the matter to Clean Surroundings at Sedgemoor DC. It was suggested that photographic evidence should also be submitted. The Chairman also agreed to report the issue as well.

It was agreed by all Cllrs that there was to be a Parish Litter Picking day - Saturday 14th May was confirmed and arrangements can now be made to ask Sedgemoor DC for the loan of litter picking equipment - bags and gloves. An article to be placed in the Parish Magazine

Cllr N Lloyd Jones updated that the 8 people that took part in the Highways training and Lantra tests regarding the Speed Indicator Display. There were a couple of road signs, Brent Road and Burton Row that needed to be addressed.

The Clerk informed the meeting of the following:

- a) ACV for the Knoll Inn had been lodged by the Knoll Inn Supporters with Sedgemoor
- b) The bank account for the Cemetery (the balance to be transferred to the PC current account) to be closed but reports on specific Cemetery income and expenditure would remain
- c) The possibility of having internet banking but as a "read only" to be actioned as soon as possible
- d) He has found out how long PC documents have to be retained for

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

The next meeting of East Brent Parish Council will be Monday 11th April 2016 at 6.30pm at East Brent Village Hall followed by the Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7.30pm