

EAST BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the of the Meeting of East Brent Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Monday 8th January 2018, when the following business was transacted.

Present: Chairman Cllr B. Walker, Cllr B. Bees Cllr C. Loader, Cllr N. Lloyd-Jones, Cllr H. Broderick Cllr A. Gilling, Cllr B. Woodward, Cllr J. Bowden, Cllr C. Searle
In attendance the Clerk and 7 Parishioners

1. Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest and dispensations.

Cllr Rawles - Re Planning - Cllr Gilling to avoid predetermination at Sedgemoor Development Committee.

2. Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 4th December 2017: were agreed and signed as a correct record.

As 6 Parishioners had come to the meeting to ask for an update on the proposed crossing at Rooksbridge the Chairman allowed time for a non-agenda item to be discussed. As the Council is awaiting a Safety Audit report from SCC and as soon as this was available it would be shared with the Parishioners. The Clerk to write to SCC asking at what stage the proposal is at.

3. Matters Arising: Josephs Pound – **None**

Cllr Gilling left the meeting at 7.55pm

4. Planning

24/17/00033 - Yew Tree Cottage Bridgwater Road TA9 4HP proposed formation of 2 pedestrians access bridges, creation of a wooden garden pagoda

24/17/00036 - Tractor Shed The Stables Business Park BS26 2TT – retrospective application for change of use of part agricultural building to B1 use

24/17/00037 - Burton Row Farm Burton Row TA9 4DA – replacement conservatory roof with tiles roof and installation of 3 French doors to the East elevation

24/17/00038 - Milepost Bristol Road East Brent – temporary removal to allow repair and re-siting to increase visibility

The Council agreed unanimously to support all the above applications.

Cllr Gilling re-joined the meeting at 8.10pm

5. Financial Matters

a)	Clerks Salary -	£379.39 (December)
b)	Clerks Expenses -	£18.81 (December)
c)	Spratt Plant Hire re hedge cutting at Cemetery	£90.00 + VAT
d)	Premier Trophies re Xmas Tree	£20.83 + VAT
e)	Tins of Biscuits x 2 re Cemetery gate openings	£11.00

It was agreed unanimously to authorise payment of the above invoices.

6. **One Way road system on Brent Road from its intersection of A370 and approach to the Knoll Inn:** Kevin Bray addressed the meeting over his concerns of the amount of traffic ignoring the one-way system and asked the Council what could be done as an accident is likely to occur with cars, cyclists and horse riders ignoring the one way direction. It was agreed to use the speed indicator unit to ascertain how many vehicles are in fact going through this section of road the wrong way over a period of time.

Following the speed indication unit activity the PC can inform the SCC Highways Department of the number of vehicles miss using this section of road and ask if any other possible steps could be taken to limit people using this section of road incorrectly. Also the PC can put an item on this subject in the Parish magazine and a poster on the noticeboard especially by the village hall.

7. **Phone Box:** Cllr Lloyd-Jones informed the meeting the projected cost to renovate the old phone box is between £400 to £600 and there would be certain ongoing costs to the Council. After much discussion it was agreed to look to sell the phone box. However, before this is done that the Editor would put an article in the Parish magazine asking for suggestions for practical uses for the telephone box - these need to be viable and cover the costs of having the unit. This was proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr Woodward. All in favour. Also as part of the article to be placed in the magazine it will ask what any possible funds raised from the sale could be used for, ie. a new bench in that area.

8. **Matters of Report**

Chairman – informed the meeting that he will soon be sending out the invoices for all the advertisers in the Parish magazine for this coming year. An application made to the War Memorial Trust to help pay for the recently completed memorial structural survey work will not be progressed as grants do not cover retrospective work. However, a new application could be made when ready concerning placing additional names on the War Memorial.

Cllr Loader – stated there could be up to 8 names of people that may warrant being added to the memorial. However, it will be necessary to gain the required permissions from certain parties before anything is taken forward and Cllr Loader pointed out that one side is blank with no names so maybe that could be the area to use.

Cllr Bees – informed the meeting of a speed sign which needs to be re fixed at the bottom of Hill Lane. Also at the bottom of Hill Lane 2 kerb stones need to be repaired. Cllr Bees to contact SCC Highways on both matters. On Manor Road there seems to be a lot of dog fouling on the footpath. Cllr Walker to write to Clean Surroundings to inform them of the problem.

Cllr Bowden – stated it would be an idea to ask for someone from SPARKS to be invited to our AGM. The Clerk to write to ask if this can be done.

Cllr Gilling – has reported to Clean Surroundings of the amount of litter in the verges between Rooksbridge and East Brent.

Cllr Searle – stated that arrangements are in hand to organize a village litter pick up with Cllr Broderick. The Clerk to send a copy of a risk assessment required by SDC.

Cllr Lloyd-Jones – stated that Somerset CC are withdrawing the Speed Indicator Device (SID) programme due to financial reasons. Fortunately, this does not impact our Parish as we have been using the SID purchased by the Parish council for the past 2 years.

- The meeting closed at 9.10pm -