

## EAST BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of East Brent Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018, when the following business was transacted.

Present: Chairman B. Walker, Cllr B. Bees, Cllr C Searle, Cllr N. Lloyd-Jones, Cllr B. Woodward, Cllr C. Loader, Cllr V. Rawles, Cllr H. Broderick, Cllr J Bowden

In attendance the Clerk and 10 Parishioners

1. **Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest and dispensations.**  
Cllr E. Champion, County Cllr B. Filmer and Cllr A. Gilling
2. **Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018:** were agreed and signed as a correct record.
3. **Matter arising: Josephs Pound** – Cllr Rawles reported that the playing field was looking good and no issues following the annual inspection.
11. As 3 people (land owner, their planning agent and a SDC Affordable Housing representative) were in attendance as were some 20 parishioners, the Chairman asked for this agenda point to be brought forward. The delegation outlined the plans for the possible new housing project on the field at the end of Old Bristol Road and much discussion took place. A housing need survey has been distributed to all households within the Parish and SDC will present their findings at the October meeting. A copy of the SDC Affordable Housing briefing document will be placed on the Parish Council's web site.
4. **Planning** - None - However 2 applications were received too late for this meeting's agenda and an extension has been asked for, if not granted an extra planning meeting must called before the 22<sup>nd</sup> September.
5. **Financial Matters**
  - a) Clerks Salary – July/August £ 781.74
  - b) Clerks Expenses – July/August £ 78.85
  - c) A1 Gardening – Village maintenance (July) £ 462.00 inc. VAT
  - d) A1 Gardening – Village maintenance (August) £ 414.00 inc. VAT
  - e) SALC Planning Seminar £ 60.00
  - f) Hire of Hall for Planning meeting £ 18.00
  - g) Annual Safety Inspection Joseph's Pound £ 80.00
  - h) PGC Contracting (508) Parish Maintenance £ 223.00
  - j) PGC Contracting (509) Parish Maintenance £ 112.00
  - k) Maintenance of bench at Cemetery (D. Criddle) £ 50.00

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

6. **Red Phone Box** – work has now commenced, and a further update will be given at the next meeting. Further quotes to redecorate the inside of the telephone kiosk to be sought
7. **Ideas to Improve the Parish** – Cllr Searle gave some suggestions; outdoor exercise equipment in the play area on Brent Road, to tarmac the Cemetery car park and possibly put in parking bay lines. Funding was to be looked along with costs and the practicalities of such changes. The flower containers by the EB road sign on the A370 do look good, but are very small and Cllr Rawles to look into the possibility of sourcing larger units.
8. **Road Signage** – the old Rossholme School sign opposite to the entrance to Church Road has still not been taken down – the Clerk to write again to Highways to action along with a possible site meeting to review what can be done with any other signage in that location to both make it clearer that there is the EB school at the end of Church Road and that it is a no through road.
9. **Litter Pick Up Request** – following on from the excellent Parish Litter Pick Up earlier on in the year – the PC had received a request for another one to take place. The Council agreed and Cllr Broderick will set a date for around early October. Details will be placed in the Parish Magazine.
10. **Reserved Plaques at Cemetery** – because of the costs involved to place nearly 30 such named plaques in the Cemetery (re the current number of ERB's) – it was agreed to have "Next Plot" plaques produced to help eliminate any confusion with the plots to be used with the Funeral Directors. The Clerk to obtain quotes.
12. **Cluster Meeting November 21<sup>st</sup>** – as Cllr Gilling was not at the meeting – this point to be carried forward to the next meeting.
13. **Recreational Area – Mendip Road** – the Clerk informed the meeting that the Dog Warden had visited the site quite a few times and erected new dog fouling signage and given the Clerk a contact at SDC to ask for a dog bin to be installed at a cost to SDC, as the land is owned and managed by SDC
14. **RLT2/CIL Funding** – Cllr Lloyd-Jones gave a detailed appraisal of the options to work with SDC to make further improvements to the well used children play equipment in the area off Brent Road. The various options were discussed and the PC agreed to replace both the old single child swing and the twin flat seat swing – the new child swing will have a dual Tango seat for parent and a child and the other swing will have a single flat seat and round nest swing. There will also need to be installation of new ground surface material for each new swing unit. This work to be carried out by SDC and funding will come from RLT2/CIL funds along with an amount from the PC's annual budget and financial reserves.
15. **Missing names at War Memorial** – Cllr Loader has now obtained quotes for the work to be carried out for the six names missing on the memorial and is making the required application to gain approval to add the names. Hopefully this work can be undertaken ready for the Remembrance Service in November.
16. **Footpath Clearance** – the Chairman is to contact PGC to ask for all the overgrown brambles etc. to be cut back on the footpath along Jarvis Lane.
17. **Letter from CI Lisa Simpson – Policing Commander** – the Chairman has completed the online survey and gave the correct web site details for others to go online and give their feedback to the Chief Inspector re the proposed changes to be made for policing in the Southwest.
18. **Remembrance Sunday – Bugler** – the Chairman stated that we do not have a Bugler for the Remembrance Service in November and asked if everyone could ask their contacts to see if anyone can be found who could play at this the 100 year anniversary.

**19. Matters of Report:**

**Chairman** – informed the meeting that applications for the SCC Chairman’s Service to the Community Awards have been submitted for Betty Griffin and Rita Thomas for all their efforts over many year with the Harvest Home.

**Cllr Loader** – asked if the Clerk could ask SDC - if flower bulbs are going to be supplied for next year and if so when.

**Cllr Bowden** – still not heard from Highways about the layby on the A370 re the missing cover and the possibility of asbestos being dumped - the Clerk to chase SDC. Also it was felt that it would be useful to resurrect the “To Do List” so items are not missed from previous meetings.

**Cemetery** – Cllr Bowden informed the meeting that the Committee had agreed for the removal of 8 Dutch Elms trees and to obtain quotes for the grass edging to be tidied up. A kissing gate has been offered by SCC to replace the damaged wooden stile at the entrance to the Cemetery - the Clerk is to arrange with SCC the collection of this unit as that is required and then it's installation.

**Cllr Searle** – stated that the large tree at the entrance to Rossholme had now been cut back – the tree has been inspected and pollard end by a tree surgeon and is declared as safe. Fund raising is now taking place to help with the advertising to find a new Parish Vicar as this is a requirement in the recruitment process. Cyclists and horse riders still appear to be ignoring the no entry sign near the Knoll Inn as you pass the village hall despite the new road signage.

**Cllr Lloyd- Jones** – Parish maintenance is on going and work will soon be carried out to tidy up outside the Village Hall and dropping off point. He had been in touch with the Drainage Board asking when the improvement works planned for Church Road will take place and it appears the Board are waiting on quotes to their work tender. As the Councils Insurance is soon coming up for renewal he is working along with the Clerk to obtain quotes from other insurance companies, as this item has now become a significant cost at some £2,000 a year (mainly due to the high rebuild cost for the war memorial).

The meeting closed at 9.55pm

**Date of next meeting Monday October 1st at 7.30pm**