

EAST BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of East Brent Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Monday 12th May 2014 at 7.30pm, when the following business was transacted.

Present: Councillors; Cllr J. Bowden, Cllr V. Rawles, Cllr Cllr J. Webb, Cllr B. Woodward, Cllr Y. Roscorla, Cllr N. Lloyd-Jones, Cllr W Walker.

Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Mr Bob Filmer and Cllrs S. McGreavy, E. Champion, A. Gilling, B. Bees and Martin Shobbrook (Clerk).

With the absence of the Chairman Cllr E Champion, the Vice Chairman Cllr V Rawles, officiated at the meeting and Cllr Walker acted as Clerk.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on Monday 7th April and Monday 14th April 2014, were signed by the Vice Chairman as being a true reflection of the business carried out by this Parish Council on those dates.

Matters Arising:

Minute 04/13: Parish Magazine:

Cllr Walker (as website administrator) informed the meeting that, via the website email system, a Mr Mark Crossland, of Pavenar Printing, Castle Cary, had offered his services as to printing the magazine. After a brief discussion it was decided to pass Mr Crosslands details on to the Editor. There were comments on the facts that the delivery timing and distribution appeared to have improved. It was decided to include this item on the agenda for the next general meeting.

Minute 24/12: Defibrillator Equipment.

Cllr Webb reported that the second defibrillator will not be affixed to the Medical Centre (MC) building but to/within a purpose built wooden cabinet adjacent to the MC notice board. Cllr Webb is to approach local carpenters for quotes for the construction.

Following on from this subject Cllr Webb also mentioned 'VETS' (Village Emergency Telephone System). This is a system to assist in the lone rescuer situation where the rescuer must stay with the patient, and yet needs help in fetching the community defibrillator. By using a single memorable telephone number which will ring up to 10 lines simultaneously until a helper is found to assist.

VETS uses a 'hunting group' technology and is not a telephone tree, ie ALL telephone numbers ring at the same time, not one after another. At least one number has to be a landline. Cllr Webb handed around a leaflet describing how the system works - Cllr Walker offered to post it on the Parish Website and to send it to the Editor of the Parish magazine as general information.

Cllrs Rawles, LloydJones and Walker all volunteered their telephone numbers these, together with those of Gerry Webb, Claire Thomas (Rooksbridge Physio) and the Landlord & Landlady of the Knoll Inn, offers us a total of 6 telephone numbers to utilise in the event of an emergency.

Minute 03/13: Horse Chestnut Trees on the 'Village Green'

Cllr LloydJones said that it has been difficult to arrange a meeting due to annual leave, but it has finally been arranged with the SDC Landscape Officer, for Thursday 15th May at the site of the trees. Attending for EBPC will be Cllrs Rawles, LloydJones, Bowden, Webb, Woodward and Walker.

Minute 08/13: The play area at Pill Road, Rooksbridge

Cllr LloydJones reported that he had secured the costs for the discharge of the planning conditions - £48.50p. (50% discount for PC).

Cllr Gilling has given his permission for access, via the Pill Lane gate, on to the land to commence work, when conditions allow. The boundaries have been marked out by Cllrs LloydJones & Walker. The sheltered housing builder/association have agreed to construct a suitable perimeter fence and to remove a large bank of soil/rubble before Gary Bowden begins work on the land and to provide a 3.5 metre entrance to the field off of Clare Court which will be finalised once the field is in full use. This entrance is the subject of an access licence, a draft version of which has been kindly drawn up by the Clerk, Mr Martin Shobbrook, and has been sent to Mr Phil Yorke, Housing Assoc, for acceptance.

It is hoped that the final lease will be signed at the end of May 2014.

It is not expected that the field will be in use this year – if it is used too soon then it will damage the new surface and grass, but, if all goes to plan then it will be in full use in the Spring of 2015 after the purchase of the equipment.

It is expected that the maintenance regime will call for the grass to be cut every 3 weeks (through the Summer months) with an inspection by EBPC every month together with a litter collection. There will be a notice board offering general rules of use together with a ban on all dogs onto the play area. There will be no litter bins in an effort to encourage users to take their litter home with them.

Minute 14/13: Planning Appeal relating to the Pilrow wind farm.

Cllr Walker reported that, as far as he was aware, there had been no change to the expected date of the Secretary of State's report ie 25th June 2014.

Minute 14/18: Approval of the Annual Accounts for the Year 2013 – 2014 before submitting them to both internal and external audit and finally to the Audit Commisioners.

Cllr LloydJones presented and explained the following accounts:

Main Items	Budget	Spend	Net Balance	Comments
Clerk's Salary	7500	6816	684	
Clerk's General Expenses	420	573	-153	
General Admin	240	268	-28	Clerk new laptop £250 + Xmas Tree
Professional Fees	165	135	30	Grant Thornton + R Young Financial Audits
Insurance	1550	1405	145	
Village Hall	300	267	33	Hire
Cemetary Loan	3820	3820	0	
Maintenance	900	1054	-154	£309 for sand containers + Verge cutting £725 + £20 signs
Dog Bin Services	750	836	-86	
Subscriptions	300	342	-42	Info Comm Office + Play Field Assoc + SALC £300
Donations	750	30	720	Wreath & Xmas Tree Lights
Magazine	500	1150	-650	
Playing Field	0	192	-192	Planning Application
Wind Farm	0	130	-130	Coach

Events	500	0	500	No funds specially used
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Totals = 17695 17018 677

Bank Main A/C 24000

Cemetary A?C 2700

VAT Reclaim 590

-uncleared cheques -1068

Net Balance 26222 75% 19667 Reserve balance to use
= £5000 (net of JB & Defib)

Precept 2014 to 2015 18290

Budget 2014 to 2015 18290

Jubilee Money 570

Defib Funds(Incl £1500) 810

The accounts were accepted unanimously.

PLANNING MATTERS

The Chairman read out the list of decided applications shown on the Agenda. Two of which had been approved by SDC and two had been withdrawn by the applicants.

The following new planning application was discussed:

Application No: 24/14/00008

Registered date: 08/04/2014

Type: Full Planning Permission

Applicant: Mendip Estates Ltd

Location: Units 1,2,3 and 4 Mendip Industrial Estate, mendip Road, Rooksbridge, Axbridge

Proposal: Erection of extension between two existing units to form additional warehousing accomodation

Case Officer: Chris Gomm

Cllrs McGreavy, Rawles and Woodward visited the location. Cllr Rawles explained the various merits of the application/proposal and, after some discussion, Cllr Rawles proposed, with Cllr Woodward seconding, that the application be approved by EBPC. The proposal was voted on and agreed unanimously.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following expenses were explained, debated and agreed:

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| 1. Clerk's expenses for April 2014 (postages, telephone, stationery etc) | £39.07p |
| 2. East Brent Village Hall Committee (hall hire fee 14/4/2014) | £18.00p |
| 3. Rooksbridge Playing Field discharge fee to SDC | £48.50p |

CORRESPONDENCE

One Email from Mr T Allen regarding the position of the dog waste bin in the cemetery. This was discussed and it was felt that as it had been in the same place for the past fourteen years, with no other complaints, then it should be left where it was. The acting Clerk to write to Mr Allen explaining this point of view.

MATTERS OF REPORT

1. Cllrs Bowden & Rawles both commented on the height of the grass on the roundabout at the junction of the A38 & A370, which was making the junction dangerous. The acting Clerk was asked to contact the Somerset Highways authority to bring the matter to their attention.
2. Cllr Rawles commented on the condition of the 'planters' adjacent to the EB village sign. It was agreed that this could be adjourned until the next general meeting.
3. Cllr Rescoria asked if the Highways Authority still sprayed weed killer in kerb sides. The acting Clerk was asked to enquire.
4. Cllr LloydJones reported that he had been in touch with Dave Agate of SDC regarding the replacement of the goalposts on EB village green. This matter had been discussed at length and was being progressed.
5. Cllr Webb asked Cllr Walker – Footpath Officer, if it was possible to get the footpath adjacent to her property better signed in order that tourists did not keep wondering on to her garden.
6. Cllr Walker reported that following the Annual Meeting when County Councillor John Denbee offered to help with the footpath problem adjacent to the new development in the Old Bristol road, he had written to Mr Denbee giving the names of the personnel involved both at SCC & SDC in the hope that this would aid a speedy resolution to a long standing problem. To be followed up at the next EBPC Meeting.

The next meeting of the East Brent Parish Council, which will be the AGM, will be on Monday 2nd June 2014 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

