

EAST BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of East Brent Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Monday 5th November 2018, when the following business was transacted.

Present: Chairman B. Walker, Cllr C. Searle, Cllr N. Lloyd-Jones, Cllr B. Woodward, Cllr C. Loader, Cllr J. Bowden, Cllr E. Champion, County Cllr B. Filmer Cllr A. Gilling Cllr H. Broderick
In attendance the Clerk

- 1. Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest and dispensations.** Cllr B. Bees, Cllr V. Rawles, **RE Planning** County Cllr B. Filmer & Cllr A. Gilling to avoid predetermination at Sedgemoor Development Committee.
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 1st October 2018:** were agreed and signed as a correct record.
- 3. Matter arising: Josephs Pound** - Cllr Walker reported the playing field was looking good, . some small remedial work on some of the equipment. Good news – there was no litter or dog mess

County Cllr B. Filmer & Cllr A. Gilling left the meeting at 19.33pm

4. Planning

24/18/00035 – prior approval of the proposed change of use of a light industrial building (B1) to a dwelling (C3) – Orchard Barns Bristol Road Rooksbridge BS26 2TG

24/18/00036 - change of use of land to yard and overspill car park - Mendip Business Park Mendip Road - BS26 2UG

24/18/00037 - erection of single storey to rear elevation and porch to front - Little Acre Mendip Road BS26 2UG

The Council agreed unanimously to support these applications

County Cllr B. Filmer & Cllr A. Gilling returned to the meeting at 19.45pm

5. Financial Matters

a)	Clerks Salary – October	£ 390.87
b)	Clerks Expenses – October	£ 18.42
c)	A1 Gardening – Village maintenance (19944 Oct)	£ 402.00 inc VAT
d)	Village Hall – Hire for planning meeting September	£ 18.00
e)	Water2 business – Cemetery 28.03.18 – 26.09.18	£29.21
f)	War Memorial Wreath	£15.00
g)	Clerks recompense	£90
h)	Media Edge – new Remembrance Booklet	£55

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

6. **National Grid Presentation** – There was a presentation made by 2 representatives from the National Grid explaining about the work which will be carried out from early 2019 to remove and replace the electricity pylons in our area over the next few years . A copy of the presentation will be placed on our web site and further presentations are planned in the New Year
7. **Housing Needs Report – delegation from SDC** – this was deferred till the next meeting
8. **Precept** – Cllr Lloyd-Lewis gave a detailed update on the budget to date and projected figures with all the extra work to be carried out in the next financial year within the Parish. A copy to be distributed to all Cllrs for their comments/suggestions to be made at the next meeting
9. **“to do list” update** – Cllrs reported back on activities they were asked to do from the last meeting. Other than a few in hand – all had been completed
10. **Phone Box update** – quotes had now been received and it was agreed to proceed with the work for the renovation of the inside of the box. Cllr Champion to find out when the painting of the outside will be completed
11. **Future of Hall** – further discussion will take place at the next meeting where a sub committee will be set up to ascertain a feasibility study
12. **War Memorial update** – Cllr Loader showed a slide of the new names added to the Memorial which is good news for the Anniversary Service on Remembrance Day
13. **Matters of Report**

Chairman: was pleased to report that the new house building near the Knoll Inn was nearing completion and work on the footpath had been started. It was agreed for the Clerk to write to the developer thanking them. He thanked Cllr Broderick and her team for the excellent litter pick up held last month - where quite a few bags of rubbish were collected. Various rumours of village burglaries had been reported and he read a letter from the Police confirming that no house burglaries had taken place. As you all know Cllr Walker is the editor of the Parish Magazine and is standing down in a few months – and if no one comes forward to be the new editor – then the magazine will cease being printed

Cllr Broderick – stated that the Defibrillators have all been checked and is organising a refresher course to take place in the New Year

Cllr Bowden – stated that quotes were to be sought for the hedges to be trimmed back and the clearing of the weeds on the footpaths in the Cemetery. He is also arranging for the Xmas Tree to be erected the Hall

County Cllr Filmer – gave a brief summary on the following:

Colley Lane Bridgwater – a new 52 metre bridge has now been installed as part of the relief road around the Town Centre

Following the review of the libraries - 19 of the 34 libraries will continue and the others will be asked to be run as Community Partnerships

There is to be a 24-acre Memorial Woodland set up outside Taunton to Commemorate the 11,281 Somerset men and women who died in the First World War

There is a large shortfall in the Financial Budget for 2019 at SCC

Cllr Gilling – reported on the increase of homelessness within the District and scheme of converting shipping containers is being looked at re a cost-effective solution. Sheila Bellingham is looking for help with the flower tubs she looks after in Rooksbridge and Cllr Walker agreed to contact her.

Clerk – reported on the confusion with the planning addresses of where it should be sent to SDC and County Cllr Filmer arranged to get back to him

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Date of next meeting Monday December 3rd at 7.30pm