

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 9th April 2018, when the following business was transacted.

Present: Chairman Cllr B. Walker, Cllr B. Bees Cllr N. Lloyd-Jones, Cllr A. Gilling, Cllr J. Bowden, Cllr C. Searle, Cllr H. Broderick, Cllr B. Woodward, Cllr E. Champion

In attendance County Cllr B. Filmer, the Clerk and 5 Parishioners

- 1. Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest and dispensations.** Cllr C. Loader, Cllr V. Rawles
Re Planning - County Cllr B. Filmer & Cllr A. Gilling to avoid predetermination at Sedgemoor Development Committee. Cllr Bees re 2 of the planning applications
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 5th March 2018:** were agreed and signed as a correct record.
- 3. Matter arising: Josephs Pound** – As Cllr Rawles was not at the meeting for personal reasons it was agreed to defer this item till the next meeting. Cllr Broderick agreed to carry out a routine inspection during the week commencing Monday 16th April.

County Cllr Filmer, Cllr Gilling & Cllr Bees left the meeting at 6.35pm

- 4. Planning - 24/18/00003** - Rooksbridge House, Mendip Road Rooksbridge. Change of use and conversion of an agricultural barn to a dwelling and creation of parking spaces. The Council agreed unanimously to support this application. Proposed by Cllr Lloyd-Jones and seconded by Cllr Searle
24/18/00004 – change of use from light industrial to dwelling & holiday accommodation – Orchard Barns Rooksbridge BS26 2TG. The Council agreed unanimously to support this application. Proposed by Cllr Champion and seconded by Cllr Bowden
24/18/00005 – Certificate of lawfulness re holiday lets at Rooksbridge House, Mendip Road Rooksbridge BS26 2UL – the Council had no observations with this application
24/18/00006 – erection of single storey extension re Cloverdale Bristol Road Rooksbridge BS26 2TE. The Council agreed unanimously to support this application. Proposed by Cllr Bowden and seconded by Cllr Woodward

5. Financial Matters

a) Clerks Salary (March)	£ 379.39
b) Clerks Expenses (March)	£ 16.92
c) SDC re grass cuts at Josephs Pound	£175 + VAT
d) Dave Criddle – fence repairs at the Cemetery	£240
e) Village Hall – hire of hall for meetings 2018/19	£198
f) Refund of cheque re cemetery plot Mrs Hooper	£180
g) Dave Criddle new wooden posts for playing field	£240
plus, re-siting of dog bin at the Cemetery	£50

It was agreed unanimously to authorise payment of the above items

- 6. Red Phone Box** – Cllr Champion had been in touch with a resident who is prepared to renovate the phone box and arrange a rota of cleaners once the job was complete. It was agreed that the PC would pay for the special paint and any other parts required.

7. **A38 Rooksbridge Crossing** – Various meetings had taken place with the local businesses and residents along with SCC. The PC will now await the final decision from Somerset Country Council as to what the outcome will be in terms of will there be a crossing or not.
8. **New swing** - SDC/RLT2 funding – The PC had been approached by Sedgemoor council who are prepared to fund the replacement of the toddlers swing in Red House play area with a new swing. The installation cost is to be met by RLT2 funding which the PC can draw down on (circa£2500/£3000). The Council agreed to support this proposal.

9. **Matters of Report:**

Chairman - reported that a rubbish bin is falling into the rhyme near the Knoll Inn. The Clerk to write to Clean Surroundings to ask them to make good. Some 'withy' trees along the same roadside verge are very close to falling down. Chairman Walker to provide photographs so the Clerk can write to Highways.

Cllr Lloyd-Jones – informed the meeting about the imminent changes to GDPR and as the PC is still waiting the SALC guidelines that this will be discussed at the next meeting.

Cllr Broderick – stated that all was in place for the impending Parish litter pick with quite a few volunteers coming along. She has now taken up responsibility for the upkeep of all the defibrillators to make sure they are all in working order. It was discussed that a "refresher" training course on the use of defib units would be good. Also the VETS list needs to be reviewed and hopefully some people added too. This to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. She had obtained a quote of £175 + VAT for the training course.

Cllr Gilling – informed the meeting that SDC Council Tax bill of a 5.7% increase is one of lowest nationwide (48th cheapest out of 225).

County Cllr Filmer – reported of what SCC had achieved recently – a budget of £2.5 million set aside for pot holes repairs. They have a possibility of a grant from Government to help with some lapsed housing planning applications where the infrastructure had been an issue with them not being actioned.

Cllr Bees – reported that a wall along Burton Row which had been knocked down had still not been fully repaired. The Clerk to take a photograph and send to Highways.

Cllr Bowden – reported that the grass sale with GTH had been successful with £300 been made at auction re the field at the top of the Cemetery. The repaired fences were now much better.

Cllr Searle – reported that the listing for vulnerable people within the Parish is being discussed at the Church Pastoral meeting – the GDPR being an issue and will report back at the next meeting. She is attending a new Cllrs course this week held at Brent Knoll.

Clerk – reminded the Council that the next PC meeting will be **Monday 14th May at 7.30pm**

The meeting closed at 19.30 pm ready for the Annual Parish Meeting