

EAST BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of East Brent Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Monday 3rd December 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, Cllr B. Bees, Cllr V. Rawles. In attendance the Clerk

- 1. Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest and dispensations. Re Planning** County Cllr B. Filmer & Cllr A. Gilling to avoid predetermination at Sedgemoor Development Committee.
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 5th November 2018:** were agreed and signed as a correct record.
- 3. Matter arising: Josephs Pound** – All is looking good but will monitor with all the recent bad weather.

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

4. Planning

24/18/00038 - Change of use, conversion and extension of barns at White House Farm to form 2 dwellings and associated access track parking and landscaping - White House Farm Loxton BS26 2UU

24/18/00039 - As application as Listed Buildings and Conservation Act 1990

The Council agreed unanimously to support these applications

24/18/00042 - Notice of proposed Agricultural Development - Land to the rear of Yew Tree Cottage Bridgwater Road East Brent TA9 4HP - this was for information only as no comments are required

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

5. Financial Matters

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| a) | Clerks Salary – November | £ 390.87 |
| b) | Clerks Expenses – November | £ 30.12 |
| c) | A1 Gardening – Village maintenance (20082) | £ 335.00 + VAT |
| d) | Wells Cathedral Stonemasons re War Memorial | £ 1200.00 + VAT |
| e) | SDC - contribution towards play equipment at Red House Play Area (PC Project fund) | £ 1801.00 |
| f) | SDC - repayment of CIL funds for play equipment (already received by the PC) | £ 4831.00 |
| g) | Bugler for the Remembrance Service | £ 40.00 |
| h) | Rooksbridge - Contribution to Flower Pots | £ 44.98 |
| i) | Spratt Plant Hire re hedge cutting at Cemetery | £ 90.00 + VAT |

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

- 6. Precept 2019 Comment by Cllrs** – Cllr Lloyd-Jones gave an update of the expenditure required for 2019/2020 bearing in mind various item including that the grant from SDC has now ended. It was agreed unanimously to increase the precept by 4% - the first increase in 4 years. An allowance has been set aside for election costs if required in 2019.

7. **“To Do List” Update** – it was agreed that the Clerk to contact Miss Bromsgrove to go ahead with the refurbishment of the inside of the telephone box - once the outside has finally been painted. Re the 2 horse chestnut trees (with TPO's) on the Village Green (by the phone box) as no one party owns the land then need to establish if SDC will undertake the recommend tree work - Cllr Walker with the help of County Cllr Filmer to follow up and report back. Cllr Broderick to advertise a refresher course for the Defibrillators in the magazine (provisional date mid-February).
8. **Phone Box Update** – Cllr Champion to follow up on when the outside painting will be completed.
9. **Future of Hall** – deferred till the February meeting, due other items requiring attention.
10. **Christmas Tree and Lights for the Hall** – Cllrs Bowden and Champion to arrange the installation this week.
11. **Footpath Survey** – SDC are asking for a survey to be undertaken by our Footpath Liaison Officer and Cllr Walker agreed to help as there are over 23 footpaths in the Parish.
12. **Matters of Report**

Chairman – As no one has come forward yet to be the new editor for the Parish Magazine he informed the meeting that there will **now be only 2 issues left before it ceases being printed**. As the only other way of communication is the existing PC web site – as this is now having a few problems he wants this to be rectified as soon as possible or to then look at another web site option. Our PSCO (Sam Piers) has written to the Chairman asking that as she is now getting around the Parish by bike, she wondered if it were possible to use the facilities of the Hall when she was passing. Cllr Woodward informed the meeting that the new Village Hall Committee were not in favour of allowing her to call in – it was agreed that the Clerk to write to the new Chairman of the Hall asking them to reconsider. It was brought to the Chairman's notice that any monies received from SDC under the CIL could be used to ie. purchase a projector for our planning applications discussions – as the PC borrow one at present, It was agreed that the Clerk to find some quotes.

Cllr Rawles – asked if the winter salt boxes were going to be refilled especially on Burton Row, Mudgety Road and Edingworth. County Cllr Filmer informed the meeting that the Clerk was to write to Highways to register an interest for this to be done. Reports that children have been seen climbing trees in the Cemetery so it was agreed that the Clerk to write to SALC to obtain the correct wording advising them not to do so.

County Cllr Filmer – informed the meeting of how road deaths in the region has fallen by 12% since 2017. A library update was that unfortunately the library at Highbridge was to close. At County Hall there was to be a consultation for all suppliers to SCC re the use of plastics.

Cllr Gilling – reported that the work being carried out in Rooksbridge by the contractors GIGA Clear was unsatisfactory, as they had cut off everyone's telephone for a long period recently. The Clerk to write to GIGA.

Cllr Searle – informed the meeting that interviews are taking place for the new Vicar for the three Parishes.

Cllr Woodward – asked if there was a Neighborhood Watch scheme in place for the Parish. The Chairman was to follow up on this as he was involved with a local scheme.

Cllr Lloyd-Jones – informed the meeting that Wessex Water will be carrying out remedial work to repair some leaks in the Parish early January 2019. Work to start at the Red House play area 10th December to install the some new play equipment and fencing.

Cemetery – Cllr Bowden informed the meeting that quotes have now been received for the new kissing gate to be installed and remedial work to clear the footpaths at the Cemetery. New signage to be installed especially as sheep have been escaping with the gates being left open.

Clerk – had received a letter from National Grid asking for confirmation of how many properties within a 500 metre zone could be affected by the work to be carried out with the installation of the new pylons early in the new year. National Grid wish to keep them updated on a regular basis Cllr Gilling agreed to assist the Clerk.

The meeting closed at 20.56pm

Date of next meeting Monday January 7th 2019 at 7.30pm