

**A MEETING OF EAST BRENT PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2011 AT 7.30PM IN THE EAST BRENT VILLAGE HALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** J. Bowden, E Champion (Chairperson), V. Clapp, A. Gilling, S. McGreavy, Y Roscorla, W. Walker, J. Webb, B. Woodward, together with the Clerk B Strachan were in attendance.

**APOLOGIES:** L Spokes, G. Willoughby, B. Filmer

**Mobile Phones:** E Champion requested that everyone including Parishioners turn off their mobile phone.

**Opportunity for members of the Parish Electorate to speak:** None

E Champion welcomed S. McGreavy to his first meeting.

**2009: MINUTES:** The minutes of the meetings held on 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> June 2011 having been circulated were taken as an accurate record (except 20<sup>th</sup> June - V. Clapp not B. Woodward visited Planning Application 24/11/00013/LE) and were signed by E Champion.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**2010: THE PADDOCKS, ROOKSBRIDGE:** A. Gilling advised that dog warden still off and has not been able to give feedback yet.

**2011: PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 5<sup>th</sup> MAY 2011:**

**Declarations of Acceptance of Office by Parish Councillor/Declaration of Interest Form:** Steve McGreavy completed and signed both forms, and Clerk witnessed former.

Clerk advised that there are still a few places left on the **training sessions** which are open to all Councillors at Oake on the 12<sup>th</sup> July at 2.00pm and at Burrowbridge on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August. This will be the last for New Councillors for sometime. SM advised that he will contact Clerk if available for either.

**Expression of Interest** in becoming a Parish Councillor received from Mrs. June Briggs. Clerk to advise position filled and thank Mrs. Briggs for her interest.

**2012: BUS STOP BESIDE FIELDWAYS, BRENT ROAD, EAST BRENT:** John Perrett at SCC has advised that he has contacted the operator for some dates when we can visit the site and will liaise with Highways for them to attend and will advise when this is going to happen

**2013: FOOTBRIDGE - THIRD BRIDGE OFF THE LOOP ROAD ADJACENT TO MANOR FARM.** B. Walker advised that he contacted Chris East, Footpath Officer at SCC who came out to inspect the damage. CE then advised BW that the job had been done.

**2014: NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT EAST OF THE BRENT KNOLL INN,**

**EAST BRENT** Julian Frost has advised that SDC had placed a Stoppage Order on this site and the builders could not do anything. JF has stated that the Stoppage Order removed on 27<sup>th</sup> June and the builders should be back on site. He states that despite the houses not fully complete inside that there has been a bit of interest in the properties. Matter to be monitored

**2015: POSSIBLE MULTI OCUPANCY AT THE ELMS:** A. Gilling advised that he will get update from David Baxter at SDC.

**2016: MAP OF PARISH:** Rona Graham at SDC supplied Map. However J. Webb exhibited maps reproduced from various Ordinance Survey maps. Clerk to establish if an updated copy for all Councillors can be obtained.

**2017: RECENT INCIDENT AT ORCHARD CLOSE:** E-mail received from Paul Coates, Director of Operations, Homes in Sedgemoor acknowledging that this incident has been ongoing for some time and appears to have escalated in recent months, most notably with a serious incident whereby Mr. Crawley was arrested for violent and threatening behavior on the 29 May 2011. Following this serious incident Mr. Crawley was charged and bailed to Manchester. PC understands from the Police that they are now seeking an ASBO, including an injunction banning Mr. Crawley from returning to the area

Further to this Homes in Sedgemoor staff have taken legal action against the tenancy, through the serving of a Notice of Seeking possession. Further legal action is pending and once signed copies received of witness statements from residents, Homes in Sedgemoor will apply to Court for a warrant of eviction. PC advises that the remaining tenant has also applied for rehousing which Homes in Sedgemoor, the Police and other agencies are actively supporting. The family are also receiving support to address their issues.

Homes in Sedgemoor intention, through working with other agencies, most notably the Police, is to seek the eviction of the family and are working collectively to achieve this given the severity of the case and its prolonged nature.

P. Coates happy to meet with tenants / Parish Council members as required and will continue to keep Parish Council informed of progress in dealings with this case.

A.Gilling advised that he had spoken with P. Coates today and P. Coates advised that an ASBO has been served, however may take up to 6 weeks to process. In addition the tenant has to be rehoused in North Somerset which may prove problematic.

*PC Esther Robinson, Avon and Somerset Police arrived at meeting at 8.20 pm* and advised that there was a meeting today and she will get an update tomorrow. She advised that Mr. Crawley's court case to consider ASBO application from SCC has been adjourned until 11<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

ER advised that Homes in Sedgemoor has admitted that these families should never have been housed in East Brent.

ER went on to advise that with regard to **Harvest Home**, she is having a meeting with the security company next week - she has worked with them previously. She stated that 4 police officers will be on site.

ER advised that with reference to **the School**, there had been 2 near misses recently regarding traffic accidents. She has spoken with residents and handed out traffic cones. It has been proposed that a lollipop person should be employed and a risk assessment is being carried out.

*PC Esther Robinson, left at meeting at 8.35 pm*

**2018: LACK OF FOOTPATH SIGNS:** B. Walker advised that he has received an information pack and will carry out a survey of the Parish Footpaths. He is co-ordinating with Chris East. A. Gilling requested that B. Walker investigate footbridge at Rooksbridge which crosses his field and joins footpath 1876.

**2019: AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** Report from Mary Chorley at SDC - Advising -

East Brent - Looking for a completion date in early August with residents moving in late August/early September.

Rooksbridge - Looking for a completion date mid August with residents moving in mid September.

Office Accommodation - Rooksbridge - Looking at a mid September - mid October completion with the Housing Association moving in as soon as it has been completed.

South Western Housing Association will be holding an Official Opening - prior to occupation of the houses - probably mid - late August when the Parish Councillors will be invited to attend and will be able to look over the properties at both sites.

The properties will be advertised on Homefinder Somerset "preference being given to applicants with a local connection to the village" from mid July onwards.

A. Gilling advised that applicants will be Banded - Gold, Silver, Bronze and stated that further details will be available at Affordable Housing Open Day on 14h July 2011.

**2020:HALSALL CONSTRUCTION - PARKING OF VEHICLES ON BRENT ROAD, EAST BRENT: E-mail from Halsall 13<sup>th</sup> June 2011:** Stating that nothing has been parked dangerously as far as they are aware, the only one that turned around was a driver that took the wrong turn and reversed back in to the surgery to turn around but that was not for this site. If there has been any unloading there has always been a banks man directing traffic as in their method statement for traffic management. They advise that they have only had one arctic, Flatbed lorry and they have enough room by the hoarding to get them off the road.

Halsall state they have one more large lorry and that is the crane on Friday for chimneys, and will be parked on site.

Advise that if they have caused any inconvenience apologise for that, and have only have another five weeks and we will be off site, one thing that may affect villagers and passing traffic, is the trench that has to be dug in the road for the foul water this will stretch from the site for approx 160mts North, they liaised with the council on 14<sup>th</sup> June to try and limit any inconvenience due to the traffic lights being in close proximity to the site.

They welcome Parish Councillors to visit the site.

S. McGreavy advised that vans are now being parked in field at rear of houses. However B. Woodward advised that due to traffic congestion, doctors on occasions cannot get out of surgery which could cause a major problem in a medical emergency.

It was agreed that Clerk write to Phil Lowndes Group Manager Transport Development at Somerset County Council regarding this matter.

B. Woodward advised that the fence is still in situ at doctor's surgery. Clerk to contact Liam Gill again to establish position.

**2021: COMMUNITY LED PLAN:** Keeley Rudd has advised that she can attend PC meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

**2022: CHESTNUT TREES BY TELEPHONE BOX:** Dave Aggett SDC has advised that he and Janette Burton at SDC are going to visit site week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011. However he states that this matter may not be straight forward as it is unclear who owns the land + there is a TPO in place.

### **2023: PLANNING:**

**Decisions from previous planning applications are given as follows:**

Ref. No. 24/11/00006/LE

Proposal: Erection of dwelling and formation of parking

Location: Nut Land to the South of, Highfields, Church Road, East Brent, Highbridge

*Granted conditional planning permission*

Ref. No. 24/11/00007/NM

Proposal: Erection of two storey extension to north elevation.

Location: Nut Tree Cottage, Rooksbridge Road, Rooksbridge, Axbridge, BS26

*Granted conditional planning permission*

Ref. No. 24/11/00011/CJA

Proposal: Erection of single storey extensions to SW, NE and conservatory to rear (SE) elevation

Location: 6 Prospect Close, East Brent, Highbridge, TA9 4JW

*Granted conditional planning permission*

**The following planning applications were discussed and decisions given as shown:**

Ref. No. 24/11/00012/CG

Proposal: Retention of extension to existing wall

Location: Land to the West of, Beaconsfield House, Chapel Road, Rooksbridge, Axbridge

Applicant: Mr R Tilley

The Site visit was by J. Webb, Y.Roscorla and B. Woodward. JW stated that there will be better screening from main road and has no effect on other properties. After a review of the application it was Proposed by J. Webb and Seconded by B. Woodward that the application be fully supported on the grounds that: -

No detrimental impact on traffic generation and Road Safety.  
No detrimental impact on its neighbours.  
No detrimental effect on the landscape.  
No detrimental effect upon the character and appearance of the area.  
No detrimental impact upon other environmental issues such as noise.  
This was unanimously agreed.

Ref. No. 24/11/00015/CG

Proposal: Display of two freestanding non-illuminated information signs showing tenants occupying the Business Park

Location: The Stables Business Park, Mudgley Road, Rooksbridge, Axbridge, BS26 2TH

Applicant: Rose Farm Developments (UK) Ltd

The Site visit was by J. Webb, Y.Roscorla and B. Woodward. JW stated that this will make a nice entrance to village and Tom Daley has stated that surrounding area will be kept neat and tidy. J. Bowden stated that the business park is good for the area. After a review of the application it was Proposed by J. Webb and Seconded by Y.Roscorla that the application be fully supported on the grounds that: -

No detrimental impact on its neighbours.  
No detrimental effect on the landscape.  
No detrimental effect upon the character and appearance of the area.  
Complies with national, regional and local planning policy and guidance.  
This was unanimously agreed.

**2024: FINANCIAL MATTERS:** A copy of the receipts and payments until 30th June 2011 was issued to all Parish Councillors present.

As the Bank statements to 30th June 2011 for the Current and Reserve Accounts not received yet, the balances in the Bank Accounts will be reconciled at the next Parish Council Meeting.

**The following payments were unanimously approved for payment from the Current Account** :( Proposed by B. Woodward and Seconded by J. Webb)

The Information Commissioner - Data Protection Renewal: £35.00

Somerset Playing Fields Association - Annual Renewal: £10.00

Moore Stephens - Audit Fee: £162.00

**Annual Audit for Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011:** Clerk reported that Audit complete and Notice of Conclusion placed on Notice Board for 14 days.

**Quotations to supply & erect Pig Wire fence at Cemetery + level dirt in that area:**

*E. Champion declared an interest in this matter and left the meeting at 8.40 pm  
- V. Clapp took over as Chairperson*

**P.Parfitt has advised that he does not do this type of work**

**Greenacres Garden & Estate Maintenance - £305.14 + VAT**

**VLP Garden Services - £272.00 + VAT**

After discussion it was Proposed by J. Bowden and Seconded by B. Woodward that the job be awarded to VLP Garden Services. This was unanimously agreed.

Quotations to clear the weeds from the edges of the footpaths at the Cemetery, hoeing, scraping moss and brushing paths including removing all debris:

P.Parfitt has advised that he does not do this type of work

**Greenacres Garden & Estate Maintenance - £96.00 + VAT**

**VLP Garden Services - £17.00 + VAT per hour**

VLP estimate it would take between 6-8hours (1 xman). VLP will not charge over 8 hours so it would be a maximum of £136.00.

After discussion it was Proposed by J. Bowden and Seconded by B. Woodward that the job be awarded to Greenacres Garden & Estate Maintenance. This was unanimously agreed.

*E. Champion returned to the meeting at 8.46 pm and took over as Chairperson*

#### **2025: CORRESPONDENCE:**

**SCC - Planned Works in Sedgemoor week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> June**

2011: Circulated

**RSN Online - 7<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011: Circulated**

**LCR Online - 6<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2011: Circulated**

**SCC - Update on Library Opening Hours and Mobile Libraries 8<sup>th</sup> June 2011: Circulated**

**SDC - RLT2/3 - Developer contributions: Circulated**

**Community Council for Somerset - Trustee/Director Recruitment: Circulated**

**Community Council for Somerset - 85 Miles for 85 Years, Mission**

**Accomplished: Circulated**

**SDC - Coastal Parish Cluster Group - Minutes of Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> April 2011: Circulated**

**SCC - Proposed Stopping Up Order - Letter 17<sup>th</sup> June 2011: To Notice Board and Circulated**

**Broadview Energy Limited - Pilrow Windfarm Newsletter - June 2011: Circulated**

**SDC - Ground Maintenance and Other Service Contracts: To Notice Board and Circulated**

**SDC - Coastal Parish Cluster Group - Agenda for Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> July 2011: Circulated**

**Request to put Bike ramps at The Green:** As Parish Council do not own Village Green it was agreed that Clerk pass letter to Harley Cook at SDC and advise the children.

**The Sedgemoor Bench 650 Years of The Magistracy:** The Sedgemoor Bench are holding a commemorative Service in August to celebrate 650 years since the Magistrates Judicial role started and we would like to invite members from Parish Council to the service on August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm at St Mary's Bridgwater. J. Webb and B. Woodward stated that they will attend.

**SCC, Highways - SID RESULTS Edingworth Road:** It appears only 493 vehicles (9%) adhered to speed limit for the week in May and 264 (6%) for the

week in June. It was agreed that the figures are appalling and Clerk to ask Highways and PC Esther Robinson to take action.

**Planning Application Number 24/11/00014/CG - E-mail from M. Keegan 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2011:** E. Champion advised that an Action Group has been formed and are holding a meeting at the Wellington Arms on 7<sup>th</sup> July. EC advised that Action Group want Parish Council to host an open meeting. EC stated that he feels that there should be an open public meeting where everyone can air their views, including Broadview Energy. V. Clapp advised that meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> July will include other Parish Councils and other companies and it would be better to have a separate PC meeting. It was Proposed by J. Webb and Seconded by B. Woodward that Parish Council host an open meeting. This was unanimously agreed.

E. Champion and A. Gilling will attend 7<sup>th</sup> July meeting and advise that PC will have an open meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 pm (if there are Planning matters they can be dealt with at 7.00 pm). Clerk to invite Broadview. EC to Chair meeting and will have more detail to set Agenda after 7<sup>th</sup> July meeting.

It was agreed that PC want to be copied future communications from M. Keegan and this E-mail put in Circulation.

#### **2026: MATTERS OF REPORT:**

**Signs for Banger Racing:** V. Clapp reported that they are very tatty and due to size, obstructing traffic's view. Clerk to contact organisers to advise and request action be taken.

**Queen's Diamond Jubilee:** Y. Roscorla enquired how Parish Council is going to celebrate this event. It was agreed that this will be discussed at next meeting.

**Somerset Rural Youth Project:** J. Webb referred to article in June 2011 Parish magazine and suggested that Parish Council could possibly benefit from this project e.g. East Brent village tidy up or works at Cemetery. It was agreed that Clerk write to SRYP to make an enquiry.

**Traffic Bollards by old Butchers Shop:** J. Bowden reported that this could cause a problem when Haley's lorries go round. This was noted.

**Solar Panels for Village Hall:** B. Woodward reported that this will be Village Hall's next project and are hoping for PC financial support. This was noted.

**East Brent Parish History Group:** B. Walker enquired if any funding was available from PC for Data Recording etc. E. Champion advised that PC normally look at funding requests annually in March.

**SID in Strowlands:** B. Walker enquired if this was progressing. Clerk to investigate.

**RSN Online - 28<sup>th</sup> June 2011:** Circulated

**Broadview Energy Limited Letter 6<sup>th</sup> June 2011:** Circulated

**SDC - Local Development Framework - June 2011:** Circulated

**Clerks & Councils Direct - May, July 2011:** Circulated

**Hinkley Point C - News from EDF Energy - July 2011:** Circulated

**LCR - Summer 2011:** Circulated

**Alan Ham SCC – Parish Councils in Brent division – Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> July 2011:**

E. Champion, V. Clapp and B. Woodward stated that they will attend.

**Request from Ron Bailey, Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Councillor:** seeking new planning guidance to major developers urging them, as a matter of planning procedure, to

(i) Attend our meeting to answer questions about their planning application if we so wish and to

(ii) Provide resources (if we so wish) to enable us to assess their applications - which may be over 1000 pages long - based on a professional critique of their evidence.

After discussion B. Walker Proposed and S. McGreavy Seconded that PC support this proposal. This was unanimously agreed.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting ended at 9.45 pm.

**2027: DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting of East Brent Parish Council will be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at 7.30pm in East Brent Village Hall.