

## EAST BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of East Brent Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Monday 6th February 2017 at 7.30pm, when the following business was transacted.

Present: Cllr V. Rawles, Cllr C. Loader, Cllr E Champion, Cllr J. Webb  
Cllr W. Walker, Cllr J. Bowden, Cllr A. Gilling, Cllr Filmer, Cllr B. Bees, Cllr B. Woodward, Cllr S. McGreavy and the Clerk plus 3 residents

1. **Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest.** Cllr N. Lloyd-Jones, - Planning - Cllr A. Gilling and Cllr B Filmer to avoid predetermination at Sedgemoor Development Committee.
2. **Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 9th January 2017 The Minutes of the meetings held** - were agreed and signed as a correct record.
6. The Chairman brought forward the presentation by Mr Robin Nicolas from BT re broadband within the villages – he stated that there had been a continual roll out of new exchanges being installed within the villages over a period of time and in general broadband was acceptable. There were always going to be exceptions and gave a web site [www.dslchecker.bt.com](http://www.dslchecker.bt.com) for parishioners to check their download speed. It was agreed that this web site was to be placed in the parish magazine.  
The Chairman thanked Mr Nicolas for his time and presentation.
3. **Matters Arising:** - Joseph's Pound play area – Cllr Walker informed the meeting that all was going to plan and that the clover work would take place in the very near future.  
Cllrs Filmer and Gilling left the meeting at 20.00pm
4. **Planning 24/16/00034** - Prior approval of the proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwelling and associated development. Oldmead Lane Rooksbridge, Axbridge.  
The Council agreed unanimously to make the same observations to SDC as the last application "*It is considered that the development would harm the appearance of the building and its surroundings. The design and external appearance of the scheme proposed would not be appropriate to satisfy the requirements of condition Q.2 (f) under Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q.*"

**24/17/00001** – application for prior approval for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension – extending 5.4m from the rear elevation. 2 East Drive East Brent TA9 4JQ.

The Council agreed unanimously to support this application

Cllrs Filmer and Gilling rejoined the meeting at 20.10pm

### 5. Financial Matters

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| a) Clerks salary                     | £379.39 (January) |
| b) Glasdon (bench for "Spider" EBHH) | £416.69 + VAT     |
| c) Financial update                  |                   |

It was agreed unanimously to pay the above invoices

The Clerk presented a year to date financial report and distributed the new Financial Regulations - the Clerk to email a copy to the Cllrs for their comments before being endorsed at the March Meeting.

7. **Upcoming Vacancy for New Parish Councillor – plan** – with a vacancy becoming available soon, it was agreed that an advert be placed in the Parish Magazine, Web site and notice boards asking for parishioners throughout the Villages to contact the Clerk showing an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. The Clerk to let the editor have the criteria required in becoming a Councillor.
8. **Local Development Plan – volunteers to report back** – The Clerk had printed out a hard copy of the LDP which was agreed to be distributed to three Cllrs, for them to report back with their comments at the March meeting.
9. **Web Site** – Cllr Walker reported that following a meeting with Mr Ron Champion and 2 other Cllrs that work would be undertaken to update the web site to make the site more responsive to the platforms available (smart phones/tablets etc.). This work was to be undertaken at no cost to the Council. Cllr Walker to write to Mr Ron Champion thanking him for his very generous offer to do this on behalf of the Villages.
10. **Friday Club** – It was brought to Cllr Walker’s attention that this very important village organization was having its grant cut dramatically and is struggling to survive. It now has only 10 members due, variously, to some members getting older, are in hospital or are finding it difficult/costly to get to East Brent. It was agreed that Cllr Walker to report back at the March meeting with some financial information to see if the Parish Council could help as all Cllrs agreed it was a vital Village group to help keep it going.

11. **Matters of Report**

**Chairman** - reported that she had received a quote for a new notice board and that further quotes to be obtained for other notice boards to be replaced within the Villages.

**Cllr Walker** - reported The East Brent Village School is now to be called/known as: ‘East Brent C of E Academy within the Wessex Learning Trust’ – also that we, as a PC, should comply with the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities re the web site.

**Cllr Bowden** - reported about all the mud in the play area in the goal mouth – and the wall at “Butchers Corner” was “falling down”. The Chairman agreed to contact Cllr Lloyd-Jones about the goal mouth and Highways re the wall at Butchers Corner.

**Cllr Webb** - reported the shocking state of the phone box and that the finger posts should be re painted as a quote had now been received. The Chairman agreed to contact Cllr Webb with an alternative solution re the finger posts. Cllr Webb stated that with the Webb family leaving the Village soon they would like to offer to replace the bench at the war memorial. The Council thanked her for the very generous offer.

**Clerk** - reported a phone call he had received from Mrs Noad re the removal of the bench in the Cemetery and that she agreed to the removal.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

The next meeting of East Brent Parish Council will be Monday 6th March 2017  
At 7.30pm at East Brent Village Hall