

A MEETING OF EAST BRENT PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY 9TH MAY 2011 AT 7.30PM IN THE EAST BRENT VILLAGE HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Bowden, E Champion (Chairperson), Y Roscorla, L Spokes, W. Walker, J. Webb, G. Willoughby, B. Woodward, together with the Clerk B Strachan were in attendance.

APOLOGIES: V. Clapp and A. Gilling

As E. Champion delayed on Parish Council business Vice Chair, L. Spokes took the Chair.

Mobile Phones: L Spokes requested that everyone including Parishioners turn off their mobile phone.

Opportunity for members of the Parish Electorate to speak: None

1954: MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2011 having been circulated were taken as an accurate record and were signed by L Spokes.

MATTERS ARISING:

1955: HARVEST HOME: B. Walker who is on the Harvest Home Committee advised that following last year's event when the security could have been better the HH committee have been liaising with PC Esther Robinson to improve matters this year. Although expensive, they are looking to employ 7 security staff and co-ordinate the operation better than last year.

1956: FLOODING AT BRENT KNOLL INN: As this may take some time to rectify, it was agreed to leave this matter in abeyance for 3 months.

E. Champion arrived at 7.38 pm and took over the Chair.

1957: THE PADDOCKS, ROOKSBRIDGE: As A. Gilling not in attendance, it was agreed to carry matter forward to next meeting regarding feedback from dog wardens.

1958: REQUEST FOR A DOG BIN - PROSPECT FARM: As A. Gilling not in attendance, it was agreed to carry matter forward to next meeting regarding Cheddar Parish Council disposable dog bags scheme.

1959: PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 5th MAY 2011: SDC has advised that the earliest the new Council can meet is Tuesday 10th May. Extra Meeting has been called for 23rd May with the sole purpose of voting in Office Bearers. Declarations of Acceptance of Office, Declarations of Financial and Other Interests, and Declarations of Gifts and Hospitality forms issued for completion at 23rd May meeting. With regard to the one vacancy it was agreed that notice be placed on Notice Board and Parish Magazine. The Code of Conduct Guide placed in Circulation.

1960: BUS STOP BESIDE FIELDWAYS, BRENT ROAD, EAST BRENT: B.

Woodward advised that she has not been contacted by John Perrett at SCC to arrange a meeting. Clerk will contact J. Perrett again.

1961: FIELD ADJACENT TO THE STABLES, BURTON ROW: B. Woodward reported that the ditch is in much better condition.

1962: SCC - PARISH COUNCIL'S APPLICATION TO UPGRADE FOOTPATH AX 17/11 TO BRIDLEWAY/ADD A BRIDLEWAY AT DELHORN LANE, EAST BRENT - E-MAIL 9TH MARCH 2011: *J. Bowden declared an interest in this matter and left the meeting at 7.45 pm*

It was agreed that it is difficult to confirm that the notice was placed on Mrs. Hopkins's property without C. Wilson's input. However it was noted that Lynda Neal from SCC and Sue Applegate had spent considerable time investigating this matter. It was agreed that Clerk advise SCC of this and that the Parish Council has forwarded all the information held regarding this to them.

J. Bowden returned to the meeting at 7.54 pm.

1963: FOOTBRIDGE - THIRD BRIDGE OFF THE LOOP ROAD ADJACENT TO MANOR FARM. E. Champion stated that he will look at it before 23rd May meeting.

1964: SINGING FOR THE BRAIN: Steve Haigh has not confirmed number of Dementia/ Alzheimer's in order that full consideration can be given to matter. Clerk to contact him again.

1965: NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT EAST OF THE BRENT KNOLL INN, EAST BRENT Clerk advised that he has received no response regarding this matter. He will contact vendors again.

1966: TREES AND BRANCHES IN DITCH AT THE ELMS: B. Woodward advised that the ditch appears clear. However she stated that there still appears to be multi occupancy in the property. Clerk to contact A. Gilling to establish if he can assist in this matter.

1967: MAP OF PARISH: Clerk will try and obtain from Planning, SDC.

1968: PLANNING:

Decisions from previous planning applications are given as follows: None
The following planning applications were discussed and decisions given as shown:

Ref. No. 24/11/00003/LE

Proposal: Erection of front porch

Location: Poplar Farm, Bristol Road, Rooksbridge, Axbridge, BS262TQ

Applicant: Mr P Paton

The Site visit was by E. Champion, B. Walker, J. Webb and B. Woodward. JW stated that this application is simply an extension of the existing building which will add improvement. After a review of the application it was Proposed by B. Woodward and Seconded by J. Webb 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.

This was unanimously agreed.

Ref. No. 24/11/00007/NM

Proposal Erection of two storey extension to north elevation.

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

Applicant: Mr and Mrs R Redman

E. Champion declared an interest in this matter

The Site visit was by E. Champion, B. Walker, J. Webb and B. Woodward. JW expressed concern over location of septic tank, however had no objection to what had been done overall. After a review of the application it was Proposed by B. Woodward and Seconded by J. Webb 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.

This was unanimously agreed.

1969: FINANCIAL MATTERS: A copy of the receipts and payments until 30th April 2011 was issued to all Parish Councillors present. Precept £8,500 received, Loan repayment £1,910.10 paid during April.

The balances in the Bank Accounts were reconciled and signed as being correct by E. Champion.

Annual Accounts: The Internal auditor R. Young has inspected the Accounts and relevant documentation and had signed the relevant section on the Annual Return.

The Annual Governance Statement section was considered and it was agreed unanimously that "Yes" be entered in Boxes 1 to 8. It was proposed by E. Champion and seconded by Y. Roscorla that the Accounts for year ended 31st March 2011 be accepted as correct. This was a unanimous decision by all Councillors present. E. Champion, and B. Strachan then signed the form in the relevant places. The Clerk stated that the inspection of the Accounts for all parishioners is advertised on the notice board. Clerk to forward Annual Return plus other information and documentation to the auditors.

Annual Inspection of Assets: List reviewed and it was decided to

Reduce number of Wayside Seats to 1 with value of £450

Increase number of Public Seats at Cemetery to 4 with value £1,800

Reduce value of Laptop Computer to £200

Add Dog Bin at Old Bristol Road with value of £25

J. Bowden Proposed and B. Woodward Seconded that amended list be accepted.

This was unanimously agreed.

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

Richard Young - Carry out Internal Audit: £10.00

B.Strachan - Salary and admin.expenses: £1,540.42

Came & Company - Insurance Renewal: £1,218.00 last year was £1,174.30 = 3.72% increase

Insurance Renewal - Came & Co offering 16 months cover for price of 12 months if renewal date is moved from 1st June to 1st October and Parish Council agreed to commit to 3 years. After discussion it was Proposed by J. Bowden and Seconded by L. Spokes that cover be renewed for 1 year at cost of £1,218.00.

1970: CORRESPONDENCE:

SCC - Planned Works in Sedgemoor week commencing 25th April 2011:

Circulated

Rural Services Network - Weekly News Digest 11th 18th April, 3rd May 2011: Circulated

LCR Online - 15th April 2011: Circulated

Tom Dalley - Rose Farm Developments (UK) Ltd - Email 21st April 2011 thanking PC for supporting Planning Application 24/11/00005/CJA, and previous applications: Circulated

Hinkley C Connection Group - E mail 26th April 2011: Circulated

Hinkley Point C - News from EDF Energy April/May 2011: Circulated

Community Council for Somerset - Services Offered: Circulated

SDC Councillors Training June to August: B. Walker and J. Webb will attend 21st June 2011 at Edington

Bill Haley - Email 28th March 2011: talk on Weston Pier. It was agreed that BH is invited to next PC meeting.

1971: MATTERS OF REPORT:

E. Champion reported that there has been a **recent incident at Orchard Close** which involved PC Esther Robinson being called out. EC stated that he has spoken with ER who advised that she has taken statements however she is unsure if there will be a prosecution. It was agreed that Clerk write to Homes in Sedgemoor (and copy A. Gilling) and advise that PC understand that police have recently been called out and are concerned for residents of the area.

Y. Roscorla reported that **Lights for Life** had their AGM last month and reported that funds over £25,000 have been raised. It was agreed that Lights for Life should receive great praise for their efforts.

B. Woodward reported that **fence at doctor's surgery** has not been removed. Clerk to contact Highways to establish up to date position.

J. Bowden reported that he will not be at meeting 23rd May, however stated that he is willing to serve on the **Cemetery Committee**. He also stated that it will be preferable if Committee has 5 members again.

J. Webb reported that **vehicles are being parked in a dangerous fashion in Brent Road**. E. Champion advised that PC had looked at this matter on numerous occasions, but Highways has advised that it is a low priority job for them.

J. Webb reported that there is a **lack of Footpath Signs**. It was agreed that the new Footpath officer should look at this.

SCC - Planned Works in Sedgemoor week commencing 9th May 2011:

Circulated

SALC - North Area Minutes from 17th March 2011: Circulated

The Playing Field - Spring 2011: Circulated

SALC - Future of Public Audit: It was agreed that present system appears to work quite well. If it is not broke why fix it?

SALC - North Area Meeting 16th June 2011: No one available to attend.

Highway Maintenance at Rooksbridge: Y. Roscorla reported that the grass verges and especially the grass in the roundabout is too long. Clerk stated that Highways have advised that A & B Roads grass verges are cut twice per annum. 1st cut between 1st June and 31st July, and second between 30th August and 23rd September. However if a road is considered dangerous, Highways should be advised. It was agreed that Clerk report length of grass in roundabout to Highways.

Geoffrey Browning deceased: Clerk advised that Mr. Browning's casket appears to have been interred in Plot 5 in Garden of Rest which belongs to Mr. & Mrs. Sockett without the knowledge of the Parish Council. The Elms Funeral Directors and Rev Simon Lewis are attempting to rectify the matter.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting ended at 9.25 pm.

1972: DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the East Brent Parish Council will be on Monday 23rd May 2011 at 7.30pm in East Brent Village Hall, East Brent. THIS WILL BE THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.