

EAST BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of East Brent Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Monday 5th December 2016 at 7.30pm, when the following business was transacted.

Present:, Cllr V. Rawles, Cllr N. Lloyd-Jones, Cllr C. Loader, Cllr E Champion, Cllr J Webb
Cllr W. Walker, Cllr J. Bowden, Cllr A. Gilling, Cllr B. Bees, District Cllr B. Filmer and the Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest. Cllr B. Woodward and Cllr S. McGreavy

2. Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 7th November 2016

The Minutes of the meetings held on the above date were agreed and signed as a correct record with the addition that Cllr Webb Chaired the meeting.

At this point the Chairman asked for the Clerks annual review and the Precept be brought forward on the agenda so Cllr Lloyd- Jones could leave due to work commitments. With the Clerk not present there was a discussion about the Clerks performance and a proposal was made to slightly increase the hourly rate of the Clerk which was agreed - all in favour.

The Clerk left the meeting at 7.35pm and returned at 7.45pm.

8. Precept 2017/2018 - Cllr Lloyd-Jones distributed the proposed budget for next year's Precept based on costings for the current financial year and expected expenditure in the next financial year. It appears due to some good financial management that the proposed budget would mean there being no increase to the Precept amount of this current year. It was agreed to proceed with submitting the Precept documentation to Sedgemoor Council.

Cllr Lloyd-Jones left the meeting at 8pm.

3. Matters Arising - Joseph's Pound play area - Cllr Walker reported that as it is not used as regular that inspections were now taking place every 4 weeks. Quotes had been obtained for the treatment of the clover and that the work was to be carried out March/April 2017. This was proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr Webb. All in favour. The Clerk to write to the contractor confirming the work to be undertaken (£200 + VAT). There was also a slight problem with the gate which he was looking in to.

4. Planning 24/16/00027 update of site meeting 17.11.16 - The Rosary Chapel Road Rooksbridge. Cllrs Webb and Walker had attended the site meeting and as there was to be development committee meeting on December 6th where the above application was to be discussed Cllr Webb stated she would attend.

5. Financial Matters

a)	Clerks salary - November	£447.20
b)	PGC –Cemetery maintenance (3 rd)	£586.67
c)	PGC – Rooksbridge/War memorial Butchers Corner	£363.83
d)	Grant Thornton Audit	£225 + VAT
e)	Spratt Plant Hire re hedge cut	£90 + VAT
i)	Spratt – work at Cemetery	£190 + VAT
k)	Mark Fiddes – work at Cemetery	£395

These were duplicated items on the agenda and not paid

f)	Spratt Plant Hire re removal of soil	£210 + VAT (duplicated see 5i)
g)	Mark Fiddes– Memorial Tree work	£240 (to be deleted see 5k)
h)	Mark Fiddes – Removal of dead elms	£350 (to be deleted see 5k)
j)	Spratt – work at Cemetery	£90 + VAT (duplicated see 5e)

A late invoice had been received from PGC Contracting for £47.50 for removal of leaves from near the phone box.

It was agreed unanimously to pay all the correct invoices.

6. **Noads Bench Update** – the Clerk explained that 3 letters (including one recorded & one hand delivered) had been sent to Mrs Noads with no reply. It was agreed that the Clerk to obtain 3 quotes for the removal of the bench along with quotes to have 2 benches installed (one in Cemetery and one at the War Memorial).
7. **Cemetery – Update** Cllr Lloyd-Jones had presented a number of modified forms and a review of the Regulations for this facility which he is doing with Cllr. J. Bowden at the Cemetery meeting. Further work is to be done on these documents so they can be completed and put in use. The Clerk is to obtain Cemetery fees from Funeral Directors in the area to compare with those of the Parish Council and report back at the next Cemetery meeting in March.
- 9) **Matters of Report:**

Chairman – reported that she had a conversation with Cllr McGreavy – with his work commitments had not been able to attend as many meetings. It was agreed that the Chairman to discuss with Cllr McGreavy the best way forward. Cllr Loader volunteered to help with any planning applications on a temporary basis.

Cllr Walker – reported that a buffet was to be booked for all the helpers that deliver the Parish Magazine throughout the Parish which the Council is very appreciated of.

Cllr Loader – reported that he had a meeting with PC Wills re the parking situation in Red House Road. Cllr Loader will deliver a note to all concerned about the parking of vehicles in the turning areas. With the excellent data that the SID is providing of speeding within the Parish - PC Wills now has the information to look at future speed enforcements in certain areas of the Parish.

District Cllr Filmer – stated that a meeting is to be held at East Huntspill Village Hall re bus routes being cancelled as it now affects all villages in the area to see what can be done. The Clerk and Cllr Walker to attend.

Cllr Bowden – stated that a Christmas tree had been ordered for the Village Hall and would be erected as soon as possible. Also for all future work carried out by contractors that the Clerk to obtain a copy of their public liability insurances.

Cllr Lloyd-Jones - informed the meeting about the work to be carried out at the War Memorial. Quotes for tree work were discussed and it was agreed to proceed with the work. This was proposed by Cllr Champion and seconded by Cllr Webb – all in favour.

Clerk – East Huntspill had contacted him about the possibility of them purchasing a SID and had furnished them with all our files with which they were very impressed with.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

The next meeting of East Brent Parish Council will be Monday 9th January 2017 at 7.30pm at East Brent Village Hall