

EAST BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the of the Meeting of East Brent Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Monday 5th February 2018, when the following business was transacted.

Present: Chairman Cllr B. Walker, Cllr B. Bees Cllr C. Loader, Cllr N. Lloyd-Jones, Cllr H. Broderick, Cllr A. Gilling, Cllr B. Woodward, Cllr J. Bowden, Cllr C. Searle, Cllr E. Champion
In attendance the Clerk and 3 Parishioners

1. Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest and dispensations.

Cllr V. Rawles - County Cllr B. Filmer - **Re Planning** - Cllr A. Gilling to avoid predetermination at Sedgemoor Development Committee.

2. Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 8th January 2018: were agreed and signed as a correct record.

Agenda points brought forward:

As 3 Parishioners had come to the meeting to ask for an update on the proposed crossing at Rooksbridge the Chairman allowed **agenda point 8** to be brought forward. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council is awaiting a Safety Audit report from SCC and as soon as this was available it would be shared with the Parishioners. As one of the Parishioners also was in attendance about **agenda point 13** re the state of the sewage pump cover area in Rooksbridge it was agreed to bring this agenda point forward. Mr Griffin let the Clerk have some photographs taken recently of the problem and as it is a Highways problem – The Chairman did state that he has been in contact with both Wessex Water and SCC on this matter and it was agreed that the Clerk will follow up with SCC.

3. Matter arising: Josephs Pound – Monthly inspections continue, and it seems that the replacement matting that SDC re installed seems to be working.

Cllr Gilling left the meeting at 19.40

4. Planning - 24/18/00001 - change of use from digger training to car park. Land to the North Mendip Business Park Rooksbridge. This Council agreed unanimously to support this application.

Cllr Gilling returned to the meeting at 19.45

5. Financial Matters

- a) Clerks Salary - £ 379.39 (January)
- b) Clerks Expenses - £ 11.61 (January)

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

6. One-way system by Knoll Inn - With data obtained from our Speed Indicator Device (SID) and photographic evidence - it was agreed that the Clerk to write to SCC Highways informing them of what has been happening and ask if a better solution could be found re signage.

7. Red Phone Box - following the article placed in the Parish Magazine the council had 8 suggestions of what to do with the telephone box ranging from a library, a garden - even a ATM. It was agreed that Cllr Champion was to investigate further all aspects of what the best solution is as to what happens to the phone box and report back at the next meeting.

8. **A38 Rooksbridge Crossing Update** - please see this point above as this was brought forward.
9. **War Memorial update - Additional Names / War Commission / Land Registry** - The Chairman had contacted the Commission about a possible grant towards the extra names being placed on the Memorial. Once the names have been confirmed then an application could be made to the Commission.
10. **HPC Grants** - the Clerk had received a letter from Somerset Community Foundation regarding Hinkley Small Grants Programme highlighting that if communities were affected by all the work being carried out at the new power station and some grants were available. The Council agreed that this was not applicable to East Brent.
11. **Litter Pick up** - Cllrs Broderick and Searle informed the meeting that this would take place on Sunday 15th April from 2pm to 4pm followed by refreshments at the Village Hall. It was agreed that an article be placed in the magazine to ask which areas of the Parish would benefit from the litter pick up and to ask people to take part in this activity.
12. **National Grid - Tree Planting** - letters from the National Grid had been circulated to landowners in our Parish informing them of an offer of trees to be planted re the extra pylons to be erected from Hinkley Point.
13. **Land near Rooksbridge Sewage Pump (Mr Griffin)** - please see above point as this was brought forward.
14. **Matters of Report :**

Chairman - reported that some of the fencing posts on the playing field off Brent Road were broken and a quote was obtained from Mr D. Criddle to fix 12 posts for £240. It was agreed to proceed with the repairs. He had met up with a local resident who informed him of a bus service which runs through Loxton. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact the Loxton Clerk to find out the details of any such bus service.

Cllr Broderick - reported that all the defibrillators are being checked recently.

Cllr Bowden - reported that a grave had sunk slightly - the Clerk to write to the Funeral Director to rectify. The rubbish bins were full and that the clerk to write to A1 Gardening to ask when they will be emptied.

Cllr Gilling - reported that a lot of rumors were afoot re the work being carried out on the A38 at Tarnock. In fact, the work being undertaken by Western Power is the installation of new power lines. This can be viewed on www.roadworks.org.

Cllr Searle - reported that consultations were being taken re the "re modeling" of 15 libraries in the area. Details of the re modeling can be seen on the Village web site and if Parishioners have comments then they can put them forward as required.

Cllr Lloyd-Jones - reported that Cllr Filmer had been in contact with him about the dog waste bin in the Cemetery being full (which was soon after emptied). As the bin is located near the graves and garden of rest - it was agreed to see what the cost would be to relocate the bin as this will be progressed at the next Cemetery meeting. He also gave an update that Sedgemoor have been and cut the hedging around the car park and play area at Redhouse Road and he has thanked Mr Aggett of SDC for doing this work.

Clerk - reported that the grass auction at the Cemetery had been lodged with Greenslade Taylor Hunt. A speaker had been booked for the APM from SPARK - an organisation which helps applying for various grants for Parish groups.

- The meeting closed at 8.45pm -