

**A MEETING OF EAST BRENT PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY
6TH JUNE 2011 AT 7.30PM IN THE EAST BRENT VILLAGE HALL**

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

APOLOGIES: Y Roscorla, 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

1989: MINUTES: The minutes of the meetings held on 9th and 23rd May 2011 having been circulated were taken as an accurate record (except Minute 1973 amend to "Finance Officer: It was proposed by J. Bowden that L Spokes be elected as Finance Officer. This was seconded by A. Gilling and was a unanimous decision by all Councillors present.

Emergency Planning Officer: It was proposed by J. Bowden that Y Roscorla and G. Willoughby be elected as Emergency Planning Officers. This was seconded by A. Gilling and was a unanimous decision by all Councillors present") and were signed by E Champion.

MATTERS ARISING:

1990: THE PADDOCKS, ROOKSBRIDGE: A. Gilling advised that dog warden has not been able to give feedback yet.

1991: REQUEST FOR A DOG BIN - PROSPECT FARM: A. Gilling advised that the Cheddar Parish Council disposable dog bags scheme has been successful, however he could not provide details at this time. B. Walker felt that the Cheddar scheme would be too costly. After discussion B. Walker Proposed that PC bear cost of installing Dog Bin up to £240.00, and bear cost of emptying thereafter. This was Seconded by G. Willoughby and was unanimously accepted.

1992: PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 5th MAY 2011:

Declarations of Acceptance of Office by Parish Councillors/Declaration of Office by Chairperson/Declaration of Interest Forms: It was Proposed by J. Bowden and Seconded by B. Woodward that the Chairperson sign his Declaration at this meeting which E. Champion duly did. Clerk collected the 10 Parish Councillor's Declarations. He also collected 9 Declaration of Financial and other Interest Forms (A. Gilling advised that he has forwarded his direct to SDC). Clerk to forward all the paperwork to Legal and Procurement Services at SDC.

With regard to the one vacancy B. Woodward Proposed - Steven McGreavy. J. Webb Seconded this nomination.

B. Walker Proposed Robert Bees and J. Bowden Seconded this nomination.

After a ballot it was decided that Steven McGreavy be co-opted as a Parish Councillor. Clerk to write to Robert Bees and thank him for his interest.

1993: BUS STOP BESIDE FIELDWAYS, BRENT ROAD, EAST BRENT: B. Woodward advised that she has still not been contacted by John Perrett at SCC to arrange a meeting. Clerk will contact J. Perrett again.

1994: FOOTBRIDGE - THIRD BRIDGE OFF THE LOOP ROAD ADJACENT TO MANOR FARM. B. Walker stated that as Footpath Officer he will investigate this matter.

1995: SINGING FOR THE BRAIN: As Steve Haigh has not confirmed number of parishioners with Dementia/ Alzheimer's this matter to be held in abeyance.

1996: NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT EAST OF THE BRENT KNOLL INN, EAST BRENT Clerk advised that he has received no response regarding this matter. Clerk to contact selling agents Abbott & Frost.

1997: POSSIBLE MULTI OCUPANCY AT THE ELMS: A. Gilling advised that David Baxter at SDC is looking at this matter.

1998: MAP OF PARISH: A. Gilling advised that Sawn Fleet at SDC should be able to assist. Clerk to contact SF.

1999: RECENT INCIDENT AT ORCHARD CLOSE: A. Gilling advised that the occupant (tenant) will be completing the necessary paper work to effect a Voluntary relocation to another part of the County, however no idea of the timing of this exercise. He also understands there are some legal issues to be dealt with but not familiar with the details.

Clerk advised E-mail received from Paula Swain 16th May Housing Officer for Orchard Close stating that she is aware of the incident and working alongside the police to try and rectify the situation. She requested that PC specify concerns in order for her to give an informed answer. She advised that Michelle Platt has now been charged with a public order offence and she is trying to help the family move out of the area. She stated that she is in close contact with both the police and the tenants and residents of Orchard Close and also Councillor Gilling.

A. Gilling referred to a letter from Peter Spinks advising that Lee Crawley an offending resident had been charged and bailed, and banned from the East Brent area. He also advised that Michelle Platt had been served with an ASBO. AG advised that SDC is looking at this as a priority case.

E. Champion Proposed and J. Webb Seconded the following proposal which was unanimously approved: -

Clerk write to Gary Orr, Chief Executive, Homes in Sedgemoor, Paul Coates, Director of Operations, Homes in Sedgemoor, + Chief Constable for Somerset and advise that the local residents at Orchard Close especially the elderly and young children are living in fear and are intimidated by the ongoing events and the Parish Council feel that this situation has dragged on for too long and should now be resolved without further delay.

2000: FENCE AT DOCTOR'S SURGERY: Liam Gill has advised that he has written to The Ferns requesting the removal of the fence. This will be followed up in the next few weeks.

2001: LACK OF FOOTPATH SIGNS: B. Walker advised that he will look at this.

2002: LENGTH OF GRASS IN THE ROUNDABOUT: Liam Gill has advised that the cutting of roadside verges on 'A' Class roads due to commence on 31st May 2011. He has had the site inspected and he has advised it is not currently considered to be a safety issue. However it was advised that the job has been done.

2003: PLANNING:

Decisions from previous planning applications are given as follows:

Ref. No. 24/11/00003/LE

Proposal: Erection of front porch

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

Granted conditional planning permission

Ref. No. 24/11/00004/DRT

Proposal: Erection of extension to south elevation.

Location: Unit B, Mendip Industrial Estate, Mendip Road, Rooksbridge, Axbridge

Granted conditional planning permission

Ref. No. 24/11/00005/CJA

Proposal: Demolition of redundant stables, erection of building to form business units (Use Class B1) and cafe (use class A3)

Location: Land at, Rose Farm, Mudgley Road, Rooksbridge, Axbridge, BS26 2TH

Granted conditional planning permission

Ref. No. 24/11/00008/SH

Proposal: Application for non-material minor amendment to Planning Permission 24/10/00020 for enlargement of solar panel surface area to South and West elevations.

Location: Land to the South of, Ashlawn Farm, Pill Road, Rooksbridge, Axbridge, BS26

Granted conditional planning permission

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

Ref. No. 24/11/00010/NM

Proposal: Erection of agricultural building

Location: land to the north of, Oldmead Lane, Rooksbridge, Axbridge

Applicant: Mr D Starks

The Site visit was by J. Webb, G. Willoughby and B. Woodward. JW stated that this application will be good for agricultural business 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 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.

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

Applicant: Mrs R Phillips

The Site visit was by J. Webb, G. Willoughby and B. Woodward. JW stated that everything appeared O.K. with application apart from the dining room that juts out from the side of the building, with access to the main sewer just outside the dining room. Although it was noted that the proposed dining room appears to restrict visibility of next door accessing their garage, it was agreed that this was not grounds for objecting to the application. However as it appears that the proposal will give water provider no access to the sewer, G. Willoughby Proposed an objection to the application. This did not receive a Seconder.

It was then Proposed by J. Webb and Seconded by B. Woodward that the application be fully supported on the grounds that: -

No detrimental effect on the landscape,
Complies with national, regional and local planning policy and guidance -
With an observation that it has been noted that the service provider does not appear to have access to the main sewer due to the situation of the proposed dining room.

This was agreed by 8 of the Parish Councillors present.

Ref. No. 24/11/00006/LE

Proposal: Erection of dwelling and formation of parking

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

Applicant: Mrs S Browning

Site Meeting 2nd June 2011: J. Webb attended the meeting and represented the views of the PC. She stated that a decision will be made on 21st June 2011. E. Champion thanked JW for attending.

2004: FINANCIAL MATTERS: A copy of the receipts and payments until 31st May 2011 was issued to all Parish Councillors present.

As the Bank statements to 31st May 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 L. Spokes)
East Brent & Rooksbridge Community News - 2nd Part of Donation: £187.50
Somerset Association of Local Councils (New Councillor Training 2 x £25.00):
£50.00

2005: CORRESPONDENCE:

SCC - Planned Works in Sedgemoor week commencing 16th 30th May 2011: Circulated

RSN Online - 10th 17th 24th May 2011: Circulated

SDC Planning - Weight to be given to Core Strategy Policies: Circulated

LCR Online - 13th 20th May 2011: Circulated

SDC - Committee membership at Sedgemoor District Council: Circulated

SDC - New Civic line-up at Sedgemoor District Council: Circulated

SDC - Less is more: Circulated

SCC - Somerset 'switches off' to cut carbon emissions and save money: Circulated

Somerset West Energy Bulletin - Spring 2011: Circulated

SDC - Burtle Silver Band to play on the Esplanade at Burnham-on-Sea: Circulated

SCC - Good to Go - Somerset Gets Superfast Broadband Cash: Circulated

Tessa Munt MP - Energy Bill Committee: Circulated

Hinkley C Connection Group - Notes from Meeting 26th May 2011: Circulated

Invite to AGM of Sedgemoor Citizens Advice Bureau: No one available to attend

2006: MATTERS OF REPORT:

Affordable Housing: J. Bowden reported that in order to achieve continuity V. Clapp and himself continue to form sub-committee. This was unanimously agreed. Clerk to obtain up to date report from Mary Chorley at SDC.

Halsall Construction - Parking of Vehicles on Brent Road, East Brent: J. Bowden reported that artic lorries are turning causing traffic problems and also parking in on Brent Road. It was agreed that Clerk write to Halsall Construction.

Emergency Planning: G. Willoughby reported that she has received information from SCC and will share with Y. Roscorla

Tidy up Projects: V. Clapp reported that she has obtained plants to put in the planters, however the surrounding verge requires to be cut back again. After a full discussion regarding the general condition of East Brent (in comparison to Rooksbridge), it was decided to appeal for volunteers via the magazine to Clear the Grass Verges and to have a General Tidy up of East Brent. Volunteers to be requested to turn up at the September meeting at 7.00 pm.

VC stated that she would tidy up round the planter short term.

Community Led Plan: B. Woodward spoke to E-mail received by Village Hall Committee from Keeley Rudd at Somerset Community Council offering to come to a PC meeting and talk about Community Led Plan (formerly known as Parish Plan). It was agreed to invite KR to next meeting.

Area form Village Green down to Rhyne: J. Webb reported that this area is overgrown. This was noted.

Chestnut Trees by Telephone Box: B. Woodward reported that the branches are touching the telephone wires again. In addition she reported that the roots

are uplifting the lids on the sewage pipes. It was agreed that Clerk report matter to Janette Burton at SDC.

Mrs Elsom E mail 25th April 2011 - Congestion in Church Road: B. Woodward to advise Mrs. Elsom if she wants to progress this matter, to contact Alan Ham.

Letter from Mrs. Greta Plank dated 8th April 2011: B. Woodward reported that she has advised Mrs. Plank that the Holy Well is not in a field behind the school.

Councillors availability for Planning Application Visits: J. Webb requested a list of Councillors availability over the next few months. Councillors to provide at next meeting. A. Gilling advised that he is now available for Planning visits.

Planning Application 24/11/00013/LE: Has been received with feedback due by 24th June 2011. Clerk to call additional meeting on 20th June 2011 to discuss.

SCC - Rights of Way Update information: Circulated

SCC - Public Rights of Way - Annual Report 2010-11: Circulated

British Legion - Poppy Appeal, Letter 9th May 2011: Circulated

SCC- Guide to Buses Servicing Sedgemoor Coast and Wedmore: Circulated

SCC - Further Electoral Review of Somerset, Letter 13th May 2011:

Circulated

Hinkley Point C - News from EDF Energy - June 2011: Circulated

A. Ham Letter 18th May 2011 - Highway Schemes in Brent Division/Grass Cutting and Environmental Maintenance: Circulated

Somerset Local Authorities' Civil Contingencies Unit - Information for the Parish Council - Village Hall? Volunteers?: G. Willoughby advised that she will attend to this matter.

SDC - Coastal Cluster Group Meeting 13 July 2011: A. Gilling advised that he will be in attendance. J. Webb stated that she will also attend.

SCC - Signing and Lining Works on Old Bristol Road, East Brent: After discussion, it was Proposed by B. Walker and Seconded by B. Woodward that the proposed change of alignment be approved. This was unanimously agreed.

SDC - Annual Affordable Housing Event 14th July 2011: Workshop 5.00 pm + Poster to Notice Board: Noted

Bill Haley - Email 28th March 2011 - Talk on Weston Pier: It was agreed to invite BH to September PC meeting and advertise in Magazine that Parishioners are welcome to attend.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting ended at 9.30 pm.

2007: DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of East Brent Parish Council will be held on Monday 4th July 2011 at 7.30pm in East Brent Village Hall.