

A MEETING OF EAST BRENT PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2011 AT 7.30PM IN THE EAST BRENT VILLAGE HALL

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

APOLOGIES: B. Filmer

Mobile Phones: E Champion requested that everyone including Parishioners turn off their mobile phone.

Talk by No Pilrow group: N. Woolmington advised that 2 members of the No Pilrow group recently met with members of SDC Planning Committee to discuss the Broadview application. He advised that the group has looked at the Huntspill and Brent Knoll applications. However the group has concentrated on the Bicton, Cambridgeshire Broadview application which contains 1,400 pages of documentation. NW stated it is therefore likely that the Rooksbridge application will have the same amount of pages which would be very unwieldy for the Parish Council to consider. NW stated that No Pilrow has built up a substantial knowledge base on this matter and is willing to share this with the Parish Council. NW stated that this would be done not stressing No Pilrow's views but from the group's knowledge gained from working on this for months.

M. Keegan expressed concern that Parish Council will not get all the details when Planning Application presented. Also concerned that market research not detailed in SDC Core Strategy. He wants everything that SDC has had to come to Core Strategy conclusions e.g. Landscape Assessment. He stated that he has requested this from SDC and has not received information to date. MK stated that affected villages should get benefit of information sourced by Broadview. He requested Parish Council's assistance in this matter.

MK concerned for example that noise objection already negated as motorway noise already there. MK feels key is to have consortium of local councils. He issued notes to all Parish Councillors detailing his input.

Opportunity for members of the Parish Electorate to speak:

John Reef spoke with regard to **the camper van in Strowlands** and stated that he felt that his drive would not support the weight of the vehicle. He stated that he is planning to sell the camper van in say 6 months.

Colin Loader spoke with regard to the **East Brent Parish History Group** and summarised what the group had achieved to date. He advised that the group require £1,800 in year 1 and then £300 each year thereafter. The group has applied to the Nuttall Trust for funding and requested a donation from the Parish Council. CL stated that the group does not have a constitution yet, a draft has been prepared.

Colin Loader advised that as a representative from Harvest Home that they will be keen to get involved in the **Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations**.

2089: MINUTES: The minutes of the meetings held on 3rd and 24th October 2011 having been circulated were taken as an accurate record and were signed by E Champion.

MATTERS ARISING:

2090: STROWLANDS TRAFFIC – Camper Van Parking: E. Champion advised that he had visited the site and in his opinion did not consider the parking to be dangerous. After discussion when it was agreed that the parking was a nuisance rather than a danger, it was agreed to leave this matter.

2091: EAST BRENT PARISH HISTORY: V. Clapp suggested that it may be better to keep cabinet in Church rather than Village Hall for open access, however after discussion it was agreed that it would be better controlled in Village Hall. After consideration of donation to Village Hall and possible expenditure on Tidy Up projects, it was Proposed by B. Woodward and Seconded by J. Webb that £500 be donated to History Group project on condition that History Group also approach other funders for donations, and that a constitution is exhibited. This was unanimously agreed.

2092: EAST BRENT VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE - PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF PV SOLAR PANELS: Clerk advised that conditional Planning approval has been received for Solar Panels. S. McGreay advised that he has offered Village Hall his services for free in this matter. After consideration of donation to History Project and possible expenditure on Tidy Up projects, it was Proposed by L. Spokes and Seconded by J. Bowden that £400 be donated to Village Hall Committee specifically for the Solar Panel project. This was unanimously agreed.

2093: TIDY UP PROJECTS: E. Champion advised that he has received a verbal quote from Jason Mayo for £450 however clarification is required regarding the exact area to be cleared. E. Champion volunteered to meet Vic Phillips (who quoted £420 + VAT) and Jason Mayo to confirm the area to be cleared up and to confirm cut back of trees is included in the price. V. Clapp Proposed and J. Webb Seconded that E. Champion meet with VP and JM to determine area to be cleared and then accept the cheapest quote up to £600. This was unanimously agreed.

2094: WOODEN HOLDER FOR SALT: E mail from Highways 19/10/11 –

“Unfortunately, we would not authorise a self made wooden container to be placed on the public highway. As there is no incline at Burton Row, it would not meet the necessary criteria for a dumpy bag. Alternatively, I would suggest you consider the purchase of a grit bin, or use some of the 20 kg bags of de-icing material that can be collected from our Dunball depot during the morning of Saturday 29 October”. Clerk has advised Highways that Wooden Holder will be situated on Mrs. Cole’s land and is endeavouring to obtain Dumpy Bags for Mrs. Cole and for Tom Dalley. TD has sent an Email (see Correspondence) regarding gritting at The Stables Business Park.

E. Champion advised that he collected 15 20kg bags of de-icing material from Dunball to be held for use by Parishioners.

2095: POSSIBLE MULTI OCCUPANCY AT THE ELMS: E mail from David Baxter at SDC. 04/10/11 - Inspection of The Elms has indicated that it does not operate as an HMO but as an ordinary detached family home with 1 permanent lodger, who has 5 cars in the car park, and two other temporary lodgers who work at Bristol airport.

No further action is contemplated or required under HMO legislation. If there is a complaint of noise nuisance in the future, however, this can be referred to Environmental Health - 0845 408 2546.

2096: MAP OF PARISH: E. Champion will contact the Drainage Board to establish if they can be of assistance.

2097: QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE: Clerk exhibited various correspondence received regarding this matter. B. Walker advised that Yvonne Claridge from the Church had given him some information and he will bring this to the next meeting. After discussion it was agreed that it would be beneficial to form a sub-committee to progress this matter and Clerk to write to all groups who use Village Hall (plus Churches, Schools, NoPilrow Group, Haleys) and invite them to a meeting at 7.00 pm on 5th December 2011 - ask them to reply before next meeting.

2098: ORCHARD CLOSE: A. Gilling stated that there has been recent further incidents. He also stated that it appears North Somerset Council has withdrawn its offer of accommodation - however it appears Michelle Platt will be rehoused in Sedgemoor.

2099: PARISH MAGAZINE: E mail from Molly Richards advising - Current number of subscription 163 with approximately 40 being bought each month by others. Monthly print is 200 running to 220 copies when the magazine features special articles or pictures.

Advertising income to beginning of Nov. this year £1373. Cost to print approximately 0.80p per 36 page magazine.

She advises to keep in mind that there are additional costs that are not included in the print cost such as, stationery, postage, etc. Other factors to consider are: logistics - who will deliver the magazines.

Time - specifically Molly's time - as the magazine is printed 'in house' it takes her approximately 5 hours to print the current run of 200. It's approximately 1 and 1/2 minutes per magazine. She advises that if there are at a guess a minimum of 600 houses in the parish, this would take 15+ hours just to print. This of course does not allow for the editing and layout time which would be about 3 to 5 days depending on the quality and how the entries have been submitted. Overall the additional printing will take up approximately 1 1/2 to 2 weeks of Molly's time (full time).

MR advises that we could revert to printing every 2 months or quarterly as Lympsham, but that may not attract the same number of advertisers, but then again the larger volume of distribution may attract more advertisers. Though she is loath to put more advertising in as she thinks the balance between content and adverts is 50/50 at present, any more and the magazine will look like a directory.

A. Gilling advised that there are 487 houses in the Parish.

After discussion it was agreed that J. Webb and S. McGreavy contact Molly to progress matter.

2100: DOG BIN AT STROWLANDS: G. Willoughby advised that the bin has been emptied.

2101: AFFORDABLE HOUSING UPDATE: Clerk exhibited photographs received from Mary Chorley. MC has advised that she will assist with preparation of Magazine article. A. Gilling advised that MC is organizing a visit by senior SDC officials

2102: PLANNING:

Decisions from previous planning applications are given as follows:

Ref. No. 24/11/00018/CJA

Proposal: Erection of agricultural building

Location: Land to the north of, Rookery Cottages, White House Lane, Edingworth, Weston-Super-Mare, BS240JD

Granted conditional planning permission

Ref. No. 24/11/00020/CJA

Proposal: Erection of extension to North elevation to form seating area and West elevation to form plant compound, repositioning and forming new main entrance.

Location: Sedgemoor Motorway Service Area M5 Southbound, Brent Knoll Picnic Area, Rooksbridge, Axbridge

Granted conditional planning permission

Ref. No. 24/11/00021/SJH

Proposal: Installation of PV Solar Panels to roof

Location: East Brent Village Hall, Brent Road, East Brent, Highbridge

Granted conditional planning permission

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

Ref. No. 24/11/00023/DRT

Proposal: Installation and operation of a solar photovoltaic array and associated equipment with a maximum array height of 2.6m and a maximum installed capacity of 50kW.

Location: Land to the north of, White House Farm, White House Lane, Loxton, Axbridge, BS26 2UU

Applicant: E-tricity Limited

J. Webb and Y. Roscorla visited the site. There was a general concern that there will more of these sites. However S. McGreavy advised that the feed-in tariff for businesses has gone down from 20p to 8p. After discussion and because of the remote location it was Proposed by J. Webb and Seconded by Y. Roscorla that the application be fully supported on the grounds that: -

No detrimental impact on traffic generation and Road Safety

No detrimental impact on neighbours through overshadowing or loss of privacy

No detrimental effect on the landscape

No detrimental impact upon character and appearance of area

Complies with national, regional and local planning policy and guidance

No detrimental impact upon other environmental issues such as noise

This was unanimously agreed.

Ref. No. 24/11/00024/JAB

Proposal: Reduce laterals by 2-3m, crown lift by 2.5m from Ash, Sycamore and Hazel trees in G1

Location: Group of trees at, East Brent C of E 1st School, Church Road, East Brent, Highbridge, TA9 4HZ

Applicant: SW1 Property Services

J. Webb declared an interest in this matter and left the meeting at 9.25 pm

Before leaving J. Webb stated that she does not want SW1 Property Services to encroach on to school grounds.

E. Champion and B. Woodward visited the site. EC stated that it will not affect J. Webb's property if SW1 Property Services adhere to what is on Planning Application.

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

No detrimental impact on traffic generation and Road Safety

No detrimental impact on neighbours through overshadowing or loss of privacy

No detrimental effect on the landscape

No detrimental impact upon character and appearance of area

No detrimental impact upon other environmental issues such as noise

Provided that SW1 Property Services keep to measurements on Planning Application and not cut back further than Rossholme's boundary.

This was unanimously agreed

J. Webb returned to the meeting at 9.32 pm

2103: FINANCIAL MATTERS: A copy of the receipts and payments until 31st October 2011 was issued to all Parish Councillors present.

As the Bank statements to 31st October 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 2 payments were unanimously approved for payment from the Current Account :(
Proposed by V. Clapp and Seconded by B. Woodward)

Sedgemoor District Council - Install Post and New Dog Waste Bin at Prospect Close, East Brent:
£176.68

R.Strachan - Salary and admin.expenses: £1,592.69

Clerk advised that account received from Sedgemoor District Council - Emptying Dog Waste Bins 1st April 2011 to 30th September 2011: £334.47. This covers emptying Bristol Road, East Brent dog bin 3 times per week at £2.68 + VAT per time and emptying the dog bin at the cemetery £2.68 + VAT per week.

The payments deducted by SDC from the Precept payment totaling £449.16 covered the period 1st October 2011 to 31st March 2012 viz:

New bin at Prospect Close (7 weeks) from 10th August (£18.76) one empty per week

Old Bristol Road three empties per week (26 weeks) £209.04

Cemetery and Prospect Close one empty per week (26 weeks) £139.36

It was Proposed by V. Clapp and Seconded by B. Woodward to pay account of £334.47.

This was unanimously agreed

It was Proposed by J. Webb and Seconded by B. Walker to transfer the sum of £3,000 from the Capital Reserve account to the Current Account to cover the above payments.

This was unanimously agreed

2104: CORRESPONDENCE:

RSN Online - 3rd, 10th, 18th 24th 31st October 2011: Circulated

Campaign to Protect Rural England - "How to Respond to Planning Applications": Circulated

The Planning Inspectorate - Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Section 53. Somerset County Council (No. 13) Modification Order, 2010. Parishes of East Brent and Lympsham. Copy of SCC statement of case: Circulated

SCC - Somerset Electoral Review: Circulated

SDC - News Release 5th October 2011- Fly tipping service: Circulated

SCC - EDF Energy intention to submit Application to the Infrastructure Planning Commission: Circulated

Proposed Speed Indicator Device Installation Dates 2012: Circulated

SDC - Coastal Cluster Group - Minutes of Meeting 13th July 2011: Circulated

Notes from Hinkley C Connection Group Meeting - Thursday, 13 October 2011: Circulated

Somerset Waste Partnership's Newsletter - October/November 2011: Circulated

SCC - Speed Indicator Device Installations 2012: Circulated

SDC - Adoption of Sedgemoor Core Strategy 2006-2027: Circulated

Thatch - Autumn 2011: Circulated

Parish Matters (Came & Company) - Autumn 2011: Circulated

Introducing INFORM Somerset to Town and Parish Councils: Circulated

SALC - Minutes of Meeting 24th September 2011: Circulated

East Brent Parish History - East Brent Parish Book & Documents Holdings Issue 0.3: Circulated

Speed Indicator Device Results - Edingworth Road: As a high number over speed limit it was decided that Clerk write to Highways expressing concern and requesting calming measures. In addition request that this road be salted during bad weather.

SCC - Winter Service 2011/2012 - De-icing Material and Depot Open Evening: V. Clapp and B. Walker stated that they will attend.

Somerset RCC - Community Led Plan: Further information received from Keeley Rudd - it was agreed to put information in Circulation.

Esther Robinson - Vote for Pauline Dixon for the PCSO of the year award: Noted.

Rooksbridge Lights for Life - A38 Lighting -Letter from Mrs. Pat Ireland 18th October 2011: Y. Roscorla agreed that there is a dark patch on the road and that lighting may be beneficial. However A. Gilling stated that he does not recommend street lights in a country setting. V. Clapp agreed that as a country person street lights are alien to her. VC wondered if motorists would find high level of light a problem and also where the cost would come from. It was Proposed by S. McGreavy and Seconded by V. Clapp to advise Mrs. Ireland that after consideration the Parish Council unable to support this request. The resolution was passed with 10 votes in favour, with 1 abstention.

Tom Dalley, The Stables Business Park - Winter Gritting, Broadband Speed: With regard to winter gritting Clerk to write to Highways to request Dumpy Bags for The Stables Business Park which could be used as a depot. With regard to slow Broadband speed it was agreed to refer this matter to Tessa Munt MP.

SALC - North Area Meeting 1st December 2011: No one available to attend.

2105: MATTERS OF REPORT:

Clerks & Councils Direct - November 2011: Circulated

The Playing Field - Autumn 2011: Circulated

Somerset Waste Core Strategy published for Consultation until 6th January 2012: Circulated

SCC - Consultation on Somerset's draft Countywide Parking Strategy: Circulated

Speed Indicator Device Results - Brent Road: Circulated

SDC - Sedgemoor Core Strategy: Circulated

J. Webb enquired what areas are considered **Conservation Areas**. A. Gilling advised Clerk to write to Mike Newell, Property Services, SCC for details.

L. Spokes reported she has arranged wreath and Clerk should issue cheque for **£15.00 in favour of The British Legion**.

J. Bowden reported that he has loosened **chains at Memorial**.

A.Gilling reported that he will provide **Christmas Tree** and John Bowden reported that he will check the **lights**.

G. Willoughby reported that the old road signs have not been properly removed at the bend at **Knoll Inn** and could cause problems. Clerk to write to Highways and request lines are fully removed.

B. Woodward reported that **bus stop at Brent Road** has not been relocated yet. Clerk to write to John Perrett at SCC to progress.

B. Woodward reported that she will provide mince pies, coffee etc for next meeting and also give **Mrs Mead who opens/closes Cemetery gate** biscuits and a card.

SCC - Replacement of Defective Paving with Tarmacadam: Noted

NoPilrow Group: *A. Gilling declared a Personal and Prejudicial interest in this matter.*

Following presentation earlier in evening the matter was fully discussed and it was agreed that: Parish Council will not contact other PCs until the Hunstspill planning application comes in.

Clerk contact SDC and request market research which provided conclusions on Core Strategy.

Clerk contact Broadview and request details of their findings.

Information to be received from No Pilrow group providing that it is unbiased.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting ended at 10.20 pm.

2106: DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of East Brent Parish Council will be held on Monday 5th December 2011 at 7.30pm in East Brent Village Hall.