

EAST BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of East Brent Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Monday 11th January 2016 at 7.30pm, when the following business was transacted.

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

4 residents attended - Mrs Louise Court was invited to speak and 3 residents wanted to observe only. Before the meeting was opened Mrs Court was asked to make her comments re planning application 24/16/00002

Mrs Court informed the Council of her concerns about the application – especially access and boundaries.

1. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest.

Apologies: Cllr. S McGreavy. Cllr B Filmer

Declarations: Cllr. A. Gilling for all planning matters and to avoid Predetermination at the Sedgemoor Development Committee.

2. Minutes of the meeting on Monday 14th December 2015.

Due to the Clerk not posting copies of the minutes to Cllr B Bees and Cllr B Woodward it was agreed that these minutes would be signed at the February meeting. The Clerk apologised for the inconvenience caused to the Council

3. Matters Arising: Playing Field Rooksbridge: Cllr W Walker informed the meeting that due to the extreme wet weather that spraying had not been done and will report back

4. Planning

24/15/00042 – Sedgemoor Services M5 – There were no observations with this application. Proposed by Cllr J Bowden and seconded by Cllr N Lloyd-Jones. All in favour

24/15/00043 – Signage at the services - There were no observations with this application. Proposed by Cllr E Champion and seconded by Cllr N Lloyd-Jones. All in favour

24/16/00001 – Extension at rear of Sa Goba, Wickham Way TA9 4JB – The Council supported this application. Proposed by Cllr N Lloyd-Jones and seconded by Cllr J Bowden. All in favour

24/16/00002 – Erection of 2 storey building at Sa Goba, Wickham Way TA9 4JB – The Council supported this application. Proposed by Cllr E Champion and seconded by Cllr J Bowden. The was one abstention

5. Financial Matters:

a) The precept for 2016/2017 was agreed at £19806 – with the grant from Sedgemoor being reduced it will mean a slight increase of 4% year on year. This was proposed by Cllr W Walker and seconded by Cllr J Webb. All in favour

b) It was agreed to pay the Clerk 'salary (December) of £328.32. Proposed by Chairman V Rawles and seconded by Cllr J Bowden All in favour

c) As the Parish Council have already allocated a donation to the Village Hall – it was agreed that this would be taken from that budget re the electricity for the Christmas Tree

d) It was agreed to pay Cllr B Woodward - £8 re the purchase of tins of biscuits for the helpers that open the Cemetery gates. This was proposed by Cllr E Champion and seconded by Cllr B Bees. All in favour

e) It was agreed to pay Mr Dave Griddle his invoice of £200 re the repositioning of the gate posts at the Cemetery. Proposed by Cllr B Woodward and seconded by Cllr B Bees. All in favour

6. Road Widening (Butchers Corner) - The Clerk read out a reply from County Hall confirming that the Parish Council would be consulted on any scheme undertaken. The Clerk to write back acknowledging his email but as the scheme has been passed to another department – the Council again wanted assurances that they would be consulted

7. Speed Awareness Sign: agree It was agreed that the order would now be placed to purchase the Speed Awareness Sign from Radarlux on the basis that:
Somerset County use this particular make and model
County Road engineer recommends this model
Brent Knoll had set this as a precedent for their sign
This was proposed by Cllr E Champion and seconded by Cllr C Loader. All in favour

8. Electrician Quotes re defibrillator : Cllr J Webb read out the three quotes received. It was then agreed to proceed with the quote from Paul Buncombe. This was proposed by Cllr W Walker and seconded by Cllr N Lloyd-Lewis. All in favour

9. Triangular Land opposite the Knoll Inn: Cllr W Walker read out the replies received from parishioners and a petition delivered to his home of what the consensus of opinion of what to do with the land. Cllr J Webb then informed the meeting that she had been in touch with County Hall who informed her that they are very unlikely to sell the land – but to offer the Parish Council to lease it from County Hall. It was agreed that Cllr J Webb to contact County Hall asking for an estimate of costs involved and report back. One this had been verified then a Village Meeting would be called to discuss how to take this further. It was also agreed that the Clerk to Contact Cllr B Filmer re the new Planning Policy Proposal that all “Green Wedge’s” have lost their status

10 Correspondence: As Cllr W Walker had read out the replies re point 9 – he passed all the paperwork to the Clerk for filing

Matters of report:

Chairman – Read a letter from Rev Simon Lewis re “Pitching Our Tent” in relation to the 3 Saints Church Family. There is to be a meeting held at St Mary’s East Brent on February 6th which she will attend along with Cllr J Webb

Members

Cllr J Webb informed the meeting of the state of finger posts within the parish. It was agreed that all Cllrs would look at the signs and report back at February’s meeting and put together a maintenance plan.

Cllr C Loader (as well as other Cllrs) agreed a sign would be placed on the locked bike informing the owner that if not removed within 7 days – then the bike would be removed

Cllr B Bees asked about the distributors of the Parish Magazine being given a meal in thanks of their work in getting the magazine into every letter box in the Village. He was assured that this was paid for by the Editorial Staff.

Cllr J Bowden reported that the bench owned by the Noad family in the Cemetery was in need of repair and a replacement seat was required – the Clerk to contact the family

Cllr B Woodward informed the meeting of cars being parked on the pavement outside the surgery. It was agreed to contact the local PCSO to look into

The Clerk – The Clerk informed the meeting that the bank statements had now been transferred to his name and address but Nat West do not offer any internet “read only” facilities. As all the Cllrs thought in this day and age it would benefit the Parish Council of having internet banking – as the Clerk is not a signatory – the Chairman to look into the possibility of opening a new bank account

The next meeting of East Brent Parish Council will be Monday 8th February 2016 at 7.30pm at East Brent Village Hall.