

EAST BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of East Brent Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Monday 1st October 2018, when the following business was transacted.

Present: Chairman B. Walker, Cllr B. Bees, Cllr C. Searle, Cllr N. Lloyd-Jones, Cllr B. Woodward, Cllr C. Loader, Cllr V. Rawles, Cllr J. Bowden, Cllr E. Champion, County Cllr B. Filmer
Cllr A. Gilling

In attendance the Clerk and 4 Parishioners

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

Cllr H. Broderick **RE Planning** County Cllr B. Filmer & Cllr A. Gilling to avoid predetermination at Sedgemoor Development Committee.

2. Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 3rd September 2018: were agreed and signed as a correct record.

3. Matter arising: Josephs Pound - Cllr Rawles reported the playing field was looking good, but the gate needed the hinge being greased. Cllr Gilling agreed to look at and remedy.

County Cllr B. Filmer & Cllr A. Gilling left the meeting at 19.32pm

4. Planning

24/18/00028 – erection of single storey extension to side elevation to form double garage at Laurel Farm Chapel Road Rooksbridge BS26 2TB. The Council agreed unanimously to support this application.

24/18/00029 – retention of car park to serve previously approved log cabins - Rookery Manor Rookery Farm Edingworth BS24 0JB. The Council agreed not to support this application. There was one abstention.

24/18/00031 – variation on condition of planning permission 24/13/00026 to allow for change in materials and repositioning of building – land to the east Mill Batch Farm Bristol Road. The Council agreed unanimously to support this application

County Cllr B. Filmer & Cllr A. Gilling returned to the meeting at 19.41pm

5. Financial Matters

a)	Clerks Salary - September	£ 390.87
b)	Clerks Expenses - September	£ 32.82
c)	A1 Gardening - Village maintenance (19827 Sept)	£ 462.00 inc. VAT
d)	D Criddle - Removal of Dutch elms at Cemetery	£ 240.00
e)	New Parish Insurance (Zurich)	£ 789.92
f)	PCG - Village maintenance	£ 283.00

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

Note : an explanation was provided on why the PC has now changed insurance providers this is mainly due to the significant decrease in the annual premium amount for a very similar level of cover.

6. **Red Phone Box** – it was agreed to defer this to the next meeting to allow quotes to be obtained re the refurbishment of the inside of the box.
7. **Bugler for Remembrance Service** – the Chairman had contacted Mr Mark Downton who agreed to play at the service for an agreed amount of £40.
8. **“To Do List” update** – there were a few items still to be chased. The Council agreed that this is a good method for Cllrs and the Clerk to track and report on agreed tasks from the previous meeting.
9. **Outdoor Training Equipment update** – Cllr Searle gave a report of other sites with outdoor equipment and the Council agreed to review this item again in the new year once the current items where financial commitments have been are completed.
10. **SCC Chairman’s Award for Service to the Community** – the Council were delighted that the award was successful for Betty Griffin and she is to collect her award later in the month. The Chairman also to attend.
11. **Building Homes in Sedgemoor Conference 26th October** – it was agreed that the Chairman and Cllr Loader will attend and the Clerk to book them in.
12. **Cluster Meeting November 21st** – Cllr Broderick has agreed to attend along with Cllr Gilling and will report back at the next meeting.
13. **Future of the Village Hall** – the Chairman stated that as the Hall is quite small – it inhibits a possible increased revenue stream for other bookings that a new hall could attract. The Cllrs to report back with their comments at the next meeting.
14. **Parish Magazine Accounts** – the Chairman presented the accounts for the financial year ending 31st March 2018 to the Council and a copy given to the Clerk.

The Clerk left the meeting at 20.10pm

15. **Matters to do with the Clerk** – Cllr Walker put Cllr Lloyd-Jones proposal to the meeting that the Clerk be awarded a sum of £90 in recompense for all of the extra work that he has done (and not claimed for) in the recent past, this included progressing a change of insurance broker to save the PC a considerable sum on the annual insurance. The PC voted unanimously in favour of the proposal.

The Clerk returned to the meeting at 20.15pm

16. **Proposed speed limit on A38 (report by County Cllr Filmer)** – Cllr Filmer gave a detailed report from both SCC and the Police of the various speed limits in force from the Edithmead roundabout to the War Memorial at East Brent at present. The findings are to recommend to make this a 40mph zone. The Council agreed to support this proposal and the Clerk to write to SCC confirming agreement.
17. **Matters of Report**

Chairman – following a request from a parishioner about speeding in East Brent – he has reported this to the Police on their web site as there was no telephone contact, to see if a speed check could be made.

Cllr Rawles – reported on the amount of speeding through Edingworth – especially near Rookery Manor. The SID will be installed as soon as possible. Despite the Clerk reporting the fly tipping of tyres on Mendip Road, they had still not been removed. The Clerk to write to Clean Surroundings to have them removed.

Cllr Loader – reported he was finding it hard to obtain quotes for the required stone masonry work to add the extra names to the war memorial. The 2 obtained to date are for £800 and £1,000 - the high cost is from Wells Cathedral Masonry and they are the ones who have done other work on the memorial, so would be the preferred supplier to do the work once planning approval was obtained.

County Cllr Filmer – informed the meeting of the following:

(1) with the recent good weather EDF are now back on schedule with the building of the jetty at Hinckley Point which will mean a reduction in lorry traffic through the district.

(2) SCC have now purchased a new machinery that can repair pot holes much quicker – and trials are taking place about the possibility of using recycled plastic which tests are proving hardwearing.

(3) financial budgets have been set but not detrimental to SCC commitment to Children's Services in the region and are looking into extra resources from Government to help fund this very expensive department.

Cllr Gilling – reported that a gully trap is broken at the roundabout at the A38 junction and will be repaired by Highways as soon as possible. Homelessness has increased 45% within in the District and a pilot scheme of converting containers is being looked at as a scheme to find temporary housing for the homeless.

Cllr Searle – reported that the lock on the Cemetery gate is very hard to use. Cllr Bowden agreed to look at and replace with a new one.

During the recent libraries service consultation, which ran from January to June, over 7,000 responses from across Somerset were received including nearly 13,000 comments. the council's recommendations is expected to be published online on 16 October ahead of discussion by the council's Scrutiny Committee for Policy and Place on 24 October.

Cllr Woodward – reported that the horse chestnut trees on the Village Green may need work to be carried out as they could have some form of disease. She agreed to ask the tree surgeon who raised this to provide some more feedback on this matter and to inform the Chairman who may then contact SDC.

Cllr Lloyd-Jones – mentioned about the excellent work carried out on the what was a very overgrown hedge opposite the hall - the Council all agreed it looks so much better. Also that confirmation has been given to SDC on the financial commitment by the Parish Council to the new play equipment that will be placed in area by the end of Red House Road.

Clerk – read out 2 letters he had received from parishioners concerning **1)** the issue of flooding pertaining to the plot near the Rosary at Rooksbridge and **2)** as both our County and District Cllrs are on the development committee if other local ward Cllrs can act on our behalf. The Clerk confirmed that a 25 Kilo bag of bulbs has been reserved, 4 next plot signs at £25 each have been ordered for the cemetery, he is working on getting the kissing gate available delivered to Cllr. Bowden's location for then fitting at the cemetery and that a check by SDC was carried out at the recreational area off Mendip Road and that they plan to do another visit next month to check on the status of dog fouling.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Date of next meeting Monday November 5th at 7.30pm