

**A MEETING OF EAST BRENT PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 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, J. Webb, G. Willoughby, B. Woodward, together with the Clerk B Strachan were in attendance.

**APOLOGIES:** W. Walker, B. Filmer, A. Ham

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

The meeting was preceded by a very interesting talk by Bill Haley, William Haley Engineering Limited on the Weston-super-Mare pier construction. A number of parishioners were in attendance in addition to the Parish Councillors.

**Opportunity for members of the Parish Electorate to speak:** None

**2043: MINUTES:** The minutes of the meetings held on 4<sup>th</sup> July , 2 Meetings on 18<sup>th</sup> July + 2 Meetings on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011 having been circulated were taken as an accurate record and were signed by E Champion.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**2044: TIDY UP PROJECTS:** Despite being advertised in Parish Magazine, no volunteers appeared. After discussion, J. Bowden Proposed and V. Clapp Seconded that Jason Mayo and Vic Phillips be requested to quote to tidy up the grass verge from Jarvis Lane to Collis Farm entrance on Bridgwater Road. This was unanimously agreed. It was also agreed that Clerk check with insurance company regarding the volunteers helping at Rooksbridge.

A. Gilling stated that the Lenghtman scheme should be kept in mind as there was a volunteer 2 years ago.

It was finally decided that Councillors should bring a list of projects to be completed to the next meeting which will then be prioritised.

**2045: THE PADDOCKS, ROOKSBRIDGE:** A. Gilling advised that dog warden still off and has not been able to give feedback yet.

**2046: BUS STOP BESIDE FIELDWAYS, BRENT ROAD, EAST BRENT:** B. Woodward advised that following the site meeting it has been agreed to relocate the stop.

J. Perrett at SCC has advised that he has put in a bid for some LTP (Local transport Plan) funding for minor bus stop improvements.

**2047: POSSIBLE MULTI OCUPANCY AT THE ELMS:** Clerk to get update from David Baxter at SDC.

**2048: MAP OF PARISH:** SCC has advised that it will be very expensive to supply copy of Ordinance Survey maps. It was agreed that Clerk contact Eileen Shaw, Town Clerk at Burnham on Sea and E. Champion contact the Drainage Board to establish if they can be of assistance.

**2049: LACK OF FOOTPATH SIGNS:** B. Walker has advised that 'footpath signs' is part of his footpath review and is in hand.

**2050: AFFORDABLE HOUSING:**

Mary Chorley at SDC has advised that the following houses at Toomer Close East Brent have been let to the following people:

3 bed house - Couple with 2 children who have lived in East Brent for over 11 years.

3 bed house - Couple with 3 children - currently living with Mum in East Brent and have done so for a number of years. Mum has lived in East Brent for many years.

2 bed house - Single mum with one child has lived in East Brent for a long time with mum - who has lived in East Brent for most of her life.

2 bed house - single mum with one child lives with Mum & Dad at Rooksbridge and has done so for most of her life.

J. Bowden advised that 3 Parish Councillors were at the official opening and that the houses are a good size and quality and a credit to SDC. JB advised that the Rooksbridge project almost finished and Mary Chorley will send photographs of the sites. Thereafter article for Parish Magazine to be prepared.

**2051: PARKING OF VEHICLES ON BRENT ROAD, EAST BRENT:**

B. Walker, Barbara Woodward, Esther Robinson, Chris Betty, Senior Traffic Engineer met on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011. B. Walker has advised that the outcome of the meeting was that the detection loops for the traffic lights are to be tested to determine that they are operating, to be certain that they are not causing any traffic delays, thereby adding to the problem. If they are OK then the areas immediately either side of the loops will be identified with a kerbside white line. This will stop people from parking either over the top of or too close to the loops which obviously inhibits the efficiency of those loops.

This action, because of the position of the detector loops in the road, will necessarily stop so many people parking outside of the two cottages in question. If the parking problem persists after this action, then Esther Robinson can/will take it up as an obstruction problem.

B. Woodward advised that the 40 mph signs will be moved further back to slow traffic down sooner.

**2052: HEIGHT OF THE FENCE AT DOCTOR'S SURGERY:** B. Woodward advised that the fence is still in situ. Clerk to contact Liam Gill again.

**2053: CHESTNUT TREES BY TELEPHONE BOX:** Dave Aggett SDC has advised that he estimates it will take 2 men a day to carry out the lifting and reduction work to the two trees and clear all of the arisings from site. The cost of this work would be £480.00. DA requests that Parish Council pay half. After discussion it was Proposed by S. McGreavy and Seconded by V. Clapp that Parish Council pay £240.00 towards the cost. This was unanimously agreed.

**2054: SCC, Highways - SID RESULTS Edingworth Road:** E mail from PC Esther Robinson 14th July 2011 advising that these figures can be perceived as high, especially if the SID has been set literally at 30MPH, (they normally give 5% before triggering). However, Pauline Dixon has spoken with traffic police who are better resourced and equipped to deal with speeding issues and they have kindly agreed to patrol the area and conduct some random speed checks.

31<sup>st</sup> August 2011 - PD advised that having spoken with the RPU they have assured her that they would undertake patrols in the area.

**2055: SIGNS FOR BANGER RACING:** Paul Chequers has advised (e mail 10<sup>th</sup> July 2011) the Somerset Rebels Banger Racing Club has now ceased to exist. The club failed to meet its financial

arrangements and was wound up several weeks ago. Any signs erected should now have been removed and will not be re-erected in the future.

**2056: QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE:** Y. Roscorla advised that Sheila Bellingham is putting flyers in Rooksbridge to establish what the villagers want on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2012. V. Clapp stated that it would be preferable to have a combined event with the whole Parish for instance a Beacon on the Knoll. Y. Roscorla stated that she will contact SB to enquire if there can be a coordinated event for the whole Parish.

**2057: SOMERSET RURAL YOUTH PROJECT:** John Addicott, Somerset Rural Youth Project has advised (e mail 2/9/11) that the main 'NCS' project is now in its final stages, and Young People have chosen their projects, however they have plans for a day of social action on 1st October, which could be included as an option. After discussion it was agreed that PC would not be ready to proceed with a project on 1st October. Advise to keep us in mind if they are doing something similar next year.

**2058: SID IN STROWLANDS:** Dave Grabham at SCC has advised that the location would not qualify for a SID under the present policy criteria (which demands that 85<sup>th</sup>ile speeds should be in excess of the speed limit plus 10% plus 3mph - i.e. 36mph in a 30mph limit). DG (E mail 16<sup>th</sup> August 2011) states that as there were no suitable posts or columns on which to attach a VCC, the readings were therefore eventually obtained by colleagues in the Strategic Planning Group who attached tubes to the carriageway. This method relies on recording the speeds of the vehicles as they pass over the tubes and so measures the speed of the vehicles (in both directions) at the point of contact where the tubes are positioned rather than measuring approach speeds.

DG wonders if Edingworth currently has a Community Speed Watch Group as he knows that these have proved to be very successful in reducing speeds in other parts of the county. The major difficulty in establishing such a group however seems to be finding someone prepared to act as group co-ordinator and enough volunteers to make it viable.

G. Willoughby wished clarification where the tubes were placed as may not have been in correct area (should be closer to 30 mph sign) as she is still getting complaints from residents. It was agreed that Clerk write to DG to establish where the tubes were placed.

It was also reported that a camper van parked on the corner of Strowlands/The Mead may be causing a visual obstruction to drivers. It was agreed that Clerk write to owner (S McGreavy will forward details to Clerk).

#### **2059: PLANNING:**

**Decisions from previous planning applications are given as follows:**

Ref. No. 24/11/00010/NM

Proposal: Erection of agricultural building

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

*Granted conditional planning permission*

Ref. No. 24/11/00012/CG

Proposal: Retention of extension to existing wall

Location: Land to the West of, Beaconsfield House, Chapel Road, Rooksbridge, Axbridge

*Granted conditional planning permission*

Ref. No. 24/11/00013/LE

Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of three dwellings

Location: Rosary, Chapel Road, Rooksbridge, Axbridge, BS262TB

*Granted conditional planning permission*

Ref. No. 24/11/00014/CG

Proposal: Erection of a 70 metre high wind monitoring mast with associated guy wires for a temporary period of two years

Location: Land between, Mudgley Road and, Vole Road, Brent Knoll, Highbridge

*Granted conditional planning permission*

Ref. No. 24/11/00015/CG

Proposal: Display of two freestanding non-illuminated information signs showing tenants occupying the Business Park

Location: The Stables Business Park, Mudgley Road, Rooksbridge, Axbridge, BS26 2TH

*Granted conditional planning permission*

Ref. No. 24/11/00016/LE

Proposal: Erection of agricultural building

Location: Agricultural Building at, Laurel Farm, Edingworth Road, Edingworth, Weston-Super-Mare, BS24 0JA

*Granted planning permission*

Ref. No. 24/11/00017/JAB

Proposal: 2No Horse Chestnuts T4 & T5: Crown lift both trees to give 3-3.5m clearance from ground level, reduce spread of canopies by 1.0-2.0m to re-balance crowns and reduce end weight on extended laterals. Thin canopies of both trees by 20-25% removing branches around overhead cables.

Location: Land to the East of Holly Tree Cottage, Brent Road, East Brent, Highbridge, TA9

*Granted conditional planning permission*

Ref. No. 24/11/00019/SH

Proposal: Change of use and conversion of barns to two dwellings and erection of carport/garage/workshop

Location: Barns at, Mill Batch Farm, Blackford Road, Mark, Highbridge, TA9 4JN

*(special - deleted record)*

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

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

Applicant: Mr A Rawles

*V. Clapp declared an interest and left the room at 9.20 pm*

The Site visit was by E. Champion, L. Spokes and G. Willoughby. EC recommended that application be approved. After a review of the application it was Proposed by L. Spokes and Seconded by G.

Willoughby that the application be fully supported on the grounds that: -

No detrimental impact on traffic generation and Road Safety.

No detrimental impact on its neighbours.

Complies with national, regional and local planning policy and guidance.

This was unanimously agreed.

*V. Clapp returned to the room at 9.29 pm*

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

Applicant: Roadchef

The Site visit was by E. Champion, L. Spokes and G. Willoughby. EC recommended that application be approved as the situation is remote. After a review of the application it was Proposed by B.

Woodward and Seconded by J. Webb that the application be fully supported on the grounds that: - No detrimental impact on traffic generation and Road Safety.

No detrimental impact on its neighbours.

No detrimental effect on the landscape.

Complies with national, regional and local planning policy and guidance.

No detrimental effect upon the character and appearance of the area.

No detrimental impact upon other environmental issues such as noise.

This was unanimously agreed.

**2060: FINANCIAL MATTERS:** A copy of the receipts and payments until 31st August 2011 was issued to all Parish Councillors present.

As the Bank statements to 31st August 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 J. Bowden and Seconded by L.Spokes)

Sedgemoor District Council - Parish Council Election Costs: £105.00

East Brent Village Hall Committee - Hall Rental 28<sup>th</sup> June, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011: £40.00

East Brent & Rooksbridge Community News - Final instalment of grant: £187.50

R.Strachan - Salary and admin.expenses: £1,595.25

VLP Garden Services - Cut back hedge/Clear pathway/Mow grass: £150.00

The transfer of £4, 000.00 from the Capital Reserve to the Current Account was approved. To cover Cemetery Loan and above payments

**2061: CORRESPONDENCE:**

**SCC - Planned Works in Sedgemoor week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> July, 1<sup>st</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> August 2011:** Circulated

**RSN Online - 4<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> July 1<sup>st</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2011:** Circulated

**Community Council for Somerset - THATCH Summer 2011:** Circulated

**SDC - Local Funding of Services 2012-13 Letter 19<sup>th</sup> July 2011:** Circulated

**Somerset West Private Sector Housing Partnership - Hard to Treat Homes News release 25<sup>th</sup> July 2011:** Circulated

**SDC - BMX Ramp, Village Green, East Brent:** Circulated

**SDC - News Release - Sedgemoor Councillors support early start on Hinkley Point C but demand safeguards 26<sup>th</sup> July 2011:** Circulated

**SDC - News Release - Site preparation at Hinkley Point C approved 29<sup>th</sup> July 2011:** Circulated

**Community Council for Somerset - Making the most of Community Led Planning: a best practice guide for local authorities 26<sup>th</sup> July 2011:** Circulated

**Looking forward to The Queen's Diamond Jubilee:** Circulated

**Somerset Community Foundation - Grants update August 2011:** Circulated

**SDC - News Release 12<sup>th</sup> August 2011 - Sedgemoor Councillors demand full assessment of the traffic impact of Hinkley Point C:** Circulated

**Somerset Playing Fields Association - Notice of Annual General Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> September 2011/ Annual Report & Accounts - 2010/11/Newsletter Summer 2011:** Circulated

**Somerset Waste Partnership - Newsletter August 2011:** Circulated

**Sedgemoor Citizens Advice Bureau - Letter 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011:** Circulated

**SALC - County Divisions Review:** Circulated

**North Somerset Council - Core Strategy - Submission to Secretary of State and Publication of Proposed Changes:** Circulated

**East Brent Mini-day Centre - Letter 4<sup>th</sup> August 2011:** Circulated

**Avon & Somerset Police Authority - Newsletter July 2011:** Circulated

**Avon & Somerset Police Authority - Strategic Policing Plan 2011 - 2014:** Circulated

**Sedgemoor Local Development Framework - News Update August 2011:** Circulated

**SDC - Planning Site Visits:** Circulated

**SALC - Minutes of North Area meeting 16<sup>th</sup> June 2011:** Circulated

**SALC - Minutes of Annual General meeting 25<sup>th</sup> September 2010:** Circulated

**SALC - Annual Report & Accounts 2010-2011:** Circulated

**Clerks and Councils Direct - September 2011:** Circulated

**Community Council for Somerset - Annual Review 2010-2011 & Looking Ahead 2011-2012:** Circulated

**SCC - Nominations for "Chairman's Awards for Service to the Community":** After discussion, it was agreed not to nominate anyone on this occasion.

**East Brent Village Hall Committee - E-mail 31 July, 2011 - Proposed Installation of PV Solar Panels:** Hugh Mackay will attend next meeting to discuss.

**Avon & Somerset Community Policing Awards:** After discussion, it was agreed not to nominate anyone on this occasion.

**The Planning Inspectorate - Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Section 53. Somerset County Council (No. 13) Modification Order, 2010. Parishes of East Brent and Lympham:**  
*J. Bowden declared an interest and left the room at 9.50 pm*  
 After discussion it was agreed that SCC should proceed with this matter. Clerk to obtain confirmation from SCC.  
*J. Bowden returned to the room at 9.55 pm*

**3 Standards volunteers sought by SDC and SALC - by 30 September:** No one interested.

**The Kings of Wessex Academy - Invite to 2011 Awards Evening:** E.Champion advised that he will attend both as a parent and as Chairman of East Brent Parish Council.

**Somerset West Care and Repair Ltd - Request for Donation:** This will be considered along with other requests at March 2012 meeting.

**SALC - Agenda for meeting 24<sup>th</sup> September 2011:** No one available to attend.

**SALC - Agenda for AGM 24<sup>th</sup> September 2011:** No one available to attend.

**The Local Government Boundary Commission for England - Electoral Review of Somerset:** To Circulation for discussion at next meeting.

**SDC - Planning Enforcement - 20 metre mast installed in one of the fields where the wind farm is to be located:** *A. Gilling declared a prejudicial and personal interest and left the room at 10.00 pm*

Dave Crowle, Planning Enforcement Officer believes it is there as a bat monitoring mast and should be a temporary structure.

**E-mail received from David James E mail 24<sup>th</sup> August 2011:** stating that he had learned from "an extremely reliable but confidential source" that Broadview approached other farmers who own land to the east of the declared site. DJ states that should planning consent be granted it is Broadview's intention in extending the site as they feel any future plans would be more readily granted. DJ states that it has also been reported to him that Broadview have made claims to their industry association that they are confident of being granted planning consent for a wind farm as they have the overwhelming support from council and residents. DJ states that this is contrary to NoPilrow group's information. DJ states that this E-mail is purely for information and for Parish Councillors information as it is they whom Broadview claim support the wind farm. This information was noted.

*A. Gilling returned to the room at 10.00 pm*

A. Gilling advised that the Sedgemoor District Council solicitor has advised that if any Parish Councillor's property can see a proposed new structure e.g. a Wind Farm, they should declare a personal interest. After discussion where it was stated that if this is the case all Parish Councillors would have to declare a personal interest if a planning application is presented for tall wind turbines, it was agreed that Clerk write to SDC Monitoring Officer for clarification.

**Community Council for Somerset - Annual General Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011:** No one available to attend.

#### **2062: MATTERS OF REPORT:**

**Bollards outside Butchers Shop:** B. Woodward reported that John Perrett, SCC has advised that they are allowed as property is no longer a business.

**Michelle Platt - Orchard Close:** J. Bowden enquired if she had moved out. It was agreed that Clerk write to Paul Coates, Homes in Sedgemoor to enquire.

**Dog Fouling at Cemetery:** B. Woodward reported that Tony Close has advised her that a white highland terrier belonging to Keith Cox had fouled his wife's grave. It was agreed that Clerk report matter to Tina Kick, the Dog Warden under advice to T. Close.

**The Sedgemoor Bench 650 Years of The Magistracy:** J. Webb reported that she had attended the commemorative Service to celebrate 650 years since the Magistrates Judicial role started, on behalf of the Parish Council.

**SCC - Planned Works in Sedgemoor week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> August 2011:** Circulated

**RSN Online - 30<sup>th</sup> August 2011, Monthly Round up - September 2011:** Circulated

**SDC - Planning Development Committee 13 September 2011: 24/11/00009**

**Erection of two storey side extension partly on site of single storey extension (to be demolished) Location -The Ferns, Brent Road, East Brent, Highbridge, TA9 4JD**

**Applicant Mrs M Palmer Greene:** J. Webb stated that she will attend the meeting.

**SDC - Planning Training:** J. Webb is attending on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

**Tessa Munt MP - Church Remembrance Sunday Services:** She will try and attend service at East Brent and will send a wreath.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting ended at 10.25 pm.

**2063: DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of East Brent Parish Council will be held on Monday 3rd October 2011 at 7.30pm in East Brent Village Hall.