

## EAST BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the of the Annual General Meeting of East Brent Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017, when the following business was transacted.

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

- 1. Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest and dispensations.**  
Apologies from County Cllr B Filmer. Cllr S McGreavy, Cllr H Broderick. Re Planning—Cllr Gilling to avoid predetermination at Sedgemoor Development Committee.  
Cllr Bowden re planning 24/17/00015 – Cllr Rawles re planning 24/17/00016

- 2. Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017** - were agreed and signed as a correct record.

- 3. Matters arising: Joseph's Pound play area:** as the playground inspectors report was only received at 4pm – the Cllrs agreed it was too short a notice to discuss at this meeting and this will be placed on the September agenda. As some of the inspector's recommendations were for the renewal of the matting damaged by SDC – the Clerk to write to Dave Aggett attaching page 7 of the report asking for SDC to replace with new matting as soon as possible

Cllr Gilling left the meeting at 7.33pm

- 4. Planning**  
**24/17/00014** – The Willows Burton Row – change of use of agricultural building to dwelling and associated operational development. The Council has no further observations with this application

Cllr Bowden left the meeting at 7.39pm

**24/17/00015** – Highland Farm Weston Road Edingworth – Erection of a single storey link extension. The Council agreed to support this application – all in favour

Cllr Bowden re-joined the meeting and Cllr Rawles left the meeting at 7.41pm

**24/17/00016** – land and property at Rookery Manor Edingworth Road Edingworth – change of use of land for the re-siting of 3no yurts and erection of a further 3no yurts. The Council agreed unanimously to support this application

Cllr Rawles and Gilling re-joined the meeting at 7.45pm

- 5. Financial Matters**

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| a) Clerks salary -                | £ 379.39 (June) |
| b) Clerks expenses                | £ 12.50 (June)  |
| c) Internal Audit (Richard Young) | £25             |

It was agreed unanimously to authorise payment of the above invoices

- 6. Cluster Meeting Report** – Cllr Walker and McGreavy attended the meeting over the concerns with speeding on the A370. They reported to the meeting the following:  
The East Brent Parish Council Speed Indicator Device (SID) was installed on the A370 opposite Dulhorn Farm Holiday Park for the period 4/6/2017 – 19/6/2017. The following are the averaged out results.  
Over nine 24 hour recording days in June there was: An average of 3238 vehicles per day.  
Of those, 80% were travelling at speeds of between 40 – 60 mph.  
16% were travelling at speeds of between 60 – 70 mph  
3.8% were travelling at 70 mph + with an average speed of 91.5 mph.  
(typically 100, 102, 103, 107 116, 118, 123 & 134)  
The Chairman of the Cluster meeting took a copy of this data and will forward to our MP James Heappey and Police Commissioner Jill Mountstevens. It was agreed that the Council to await their reports about the possibility of re introducing speed cameras in that area
- 7. Parking in RedHouse Road** – Cllr Loader and the Clerk had received a reply from Jeff Bunting – the Senior Traffic Engineer at County Hall, His report basically stated that nothing could be done at this present moment in time. Cllr Walker to write to Mr Bunting
- 8. Notice Boards** – The Chairman had received an initial quote in the region of £650 and was to follow up further suppliers and report back at the September meeting
- 9. Matters of report:**  
**Chairman** – He had received a phone call from Cllr McGreavy offering his resignation. The Chairman asked the Clerk to put in place the process to advertise the vacancy. A parishioner, Geoff Lee, had contacting him re the amount of fast food litter in the area surrounding the M5 motorway service area (South) private exit road, Cllr Rawles commented that the litter problem was just as bad around the private road to the M5 North bound service area. It was agreed that the Clerk to write to SDC Clean Surrounds asking for something to be done  
**Cllr Lloyd- Jones** – updated the meeting that the logs from the fallen tree had now been uplifted. The grass verge along the A370 had now been trimmed back and was now looking very good– the Council thanked Cllr Bowden for attending to this. As the 3-yearly village maintenance contract including the Cemetery is due for renewal he agreed to update the application and report back at the September meeting before asking for tenders  
**Cllr Rawles** – reported about the amount of dog mess in the Cemetery. The Clerk had received some posters from SDC and agreed to make further copies to be displayed in the Cemetery and other areas of the Villages where dog fouling is a problem  
**Cllr Bowden** – had been in touch with PGC regarding trimming back the verge from the Knoll Inn towards the War Memorial. An initial estimate was £100 to do the work. The Council agreed to have this work carried out as soon as possible as the next meeting is not until September. Cllr Bowden to inform PGC to carry this work out  
**Cllr Gilling** – gave a contact of Steve Taylor at SDC who, at the cluster meeting, gave details of how we can declare drug/alcohol free and dog fouling free areas within our parish. The Clerk to write to him asking for clarification  
**Cemetery** – Cllr Bowden reported that the main gate at the Cemetery had been forced and was out of alignment. He made good the repair at weekend – the Council thanked him for his time in making good the gate.  
**Clerk** – Read out a TV blog he has been receiving on a weekly basis from the MP which will be distributed to the Chairman. The PFA grant letter was noted

The meeting closed at 8.35pm