

## EAST BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of East Brent Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Monday 18th July 2016 at 7.30pm, when the following business was transacted.

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

- 1. Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest.** (Planning Cllrs A. Gilling, B. Filmer and J. Webb) Cllrs Filmer & Gilling to avoid predetermination at Sedgemoor Development Committee. Cllr Webb Pecuniary and Prejudicial as applicant.
- 2. Minutes of the meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016**  
The Minutes of the meetings held on the above date was agreed and signed as a correct record.
- 3. Matters Arising: Joseph's Pound Play Area - Rooksbridge –** Cllr B Walker informed the meeting as follows - After the installation of the new equipment, it was necessary to leave the area closed until some remedial work had been complied following the PC inspection of the site as well as waiting for the final inspection by an RP11 qualified inspector. Having got that clearance we opened the area to the children on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

It was necessary to contact the supplier again following a visit by Cllr Loader and Cllr Walker where we found that a shackle bolt had worked loose. Again Sutcliffe's visited and we now have the all clear. Sutcliffe's have sent, by post, a CD containing all the necessary maintenance information together with a copy of the 'Sign Off' certificate.

The sub-committee have drawn up a full set of Risk Assessments for the site, as well as an inspection regime. The PC is to arrange an 'Official Opening' as soon as possible

**Football Goal** - Unfortunately, after only 14 months since installation, the vertical components of the goal are developing indications of serious rust. It was agreed that Cllr B Walker to liaise with the Clerk to write to the supplier as they are "not fit for purpose".

Cllrs Filmer, Gilling and Webb left the meeting

**4. Planning:**

**24/16/00013** - Sa Goba, Wickham Way, East Brent, Highbridge, TA9 4JB  
Erection of a detached double garage. The Council agreed to support this application but highlighted that another plan for a garage was also granted in January 2016 (24/16/00001) This was proposed by Cllr J Webb and seconded by Cllr S McGreavy. All in favour

**24/16/00014** - The Victorian House, Rossholme, Church Road, East Brent, TA9 4JA

Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing use of building as a single private dwelling house with ancillary curtilage. The Council had no observations re the application. This was proposed by Cllr S McGreavy and seconded by Cllr B Walker. All in favour

Cllrs Filmer, Gilling and Webb re-joined the meeting

Note : Cllr S McGreavy left the meeting re personal reasons.

**5. Financial Matters:**

a)	Clerks Salary -	£328.32 (June)
b)	Clerks Exp April to June	£53.19
c)	PGC Contracting	£95.00 and £154.50
d)	Reimbursement to Chairman re flag	£9
e)	Kathy Quinnell - Fete contribution	£250
f)	Sutcliffe Play Equipment	£2,000 VAT content (£10,000 already received from SDC)

It was agreed unanimously to pay all the above invoices

**6. Celebrate - lottery funding for “bringing people together”** It was agreed that the Clerk was to inform the Village Hall Committee and Reverend Simon Lewis for their possible application for funding.

**7. Bus Service update** – District Cllr B Filmer informed the meeting about a cross village meeting to take place in the very near future (East Brent/Brent Knoll/Lympsham) - along with MP James Heapey, County & District Councillors - to try look more into this item.

**8. Chairman’s Award for Service to the Community** – Cllrs V Rawles and B Woodward are to meet and nominate a person from the Village.

9. **Building site near Knoll Inn** – Cllr B Walker had been in touch with Colin Arnold, SDC Enforcement Officer, who referred him to Nigel Osbourne of SDC legal department. It would seem that due to some confusion over ownership of the site, everything is on hold until the outcome of the latest planning application, which, if successful, should cover things like the footpath and site clear-up.
10. **Recording of Parish Council Meetings** – it was agreed that the Clerk was to distribute an updated policy and that a trial recording would take place at the September meeting.

### **Matters of Report**

**Chairman:** reported that there was another fingerpost within the Parish area and that quotes would now be obtained to have them painted as soon as possible.

**Cllr N Lloyd-Jones** - showed pictures of the two new road signs which have been erected. He had been in touch with SDC re “Butchers Corner” and they informed him that the Parish will be contact when their feasibility study is ready for consultation. The SID has now been returned from the manufacturers following rain water getting into the device and that it would now be operational around the Parish at various locations over the next few months. The large section of willow tree in the park next to Red House Road that came down in the high winds was removed by SDC and that the maintenance of the new footpath around the park area was on going.

**Cllr C Loader** – reported on the parking problem in Johnston Close. It was agreed to contact the PCSO to advise residents about parking in the turning bays. It was agreed to include Popham Close as well.

**Cllr J Bowden** – reported that there was a broken hand rail on the style near Strowlands. Cllr B Walker suggested that the resident who reported this should go online and report it on the on line map.

**Cllr A Gilling** – reported that he had attended a conference with South Western Housing Association re Rural Housing.

**Cllr J Webb** – reported that following a recent Cleanaway’s rubbish collection – quite a lot of litter was scattered along the roadside and is to write informing them.

**District Cllr B Filmer** – reported that initial discussions had taken place re the possibility of devolution of some Councils in the area. Hinckley Point looks as if it may be given the go ahead very soon subject to final decisions by EDF. The

Local Development Plan for Sedgemoor was now in its 2<sup>nd</sup> stage due at the end of the year with no major housing planned for East Brent.

**Clerk** – informed the meeting about some changes being made to Cluster meetings – which Cllr A Gilling states he attends and would report back to the Council.

**Cemetery Committee** – Cllr J Bowden was nominated as Chairman. This was proposed by Cllr V Rawles and seconded by Cllr B Bees. Cllr E Champion was nominated as Vice Chairman – this was proposed by Cllr J Bowden and seconded by Cllr V Rawles.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

The next meeting of East Brent Parish Council will be Monday 12th September 2016 at 7.30pm at East Brent Village Hall