

## EAST BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of East Brent Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Monday 9th January 2017 at 7.30pm, when the following business was transacted.

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

- 1. Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest.** Planning - Cllr A. Gilling to avoid predetermination at Sedgemoor Development Committee. The Chairman brought forward the planning applications as Mr Stone from GTH wanted to make representation on behalf of his client. At this juncture, Cllr Gilling left the meeting at 7.32pm.

- 4. Planning**

**24/16/00032**

Full Planning Permission

**Location:** Mudgley Lodge Farm, Mudgley Road, Rooksbridge, Highbridge, Axbridge

**Proposal:** Erection of agricultural building to include the housing of pigs ( Building A)

**24/16/00033**

Full Planning Permission

**Location:** Mudgley Lodge Farm, Mudgley Road, Rooksbridge, Highbridge, Axbridge

**Proposal:** Erection of agricultural building to include the housing of pigs ( Building B)

The Council agreed unanimously to support the 2 above planning applications, with the comment over concerns re the condition of the road.

**24/16/00035**

Prior Approval Agricultural to Dwelling

**Location:** Land to the East of, The Willows, Burton Row, East Brent, Highbridge, TA9 4DA

Application for Prior Approval for the proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwelling and associated operational development

The Council agreed unanimously to support this application.

**07/16/00026**

Full Planning Permission

**Location:** Land At, Wick Lane, Brent Knoll, Highbridge, TA9

**Proposal:** Variation of conditions 2 & 3 of Planning Permission 07/15/00016 (Installation of a solar park with an output of approximately 2.79MW) to extend the duration of the Planning Permission from 25 years and 6 months to 30 years and 6 months and to amend the layout. The Council had no observations for this application.

Cllr Gilling rejoined the meeting at 7.55pm

- 2. Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 5th December 2016 The Minutes of the meetings held** - were agreed and signed as a correct record.

- 3. Matters Arising: - Joseph's Pound play area** – Cllr Walker stated that he had made the monthly inspection and in general the play area looked very “smart”. Cllr Lloyd-Jones had contacted SDC to obtain a quote for the grass cutting and strimming, as this worked out significantly cheaper than what the Council were currently paying – it was agreed to let SDC do the grass maintenance over the next 12 months and review at the end of the year.

## 5. Financial Matters

a)	Clerks salary (Dec)	£ 379.39
b)	Clerks Expenses(Oct/Nov/Dec)	£ 39.51
c)	Cemetery Expenses (John)	£ 13.00
d)	Village Hall Xmas Tree (Premier Trophies)	£ 25.00 inc. of VAT
e)	Community Heart Beat Emergency Phone	£ 120 inc. VAT (05 2016/05 2017)
f)	Hire of Hall for SID meeting	£ 18.00
g)	Mark Fiddes - war memorial	£ 295.00
h)	PCG Contracting - war memorial	£ 95.00

It was agreed unanimously to pay all the above invoices

6. **Cemetery issues** - Cllr Lloyd-Jones had contacted Mr Lukins who has agreed to remove the old bench in the Cemetery and install the new one at no cost. The Clerk to write to Ashley Edwards expressing how the Council is very unhappy with the latest placement in the Garden of Rest. The new administrative paperwork being formulated will stop this in the future. It was agreed that in future if the Clerk is away - then the up to date file will be sent to the Chairman to inform funeral directors of the next available plots.
7. **War Memorial** - Cllr Lloyd-Jones gave a detailed presentation of work that had been carried out to date at the Memorial. After much discussion about replacement fencing, quotes had been obtained and it was agreed to proceed with the contractor Ian Morgan. Cllr Lloyd-Jones to confirm costings (approx. £1600). This was proposed by Cllr McGreavy and seconded by Cllr Bowden. All in favour. The Council thanked Cllr Lloyd-Jones for all his work and time on this project.
8. **Parish Notice Boards** - Following the notice board at the Village Hall being unsafe and the poor state of the notice board in Rooksbridge it was agreed that the Clerk and Chairman to obtain quotes and report back at the next meeting. As the post office at Rooksbridge is a listed building - the Clerk to make enquiries if a new notice board could be installed or another suitable location to be found.
9. **Free Health Checks** - the Clerk had received a request from one parishioner for a free health check. As this did not meet the requirement from Somerset Health Checks, they had advised him that local GP surgeries offer the same checks. It was agreed that a link to be placed in the next issue of the Parish Magazine for Parishioners to book in for their checks.
10. **Matters of Report:**
- Cllr Webb** – was concerned about the amount of rubbish along Edingworth Road after the refuse collection had been made. Cllr Webb is to write to SDC (2<sup>nd</sup> time) to bring to their attention. Cllr Webb also to obtain quotes for the repainting of the finger post and for painting for the Phone Box.

**Cllr Walker** – reported that he had been in touch with the enforcement officer at SDC re the land opposite the Knoll Inn - if the land is sold to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party the current Enforcement Order and Section 215 applies to the land, regardless of owner. . The enforcement officer informed Cllr Walker that the matter will be put into the hands of the SDC solicitors

Following an email the Clerk had received from BT – it was agreed to accept his offer to come along to next meeting to make a 15 minute presentation on how everyone can obtain superfast broadband in the area. The Clerk to write to confirm his attendance.

**Cllr Lloyd-Jones** – had received an email from the Drainage Board highlighting the possible works to be undertaken throughout the Village over the next 5 years. It was agreed that Cllr Lloyd-Jones to write back expressing an interest – depending on costings and possible grants available and priority of the workings before any decisions can be made by the Council.

**Cllr Loader** – reported that since a notice had been delivered to the residents of Red House there had been a significant reduction with parking in the turning bays.

**Cllr Bowden** – asked that when the bench is removed from the Cemetery that the plaque be kept and passed on to the family.

**The Clerk** – asked that if the Village Hall was to be booked for any Council business that he was to be kept in the loop.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

The next meeting of East Brent Parish Council will be Monday 6th February 2017  
At 7.30pm at East Brent Village Hall