

EAST BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the of the Meeting of East Brent Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Monday 6th November 2017, when the following business was transacted.

Present: Cllr C. Loader, Cllr N. Lloyd-Jones, Cllr H. Broderick Cllr E. Champion, Cllr A. Gilling, Cllr B. Woodward, Cllr J. Bowden, Cllr C. Searle - In attendance County Cllr B. Filmer, the Clerk + 3 parishioners

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

Chairman Cllr B. Walker, Cllr V. Rawles, Cllr B. Bees

Re Planning - Cllr Gilling and Cllr Filmer to avoid predetermination at Sedgemoor Development Committee.

2. Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 2nd October 2017: were agreed and signed as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising: Josephs Pound – It was agreed that the grass cutting service currently being undertaken by SDC was not as we would like it to be and quotes to be obtained from contractors once the remedial work is carried out by SDC. A site meeting is to take place with Cllr Rawles and Mr D Aggett from SDC re the matting situation. As winter is upon us – monthly inspections will now take place.

Cllr Gilling and Filmer left the meeting at 7.33pm

4. Planning

24/17/00024 – Burton Row Farm Burton Row, East Brent proposed replacement of conservatory roof and replacement of conservatory windows and doors. The Council unanimously agreed to support this application.

24/17/00025 – Land to the east of Laurel Cottage Chapel Road Rooksbridge – erection of a single dwelling. The Council unanimously agreed to support this application.

24/17/00026 – Rosehaven Old Bristol Road East Brent – raise roof height and install dormer windows and erection of a single storey extension to sided elevations and erection of a one and a half storey extension. The Council unanimously agreed to support this application.

31/17/00012 – Withy Cottage West Road Lympsham BS24 0EQ – erection of extension of existing agricultural building. The Council had no observations with this application.

Cllr Gilling and Filmer re-joined the meeting at 7.55pm

5. Financial Matters

a) Clerks salary	£ 379.39 (October)
b) Clerks expenses	£ 12.87 (October)
c) Earth Anchors – Rooksbridge Notice Board	£ 224.00 + VAT
d) Earth Anchors – East Brent Notice Board	£ 704.00 + VAT
e) SALC Annual Membership Fee	£ 341.76
f) Water2business – Cemetery Meter	£ 25.27 (24.03.17 – 19.09.017)
g) Betty Griffin – Wreath for Memorial	£ 15.00

It was agreed unanimously to authorise payment of the above invoices

6. A38 Bristol Road Rooksbridge update: Chairman B Walker had attended a meeting with the three businesses along with County Cllr B Filmer to discuss what type of crossing would be suitable to all parties. A letter has been sent to SCC and it was agreed that Cllr Walker will take this up on his return from vacation as the possible lay out of the parking bays are still a concern.

7. **War Memorial update:** Cllrs Walker and Lloyd-Jones attended a meeting with Wells Cathedral Stonemasons at the Memorial as they were on site to undertake a full survey. A detailed report will be sent to the Council which will include possible rebuild costs which may have an impact on the amount required to insure the Memorial. Cllr Gilling informed the meeting that there is a possibility of the Memorials Commission could help with the cost of the survey (approx. £1000) – the Clerk to look into and report back at the next meeting.
8. **The Stables Brent Road East Brent TA9 4DB** – the Clerk had received a letter from SDC re the removal of hedgerow and erection of a boundary wall – as the case office has only just returned to work, Cllr Filmer agreed to contact her and report back to the Clerk with their findings.
9. **Parish Maintenance:** as a new 3 year contract for the maintenance (cemetery grounds and other areas around the Parish) is up for renewal - Cllr Lloyd-Jones had received 3 quotes from contractors. This is ongoing as there are a few queries with some of the quotes received - it was agreed that Cllr Lloyd- Jones to report back at the next meeting. Cllr Bowden on behalf of the Council thanked Cllr Lloyd-Jones for all his work to date.
10. **Financial Regulations:** it has been brought to the Councils attention that there is a small error in our quoting regulations and that a new one will be produced with the correct figures. The Council agreed for this to be done.
11. **Draft Precept 2018/19:** Cllr Lloyd-Jones gave a presentation of costs to date and expected expenditure next year. As much as there are a couple of items where costs are to be fully finalised the Council agreed unanimously to endorse the new precept budget which would mean – although the grant from SDC is being reduced – the precept budget set by the Council would be the same for the next financial year.

MATTERS OF REPORT

Vice Chairman – reported that due to limited police resources they were not able to help with the road closure for the Remembrance Service. He has been in touch with SDC re a broken hinge to a gate for the Park off Brent Road and also the Drainage Board about work to certain areas of rhynes that are now due to be cleared. The 2 new noticeboards have been installed. Cllr Lloyd-Jones to contact Highways concerning the damage to the wall on the corner opposite the old Butchers shop.

Cllr Loader – gave a report of the SID which is in place on the A38 Rooksbridge – results so far show that most vehicles were over the 30mph speed limit.

Cllr Gilling – had picked up the bulbs supplied from SDC for planting around the Parish – also gave details of the Lympsham Pavilion Community Care – a copy of a poster to be placed in the Parish magazine.

Cllr Bowden – is to order the Christmas tree and get the lights pac tested – the Council agreed that as in previous years that some tins of biscuits to be purchased for help with opening / closing the cemetery gates.

Cllr Searle – informed the meeting of various courses available at the library and these will be published in the magazine.

Cllr Woodward – the Village Hall sent their congratulations to the recent award given to Cllr Loader for all his excellent work within the Parish. Cllr Woodward had been contacted about the amount of dog mess in the play area on Brent Road. An article to be placed in the magazine stating that this is to be reported to SDC and the Dog Warden to be notified to visit from time to time.

- The meeting closed at 9.15pm -