

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 4th September 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, Cllr Broderick - In attendance County Cllr Filmer, the Clerk + 2 parishioners **and a bat**

1. **Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest and dispensations.**
Re Planning – Cllr Gilling and Cllr Filmer to avoid predetermination at Sedgemoor Development Committee.
2. **Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 3rd July 2017** - were agreed and signed as a correct record.
3. **Matters arising: Joseph’s Pound play area:** The Clerk had written to Dave Aggett at SDC in July and Mr Aggett had replied stating that the damaged grass mats would be replaced. As this has still not been carried out the Clerk to write back asking for this to be done. As far as the damaged springy car – it was agreed that the Clerk to write to the supplier asking for a detailed cost of a replacement and if possible could just the ‘top’ section be changed to lower the cost. After much discussion one of the points of safety was the latch on the gate. It was agreed to remove the latch and replace with rubber stoppers and grease the hinge to make a good the closure of the gate and to review it in a few months’ time. Cllr Gilling offered to to drill & tap the existing hinge brackets to install grease nipples. The concern over the spinning bowl was discussed and again will review at future meetings. The playing field has won an award from the SPFA and Cllrs Walker, Loader, Rawles and Lloyd-Jones to attend.

Cllr Gilling and Filmer left the meeting at 7.48pm

4. **Planning**
24/17/00020 – drive thru kiosk Motorway Services. It was agreed to support this application with the proviso of signage to state, “dispose of packaging responsibly” along with suitable receptacles for waste.

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

5. Financial Matters

a)	Clerks salary -	£ 758.78 (July/August)
b)	Clerks Expenses -	£ 9.09
c)	Community Heartbeat re Defibs -	£ 100.00 + VAT
d)	Data Protection -	£ 35.00
e)	Came & Company - Parish Insurance	£1623.05
f)	Glentworth Maintenance – Finger Post painting	£ 370.00 + VAT
g)	PGC – Cemetery Maintenance (176)	£ 616.67
h)	PGC - Grounds Maintenance (177)	£ 366.83
i)	Subscription to Somerset PFA	£ 15.00
j)	Safety Inspection/Risk Assessment for JP	£ 80.00
k)	PGC general parish maintenance (183)	£ 423.25

Cllr Lloyd-Jones informed the meeting that the largest percentage of the insurance premium cost is due to the high value of the War Memorial and raised that some consideration needs to be given to how this item is covered in the future, as if possible to try to limit increases to the overall annual insurance premium, which is a significant cost.

The Clerk has approached a qualified stone mason to inspect the Memorial to obtain a costing of replacement if any severe damaged was to happen to the Memorial and when the Clerk had received a costing to set up a meeting with some Cllrs to discuss with the stone mason. It was agreed to authorise all the other above invoices except the insurance until the costing is received within the next week.

Cllr Lloyd-Jones would contact the insurance service provider to clarify some details re the cover of the memorial and what if any options might there be.

6. New Parish Councillor update – there had been 2 applications received from Carla Searle and Graham Godwin who had been invited along to the meeting. There will now be a date set for interviews to take place.

7. Overgrown hedge opposite Red House Road – the Council agreed for the Clerk to write to SCC highways to request they assess the possible road safety issue with the hedge obscuring visibility opposite the turning into Red House Road and what can they do to address the current situation.

8. Notice Boards – Chairman Walker had obtained 5 quotes for new notice boards. The Council agreed to proceed with a replacement aluminum model with a painted coated finish. This was proposed by Cllr Champion and seconded by Cllr Lloyd-Jones. All in favour.

9. Matters of Report:

Chairman – reported that the new Parish web site is nearly ready to go “live” in October.

Cllr Loader – asked if we were going to keep the telephone kiosk and if so are the Council going to maintain it. The Council agreed that we should look to keep the kiosk. This was proposed by Cllr Champion and Cllr Rawles. Cllr loader to make enquiries for someone to make the repairs necessary and have it painted.

Cllr Gilling – reported that a number of tyres had been dumped on the slip road over the motorway. He is to report this to Clean Surroundings at SDC.

Cllr Lloyd – Jones informed the meeting that he and John Bowden would soon be sending out a request for quotes for the Parish grounds maintenance work as the 3 year agreement is due for renewal at the end of this year. The Speed Indicator Display placements within the Parish are ongoing. Following the Cluster meeting an email had been received from the Police Commissioner with her recommendations of what could be done about speeding along the A370.

Cllr Bowden – updated the meeting following the Cemetery meeting held earlier. Although the Cemetery was looking very good there were a few points which the Clerk to write to SDC re the over growing brambles from the Churchyard. Three trees are to be planted within the next month.

Clerk – asked that as there is to be a new web site that it would be a good idea to have pictures of the Cllrs on the site. It was agreed that this would take place as soon as possible.

- The meeting closed at 8.55pm -