

**A MEETING OF EAST BRENT PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2012 AT 7.30PM IN THE EAST BRENT VILLAGE HALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** E Champion (Chairperson), V. Clapp, A. Gilling, S. McGreavy, L Spokes, J. Webb, G. Willoughby, B. Woodward, together with the Clerk B Strachan were in attendance.

**APOLOGIES:** J. Bowden, Y Roscorla, B. Walker and B. Filmer

**Mobile Phones:** E Champion requested that everyone including Parishioners turn off their mobile phone.

**Opportunity for members of the Parish Electorate to speak:**

Martin Keegan reported the following upcoming events for **NoPilrow Group**:-

Wednesday 22nd February - Update session at Mark Village Hall, 7pm-9pm.

Thursday 23rd February - Meeting Giles Chichester MEP during the day.

Thursday 23rd February - Update at Wellington Arms, Rooksbridge 7.30pm-9.30pm

Monday 27th February - Update at East Brent Village Hall 7pm-9pm

MK stated that No Pilrow Group will be recirculating all households in Mark, East Brent and Rooksbridge.

He advised that Planning Application may be filed before next Parish Council meeting.

**2155: MINUTES:** The minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2012 having been circulated were taken as an accurate record (except Opportunity for members of the Parish Electorate to speak: Jim Stanford spoke with regard to horses being in field owned by Parish Council, and Bob Bees spoke with regard to work being carried out at Hill Lane by Bristol Water) and were signed by E Champion.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**2156: PROPOSED PLANNING APPLICATION BY BROADVIEW ENERGY/Sub Committee (brought forward):** S. McGreavy (who joined sub-committee as V. Clapp had intimated that she is too busy at this time) reported that sub-committee had been requested by No Pilrow Group to obtain a copy, if possible, of a report commissioned by Sedgemoor by a company called 'Harvey Arep' and also if possible to get the technical data report from the Broadview met mast. Clerk advised that he requested these reports from Nick Tait at SDC on 25<sup>th</sup> January - no response to date. SM reported that No Pilrow Group had supplied sub-committee with information.

E-mail from No Pilrow group to local Parish Councils - Circulated.

E-mail received from David James 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012 regarding predetermination and predisposition - Circulated.

Newsletters from Broadview Energy - Distributed.

**2157: HOLDERS FOR SALT (brought forward):** After Liam Gill had advised that locations of bins have to be agreed by Highways in advance, V. Clapp reported that she had met with Gary Adams from Highways and he had agreed on the sites at Burton Row, Edingworth Road and Mudgley Road to locate the grit bins.

After discussion it was Proposed by V. Clapp and Seconded by J. Webb that these would be the first 3 sites for grit bins and that 3 bins be ordered as soon as possible at cost of £135.00 + VAT each. This was unanimously approved.

**2158: FINANCIAL MATTERS (brought forward):**

East Brent Parish History Group - Donation: £500.00 (*A. Gilling declared an interest in this matter*)- Clerk advised that Constitution received, together with update on their finances.

**The payment of £500 was unanimously approved (ex A. Gilling) for payment from the Current Account:**

(Proposed by J. Webb and Seconded by B. Woodward)

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**2159: WORK BEING CARRIED OUT AT HILL LANE BY BRISTOL WATER:** E-mail from Liam Gill 24<sup>th</sup> January 2011 - Advising the Contractors working on this site have agreed to make the area safe for now, and any necessary repairs will be made on completion of the works.

**2160: FLOODING AT BRENT KNOLL INN:** Clerk advised that there has been no response from County Highways to date. It was agreed that John Denbee be contacted to enlist his assistance in this matter.

**2161: DOG WARDEN/THE PADDOCKS:** Andrew Gilling reported that he has made contact with the Dog Warden who has advised that they will look into the matter.

**2162: TIDY UP PROJECTS:** L. Spokes advised that J. Bowden and herself had meeting with Vic Phillips and obtained a quote from V L P Garden Services: -

To clear from the orchard to the War Memorial - £300.00 + vat = £360.00 (including keeping on top with 3 cuts a year, 1 in March/April, 1 in August and 1 in Oct/Nov).

From Orchard to traffic lights and around the triangle - £60 per cut. 3 cuts = £180.00 + vat = £216.00.

After discussion, L. Spokes Proposed and V. Clapp Seconded that the quote for £300 + VAT be accepted. This was unanimously agreed.

After discussion, L. Spokes Proposed and V. Clapp Seconded that the quote for £180 + VAT be accepted. This was unanimously agreed.

**2163: QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE:** B. Woodward reported that next meeting of sub-committee will be on 9<sup>th</sup> February and hoping for a good turn out to formulate lots of suggestions. After discussion it was agreed that the £400 on offer from South Western Housing Society should be used for a more permanent project. It was Proposed by V. Clapp and Seconded by B. Woodward that the £400 be used for a new village sign. This was unanimously agreed. Clerk to obtain details.

**2164: PARISH MAGAZINE:** E-mail received from Molly Richards advising that the magazine will require a grant from the Parish Council again this year. At the moment showing a shortfall of about £900 in MR calculations for this year's issues. MR chasing up advertisers who have not renewed this year (may be just an oversight on their part) so MR sure she can bring this figure down. In the meantime she would like to have some financial help to make sure Magazine can be published until December this year. MR advises that a minimum of £750 would help greatly. J. Webb stated that a grant of £750 for Magazine with circulation of 120 seemed excessive. After discussion it was agreed that Clerk advise MR that J. Webb and S. McGreavy will contact her to discuss.

**2165: BUS STOP AT BRENT ROAD:** As no response from John Perritt, John Denbee is endeavouring to assist in this matter.

**2166: TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT EAST BRENT:** E-mail from Chris Betty 18<sup>th</sup> January advising regarding preventing cars parking, the Police (Traffic Management Team at HQ Portishead) would not support introducing yellow lines in a remote rural location such as this.

CB believes the white stop line was re-positioned not the detector loop. He has contacted traffic signals team to see what other measures might be possible and will discuss this with them.

B. Woodward reported that the loops have been moved however J. Webb reported that the problem still exists. It was agreed that Clerk request Jon Denbee's assistance in this matter.

**2167: FUNDING OF SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE AT ROOKSBRIDGE:** E-mail from Highways 19<sup>th</sup> January 2012 requesting that Parish Council confirm that the PC would prefer a *permanent* vehicle activated sign, (VAS), to replace the fixed camera, rather than the speed indicator device, (SID), which is installed intermittently.

If this should be the case they can advise that Somerset County Council is already investigating the possibility of replacing the fixed camera with a permanent VAS, (with possibly a second VAS at the other end of the village for vehicles approaching from the Bristol direction.

SCC advise they are currently making investigations into identifying the most suitable unit for this location, and the associated funding issues. SCC also in correspondence with a local resident, (Mrs. Ireland) whose husband was tragically killed several years ago in a road traffic accident in Rooks Bridge.

It was agreed to monitor the position.

**2168: TREES AT LAND TO THE EAST OF HOLLY TREE COTTAGE, BRENT ROAD, EAST BRENT:** It was agreed to monitor the position.

**2168: FENCE SURROUNDING THE PROPERTY AT OLD BRISTOL ROAD, EAST BRENT:** West Coast Properties have advised that they have visited area and have contacted the vendors to resolve problem.

**2169: POSTS WITH CHAINS INSTALLED AT THE PROPERTY AT BRENT ROAD (NEXT TO METHODIST CHURCH):** E-mail from Liam Gill advising he has spoken to the owner of the property as SCC records indicate that the posts have been installed on land deemed to be public highway. Owner has advised that they are going to check their Property Deeds and come back to LG to discuss. LG has advised them not to carry out any further works until the matter is resolved. It was agreed to monitor the position.

**2170: CARS PARKING AT LAY BYS IN EAST BRENT:** E-mail from Hugh Mackay regarding same 3 cars parked in lay by outside Village Hall - advising that 1 of the parked cars had been hit by a Village Hall user. E. Champion stated that he felt that Parish Council could do little to stop cars parking in legal positions. After discussion, it was agreed that Clerk write to Hugh Mackay and enquire if Village Hall Committee has any plans to widen gate. In addition Pauline Dixon should be contacted for her comments.

**2171: GUEST SPEAKER FOR AGM:** Steve Atkinson, Group Manager Development, SDC has confirmed that he will attend.

**2172: PLANNING:**

**Decisions from previous planning applications are given as follows:**

None

**The following planning applications were discussed and decisions given as shown:**

**Ref. No. 24/12/00005/JAB**

Proposal: Fell 8No Cypress and Prune back by approximately 30% branches overhanging neighbours garden from 1No Yew tree

Location: Red House Farm, Brent Road, East Brent, Highbridge, TA9 4JD

Applicant: Mr M Priddace

The Site visit was by S. MGreavy, G. Willoughby and B. Woodward. SM stated that the Cypress tree would be replaced and that the neighbours lighting would be improved. After a review of the application it was Proposed by B. Woodward and Seconded by G. Willoughby that the application be fully supported on the grounds that: -

No detrimental impact on its neighbours.

No detrimental effect on the landscape.

No detrimental effect upon the character and appearance of the area.

This was unanimously agreed.

**Ref. No. 24/12/00003/LE**

Proposal: Use of land to site a mobile home for 6 months of the year

Location: at, River Yeo Farm, White House Lane, Loxton, Axbridge, BS26 2US

Applicant: Mr G Dudd

The Site visit was by S. MGreavy, G. Willoughby and B. Woodward. SM stated that caravan was for farm-hand to occupy during season to work with horses. After a review of the application it was Proposed by S. MGreavy and Seconded by G. Willoughby that the application be fully supported on the grounds that: -

No detrimental impact on its neighbours.

No detrimental effect on the landscape.

No detrimental effect upon the character and appearance of the area.

This was unanimously agreed.

**Ref. No. 24/12/00001/LE**

Proposal: Change of use and conversion from offices to dwelling

Location: Strowlands, Edingworth Road, Edingworth, Weston-Super-Mare, BS240JA

Applicant: Mrs S Siangolis

The Site visit was by S. MGreavy, G. Willoughby and B. Woodward. SM stated that there will be no external changes to the site and there should be internal improvements. After a review of the application it was Proposed by B. Woodward and Seconded by S. MGreavy that the application be fully supported on the grounds that: -

No detrimental impact on its neighbours.

No detrimental effect on the landscape.

No detrimental effect upon the character and appearance of the area.

This was unanimously agreed.

**Ref. No. 24/12/00008/CG**

Proposal: Erection of single storey extension to south elevation to form plant room and erection of porch to north elevation.

Location: Bedroom Annexe at, Rookery Manor, Edingworth Road, Edingworth, Weston-Super-Mare, BS24 0JB

Applicant: Mr I Clapp

The Site visit was by S. MGreavy, G. Willoughby and B. Woodward. SM stated that the application appears to be retrospective however there should be no external effect on anything. After a review of the application it was Proposed by S. MGreavy and Seconded by B. Woodward that the application be fully supported on the grounds that: -

No detrimental impact on its neighbours.

No detrimental effect on the landscape.

No detrimental effect upon the character and appearance of the area.

This was unanimously agreed.

**2173: FINANCIAL MATTERS:** A copy of the receipts and payments until 31<sup>st</sup> January 2012 was issued to all Parish Councillors present.

As the Bank statements to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2012 for the Current and Reserve Accounts not received yet, the balances in the Bank Accounts will be reconciled at the next Parish Council Meeting.

**The following payments were unanimously approved for payment from the Current Account:**

(Proposed by J. Webb and Seconded by V. Clapp)

East Brent Village Hall Committee - Donation for Solar Panels Project: £400.00.

A. Gilling - Purchase of Christmas tree - £45.00.

R.Strachan - Salary and admin.expenses: £1,585.92

It was Proposed by J. Webb and Seconded by B. Walker to transfer the sum of £3,000 from the Capital Reserve account to the Current Account to cover the above payments.

This was unanimously agreed

**Quotes for grass cutting of War Memorial Area etc** (8 cuts to War Memorial area, Old Village Green and Brent road)

Quote from J P Mayo for £320.00.

Quote from V L P Garden Services - £30 per cut = £240.00 + vat TOTAL £288.00.

After discussion when it was acknowledged that V. Phillips had carried out good work before for the PC, it was Proposed by B. Woodward and Seconded by V. Clapp that the job be awarded to V L P Garden Services.

Clerk to write to J. Mayo and thank him for his previous good work.

**2174: CORRESPONDENCE:**

**SCC - Planned Works in Sedgemoor week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> 30th January 2012:** Circulated

**RSN Online - 9<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> 30th January 2012:** Circulated

**News Release SCC - Community groups awarded grants from Sedgemoor District Council:**

(including East Brent Village Hall Management Committee given £400 towards the cost of solar panels on the village hall roof): Circulated

**SALC - (Expected) Timetable for the changes to the Standards Board Regime as put forward in the Localism Act 2011:** Circulated

**East Brent Village Hall Committee - E-mail 8<sup>th</sup> January 2012, Solar Panels Project:** Circulated

**Thatch - Winter 2011/2012:** Circulated

**Broadview Energy Limited, E-mail 11th January 2012 - final design for its proposed Pilrow wind farm near Rooksbridge:** Circulated

**SDC, News Release - Do you intend or wish to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee in June with a Street Party? Will you need any form of permission or licence from Sedgemoor District council?**  
: Circulated

**Audit Commission - two *Auditing the Accounts* reports for 2010/11:** Circulated

**Localism in Action Guide:** Circulated

**East Brent Parish History Group - Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> January 2012:** Circulated

**Hinkley Point C E-mail 24<sup>th</sup> January 2012 - Sedgemoor District Council's relevant representations sent to the IPC:** Circulated

**EDF's news release - 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2012:** Circulated

**SDC - Planning for Local Communities, December 2011:** Circulated

**SDC, News Release - Community should benefit from new nuclear Sedgemoor tells Parliament:**  
Circulated

**SDC, News Release, 30<sup>th</sup> January 2012 - Work set to start on site preparation works at Hinkley Point C:** Circulated

**Foodbanks - Request for Donation:** This matter to be discussed at next meeting along with other requests of this nature.

**Community & Neighbourhood Planning-How to Get Involved- Free Event 1st March 2012:** It was agreed to advertise in Parish Magazine.

**Get Growing - Information Evening for Parish and Town Council Residents, 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012:**  
To Circulation.

**Business Breakfast with Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Danny Alexander MP, 10th February 2012:** Details to Martin Keegan who expressed an interest.

**Letter from Greenslade Taylor Hunt - Annual Highbridge & District Grass Keep auction - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2011:** It was Proposed by V. Clapp and Seconded by L Spokes that PC grass be entered as last year i.e. £200.00 reserve price and open to horses. This was unanimously agreed.

#### **2175: MATTERS OF REPORT:**

E. Champion reported that he had attended **Core Strategy and Neighbourhood Planning Seminar** on 30th January and advised that East Brent Parish is not on list of Key Rural Settlements. A. Gilling advised that this can change. EC advised that they will write to PC with information.

**Road Markings at Old Bristol Road:** V. Clapp reported that the old lines are still visible and causing a dangerous situation on occasions. It was agreed that Clerk write to Liam Gill and request that old liner be painted over in black.

G. Willoughby reported that **another campervan and a mini-bus are parked on the road at Strowlands and obstructing drivers' view.** It was agreed that Clerk write to owner (GW to supply details) and request that they move it.

**Route Sixty +:** B.Woodward reported that there will be a presentation aimed at older drivers at Brent Knoll Village Hall on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012. It was agreed that Clerk write to Pauline Dixon and advise that EBPC supports this event.

B.Woodward reported that **2 horses in field next to gypsy residence at Brent Road, East Brent** appeared to be permanently covered in mud and ill kempt. Details of name/address to be obtained via Martin Keegan and the matter will be monitored.

**East Brent First School:** B. Woodward reported that there has been no Head in situ for over 6 months and there is concern over rumours in village regarding school's future. BW requested that PC assist in this matter. After discussion it was agreed that Clerk write to Dr. Wendy Kingdom, Chair of Governors to advise concern raised at Parish Council meeting and request up to date information. S.McGreavy reported that there are regularly in excess of **3 vans + private cars parked outside The Stores, Brent Road, East Brent**. It was agreed that Clerk write to householder and request them to stop as the Parish Council is concerned for the safety of the pedestrians.

**Community Council for Somerset - Relocating to new Offices:** Circulated

**SCC - Planned Works in Sedgemoor week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2012:** Circulated

**SALC, Minutes of North Area Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> December 2012:** Circulated

**SDC - Overview of the LDF and the Core strategy:** Circulated

**SCC - Key Briefing Superfast Broadband, February 2012:** Circulated

**SALC - Superfast Broadband, E-mail 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2012:** Circulated

**SID Results, Edingworth Road:** Circulated

**SALC, North Area Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> March 2012:** No one available to attend.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting ended at 9.20 pm.

**2176: DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of East Brent Parish Council will be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 7.30pm in East Brent Village Hall.