

## **SOUTH BRENT PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES of a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011, at 7.30 pm in The Old School Centre, Totnes Road, South Brent.

Open Forum for discussion with members of the public:

Nothing was raised.

OS 1-3-11 Record of members present

Cllr Glyn Richards in the Chair, Cllrs Mark Copleston, Jill Elms, Mandy Haley, Peter Kelly, Greg Wall, Donna Warne and Donald Wiseman; Julia Willoughby clerk to the Council was in attendance.

OS 2-3-11 Apologies for absence

None.

OS 3-3-11 Declarations of interest (nature and extent) with regard to items on the agenda

None declared.

OS 4-3-11 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda

None.

OS 5-3-11 Confirmation of minutes of the last meeting and report any matters arising – for information only.

Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.

Fly tipping at The Lodge in Totnes Road of around 20 carrier bags were promptly removed from the site following the last meeting.

OS 6-3-11 Progress with plans for a pedestrian crossing in Station Road (incorporating cycle racks) – feedback from DCC Highways

John Halliday has asked for the survey and design to be carried out, and will be in contact again when this is decided. Jo Rumble Community Planning Officer with DNPA is interested in the project and will assist if she can.

OS 7-3-11 Vicarage Road Allotment Field update

Cllr Jill Elms liaison with VRAA reported that a mirror has been installed at the pedestrian access point for safety. There are 8 people on the waiting list for an allotment; and plans have been drawn up for the sheds and other buildings VRAA propose for the site. The six year lease will need to be altered by the solicitor before it is due for renewal in 2012.

OS 8-3-11 Grounds maintenance update

Everyone is happy with the contractor's work.

The clerk reported that although the contractor now has to charge VAT, he proposes to offer the Council a 10% discount on the contract for the next year (2011-12), as the 3 year contract was agreed before VAT became a factor; this offer will be accepted (the Finance Committee was aware of the situation when the budget was formulated).

