

SOUTH BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on 20th June 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 1-6-11 Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Cllr Peter Kelly was proposed for the office of Chairman by Cllr Mark Copleston, seconded by Cllr Greg Wall and this was **resolved** by the Committee.

Cllr Donna Warne was proposed as Vice Chairman by Cllr Mark Copleston, seconded by Cllr Donald Wiseman and this was **resolved** by the Committee.

OS 2-6-11 Record of members present

Cllr Peter Kelly in the Chair, Cllrs Mark Copleston, Mandy Haley, Greg Wall and Donald Wiseman. Cllr Glyn Richards and 4 members of the public were present and Julia Willoughby clerk to the Council was in attendance

OS 3-6-11 Apologies for absence

None received.

OS 4-6-11 Declarations of interest (nature and extent) with regard to items on the agenda

None declared.

OS 5-6-11 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda

Following their request to the Parish Council in April, the four residents of Wellington Square present advised that they are now maintaining the planters in the Square, as agreed by the Council on 18.4.11. Agenda item 7 'consider arrangements for maintaining the planters in Wellington Square by residents', was brought forward with the agreement of the Committee. Cllr Mark Copleston proposed that **£50 should be available during this financial year towards the cost of maintaining the planters in Wellington Square, if supported by receipts**; this was seconded by Cllr Greg Wall and will be recommended to the Parish Council. (The members of the public thanked the Committee and left the meeting.)

OS 6-6-11 Confirmation of minutes of the last meeting and report any matters arising – for information only

Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.

OS 7-6-11 Consider arrangements for maintaining the planters in Wellington Square by residents

(See minute 5-6-11 above.)

OS 8-6-11 DCC Highways:

a) Proposed new cycleway and changes to road markings in Exeter Road;

On 31st May Mr Halliday of DCC Highways contacted the clerk to advise that surface dressing is due to take place at the end of June, and new road markings

will include a cycle track between Brent Mill and Sanderspool Cross roundabout, and the double white lines will be removed as they are no longer appropriate. Subsequently, Mr Halliday has also stated that a further cycle track may be provided from the roundabout to Palstone.

For the section of road between Brent Mill junction and Sanderspool Cross, the Committee is content for the scheme to go ahead, subject to a solid white line in the centre of the road, and the shared cycleway/footway being included in the scheme from the outset for safety reasons.

Regarding a proposed cycleway from Sanderspool Cross to Palstone, a shared cycleway/footway (utilising the existing footway along the wide grass verge) would be the preferred option, again for the safety of cyclists.

b) Progress with plans for a pedestrian crossing in Station Road (incorporating cycle racks)

A site meeting took place on 13.6.11; Ian James – DCC Highways, Jo Rumble – DNPA; Cllr Glyn Richards and Julia Willoughby were present.

Ian advised that building out the footway on the P.O. side would be achievable, and water could be dealt with. It was noted that it would be helpful to have a wider footway at the (new) entrance to the Post Office. DNPA would be keen to see a quality scheme, and there was some discussion of whether both sides of the road would need work, and whether markings would be required on the road surface.

It is probable that the footway will be extended from the far corner of Mornington House. DNPA may be able to assist with materials for this project in the historic core of the village. Cycle racks might have to be situated near the Anchor Building; the salt/grit bin could be moved, and racks provided on the adjacent sloping granite paving.

It was agreed that this project is primarily for pedestrian safety (not to slow down traffic) and that this part of the Conservation Area has enhancement potential. Drawings will be worked on and sent to DNPA and SBPC in the coming weeks.

OS 9-6-11 Vicarage Road Allotment Association update

Cllr Mandy Haley attended a recent VRAA meeting as the Council representative; the AGM takes place on 13th July.

OS 10-6-11 Grounds maintenance update

Nothing to report – all fine.

OS 11-6-11 Railway Wood: report dates of inspections carried out, and plan future inspections. Note SSB 'Woodland Days' in June

Sustainable South Brent is holding woodland days today, tomorrow and on 26th June. The deeds of the wood will be checked to find out if the boundary fence is the responsibility of the Council.

Inspections of Railway Wood: Aug – DWi Sept – MC Oct – MH.

OS 12-6-11 Play area at Sanderspool Cross update

SHDC can carry out repairs to the safety surface under the slide costing £110.33 +VAT; the Committee recommends to the Parish Council that this work is put in hand.

The Council has an agreement with SHDC which carries out inspections of the play equipment; if repairs are required and cost less than £20 they will be included in the agreement; repairs costing £20-100 will be carried out and the Council will reimburse SHDC; for repairs of £100 or more the Council will be contacted for instruction.

The next Council newsletter could include an item on vandalism and requesting no football in the play area. It is hoped that the hedge can be cut as soon as possible.

OS 13-6-11 Consider refurbishment of the bus shelter opposite Noland Park
Mr Illman the Parish Handyman has advised that the fascia board on the 'Millennium' shelter will need to be replaced. He provided a quote to re-paint the shelters in October 2010 (£240 for the shelter opposite Noland Park); an updated price will be requested and the Committee recommends that **the fascia board on the 'Millennium' shelter is replaced, and the shelter opposite Noland Park is refurbished (exterior).**

OS 14-6-11 Arrange the inspection of all seats and benches maintained by the Council

Members of the Committee will carry out an inspection as follows:

PK – A,B,K,M GR – D,L MH – F,H,I DWi – E,G,N,P GW – C,J,O

OS 15-6-11 Review the Committee's terms of reference

The Committee agreed that **no changes are required to the terms of reference.**

OS 16-6-11 Any items for the next agenda, and the date of the next meeting

The next agenda will include the tree at the top of Clobells steps.

The next meeting will be held on 19th September.

The meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.