

SOUTH BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on 4 February 2013, 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 1-2-13 Record of members present

Cllr Peter Kelly in the Chair, Cllrs Greg Wall and Donna Warne were present; Julia Willoughby clerk to the Council was in attendance

OS 2-2-13 Apologies for absence

Apologies have been received from Cllrs Mark Copleston and John Summers.

OS 3-2-13 Declarations of a pecuniary interest (and nature) with regard to items on the agenda

None declared.

OS 4-2-13 To consider the granting of dispensations

None.

OS 5-2-13 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda

Nothing was raised.

OS 6-2-13 Confirmation of minutes of the last meeting and report any matters arising – for information only

Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.

A sign for the play area has been requested from SHDC; the new picnic bench has been installed.

OS 7-2-13 Vicarage Road Allotment Association: update

A revised 25 year lease is with VRAA to take advice before signing; the solicitor will be asked about a further 6 year lease (which expired in June 2012).

OS 8-2-13 Grounds maintenance update

The tender was in the Ivybridge Gazette on 25 January; six companies have been sent details.

OS 9-2-13 Railway Wood: report dates of inspections carried out, and plan future inspections

Inspection of Railway Wood all fine.

Future inspections: Feb - GW; Mar - DWa; Apr - PK; May - GW.

OS 10-2-13 Play area at Sanderspool Cross:

- A new sign saying "No ball games" in the play area has been requested of SHDC.
- It is hoped that SHDC will install the new stainless steel toilet pan soon.
- Replacement of the infant multi play equipment will need to be considered as the wooden construction is not wearing well.

OS 11-2-13 Possible enhancement of street furniture in Wellington Square (with reference to the Village Design Statement)

Jo Rumble at DNPA has advised that granite troughs would cost between £250-500 at auction.

Vehicles parked on the cobbled area have been an issue as there have been several house moves. The three seats in the square are inspected annually by the Committee. Jo Rumble will be asked what type of improvements she has in mind.

OS 12-2-13 Use of the stone litter bin at Sanderspool Cross

The bin will need drainage holes if it is to be used for plants; Mr Illman has been asked for a price to carry out this work, or if it is practical.

DCC Highways will be asked what its original purpose was - it could be used for salt/grit.

OS 13-2-13 Consider any works required on the bus shelters

Mr Illman has stain blocked the memorial shelter in the play area and the Millennium shelter, the Committee recommends that **both the memorial shelter in the play area and the Millennium shelter are repainted inside.**

OS 14-2-13 Any items for the next agenda, and the date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting is 3 June 2013.

The meeting closed at 7.58 p.m.