

SOUTH BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on 16 February 2015, 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 1-2-15 Record of members present

Cllr Peter Kelly in the Chair, Cllrs Mark Copleston, John Rawlinson and Julia Willoughby clerk to the Council were present (the meeting was quorate), Cllr Glyn Richards was also present.

OS 2-2-15 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Greg Wall and Donna Warne had sent their apologies.

OS 3-2-15 Declarations of a pecuniary interest (and nature) with regard to items on the agenda

None declared.

OS 4-2-15 Consider the granting of dispensations

No applications.

OS 5-2-15 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda

Nothing was raised.

OS 6-2-15 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 7-2-15 Re-consider applying to SHDC for registration of Assets of Community Value

The clerk explained that the application form to register assets of community value with SHDC is very onerous and includes evidence of support for the use of the asset from the present owner.

The existing list to apply for registration as an asset of community value comprises:

The Toll House, The Patch, The Marsh Composting Centre,
The Church Rooms, Methodist School Room, The Island,
Station Yard, 2 SHDC play areas and 2 SHDC toilets.

The Committee recommends that **two assets are registered with SHDC as assets of community value: The Toll House and The Island**. SSB will be contacted regarding the Marsh.

OS 8-2-15 Update on the Jubilee Crossing and damage to bollards etc.

The crossing is more visible now that broken white lines have been provided.

An insurance claim has been made with Warburton's insurers for damaged bollards outside the Post Office.

OS 9-2-15 Consider refreshing the village improvement plan

Ms E Hawkins wrote to the Council last autumn and made the following points:

I am writing to urge you to take action about the traffic speed on the narrow section of Totnes Road between the village centre and the primary school. Please can you consider any or a combination of the following options:

1. Widen the pavement, to give pedestrians more room and with the additional benefit of narrowing the road to reduce traffic speed.
2. Put in speed humps or rumble strips.
3. Restrict lorries from this route – they could be required to come in along Plymouth Road.
4. Restrict lorries from this route (8.00-9.30am and 3.00-4.30pm).
5. Put in a 20 or 10mph advisory sign and make this more visible.
6. Put in a vehicle activated speed limit sign.
7. Make it a shared space area, where there is no distinction between pavement and road so that pedestrians, vehicles and cycles share the space and motor vehicles no longer dominate or have priority.
8. Open the wall and make a footpath between Balmoral Lane and Chapelfields through Ashwood.
9. As an extreme option, close that section of road to traffic completely, so that Plymouth Road becomes the only way into and out of the village centre for motor vehicles.

The plans drawn up several years ago will be available at the Annual Parish Meeting when these suggestions can be discussed – it should be noted that there is little prospect of funding for these proposals.

OS 10-2-15 Options for footpath No.1 between the Recreation Field and the village

As residents adjacent to Balmoral Lane are unlikely to permit a footway through their property and a new footway next to the railway line would not be secure, the Committee considers that **a new footpath between the Recreation Field and the village is not likely to be permitted.**

OS 11-2-15 Vicarage Road Allotment Field: report

Cllr John Rawlinson reported that there is a waiting list of seven people and letters will be sent to those with untended plots.

- **Trees:** work was carried out on 10 December as planned
- **Working Party Questionnaire** will be sent out to plot-holders.
- **Treasurer report:** £500 reserve before the new round of subscriptions.
- **Membership update:** There are three new plot-holders and three waiting.
- **Unworked/poorly maintained plots:** None!
- **Health and Safety:** The main issue remains the large quantity of glass present on site, no accidents reported in the accident report book.
- **Intruders:** There is further evidence that the site, and even the shed and greenhouse are still being visited by intruders. No damage has so far been done, nor any more property lost.

OS 12-2-15 Grounds maintenance update (contract 2013-16).

All fine; SHDC has paid for their areas for this financial year, DCC will be contacted again.

OS 13-2-15 Railway Wood: report dates of inspections carried out, and plan future inspections

Cllr Mandy Haley was in the Wood last week and all was fine.

Future inspections: Mar. – JR, Apr. – MC, May – PK.

OS 14-2-15 Play area at Sanderspool Cross: report

The recent inspection showed that the wooden multi-play equipment needed repair, this has been carried out by SHDC.

Sadly, our cleaner Mrs P Honeywill has died. The Committee recommends that **the post of cleaner is advertised** and her family are given the relevant dates (as they are continuing to do the cleaning work).

OS 15-2-15 Consider the process for selecting a replacement for the wooden infant multi-play equipment at Sanderspool Cross and time scale

The possible replacement equipment 'Andy's Play Train' will be included in the next newsletter and comments/suggestions requested; the S 106 funding could be used for equipment for all abilities.

OS 16-2-15 Update on a possible community swimming pool

No information.

OS 17-2-15 Consider any works required on the bus shelters

The Chairman will inspect the bus shelters to find out which one needs attention this year.

OS 18-2-15 Consider whether the three seats in Wellington Square could be replaced.

This question will be deferred to find out whether sponsors will come forward.

OS 19-2-15 Items for the next agenda, and the date of the next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 1 June.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.