

SOUTH BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on 8 May 2017, at 7.30 pm in The Old School Centre, Totnes Road, South Brent.

Open Forum: nothing was raised.

OS 1-5-17 Record of members present

Cllr Peter Kelly in the Chair, Cllrs Sue Gaskin, Mandy Haley, John Rawlinson; Glyn Richards (IT volunteer) and Julia Willoughby clerk to the Council were present.

OS 2-5-17 Apologies for absence

Apologies have been received from Cllr Greg Wall.

OS 3-5-17 Declarations of interest (and nature) with regard to items on the agenda

None declared.

OS 4-5-17 Consider the granting of dispensations

No applications.

OS 5-5-17 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda

None.

OS 6-5-17 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 7-5-17 Suggestions for improvements in the centre of the village, including those noted this evening

Before the meeting members of the Committee and the clerk looked at Church Street, Wellington Square and Station Yard; the following items were noted:

- a) Tactile paving outside the former Post Office is uneven and a trip hazard (DCC will be notified).
- b) The large recycling bin behind the phone box is an eyesore, the Newsagents/PO will be asked if there is an alternative location or bin.
- c) Parishioners need to be advised that the hours of the Loading Bay are now 8 am -6 pm Monday to Saturday (newsletter).
- d) Bollards outside the Co-op Store have been knocked out of alignment (DCC will be notified).
- e) The Millennium clock mechanism is making an odd noise (Smith of Derby will be advised).**
- f) The sun dial on the plinth in Wellington Square needs remedial work.**
- g) The plaques for the refurbished seats will be installed shortly.
- h) At the entrance to Station Yard from Station Road (at the bottom of the slope) the 'No Exit' sign is missing, although the post is still there (DCC will be asked for the cost of a replacement sign).**
- i) SHDC will be advised there is fly tipping next to the recycling skips (glass).
- j) The Parish Council may wish to consider the possible purchase of the Station Yard (while at the beginning of the lease period of 10 years).**

Cllr Rawlinson also mentioned the lamp base at the end of Church Street, which has been reported to DCC Highways.

OS 8-5-17 Consider possible replacement equipment for the Sanderspool Cross play area as part of the Open Space, Sport and Recreation plan

The seesaw and slide will need to be replaced (Health & Safety report 18 January 2017) – perhaps with a more accessible piece of equipment and another which is more challenging for up to 12 year olds.

In addition to the ideas put forward by Sutcliffe Play the clerk is obtaining quotes from two other companies recommended by SHDC as suppliers of robust play area equipment. (The next OSSR meeting will take place on 31 July.)

OS 9-5-17 Preferred relocation site for the litter bin currently in Plymouth Road at the steps to the Old School Centre

VE2 The Committee recommends: **the bin in Plymouth Road at the steps to the Old School Centre should be relocated, the preferred site is the junction of Hillside and Harwell Lane.**

OS 10-5-17 A dog bin has been installed at Shipley Bridge car park by a resident, should the Parish Council assist with this?

VE2 A resident has provided this dog bin and is emptying it. At a recent meeting at this location regarding the possible installation of a defibrillator, SHDC offered to investigate including this bin on their collection round.

OS 11-5-17 Update on the following:

A. Station Yard, including missing 'No Exit' sign. (See minute 7-5-17 (h) above).

B. Vicarage Road Allotment Field: nothing to report.

C. Grounds maintenance – no issues.

D. Railway Wood:

Inspections were carried out; tree works are continuing to cut back trees along the railway line.

E. Play area at Sanderspool Cross, replacement of the infant swings and any other repairs or maintenance required.

Sutcliffe Play hope to install the swings in the next 2-3 weeks. Replacement edging for Andy's Train will cost £34.50 the Committee recommends this work is carried out at the same time.

The Parish Tradesman is aware that the swing seats can be stored by the park keeper.

F. Bus shelters - consider any works required.

The Chairman advised **the bus shelter above London Inn Mews needs redecoration as part of the rolling programme.**

OS 12-5-17 Annual inspection of seats, troughs, signs etc.

Members of the Committee have inspected or will inspect all these and report any works required to the clerk.

(The granite planter near the Cavanna development is back in situ.)

OS 13-5-17 Any items for the next agenda, and the date of the next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 31 July 2017 from 7-8 pm, followed by the OSSR meeting from 8-9 pm.

A report from the park keeper will be requested before Open Space Committee meetings. A possible asset transfer of St Michael's Close and Crowder Meadow play areas will be included in the next newsletter (rather than just a notice at the sites).

The meeting closed at 8.27 p.m.