

SOUTH BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on Monday 29 October 2018 at 7.30 p.m., in The Old School Centre, Totnes Road, South Brent.

Open Forum: nothing was raised. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

OS 1-10-18 Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr John Rawlinson was proposed as Vice Chairman by Cllr Carol Doree, seconded by Cllr Heidi Rodriguez and agreed by the Committee.

OS 2-10-18 Record of members present

Cllr Peter Kelly in the Chair, Cllrs Carol Doree, Sue Gaskin, John Rawlinson, Heidi Rodriguez, Glyn Richards and Julia Willoughby clerk to the Council were present.

OS 3-10-18 Apologies for absence

None.

OS 4-10-18 Declarations of interest (and nature) with regard to items on the agenda

Cllr Glyn Richards declared a prejudicial interest in item 8 on the agenda, as his daughter is the park keeper and a personal interest in item 9 (E) the update from the park keeper.

OS 5-10-18 Consider the granting of dispensations

No applications.

OS 6-10-18 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda

None.

OS 7-10-18 Confirmation of minutes of the last meeting and report any matters arising – for information only

Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.

The tree growing in the Queen Mothers' garden in Clobells was pruned in January 2018. Parishioners are grateful that tree works have been carried out around the Station Yard car park.

OS 8-10-18 Request from the park keeper for a cordless pressure washer to assist with cleaning

The Committee recommends a **cordless pressure washer to assist with cleaning is not viable, as DCC Highways have advised there would need to be two people present with a safety barrier and there is concern for the render and robustness of the shelters.**

It was suggested that a hand washer might be a better option (water without the pressure).

OS 9-10-18 Update on the following:

- A. Station Yard: tree works have been carried out around the Station Yard car park. The Chairman will contact the Rattery Road Warden again about potholes.
- B. Vicarage Road Allotment Field: no news.
- C. Grounds maintenance: (current contract is until 31.3.19, SHDC would like to tender). **The existing contractor and SHDC could be asked to offer a quotation, without putting the grounds maintenance contract out to tender.**
- D. Railway Wood: report dates of inspections carried out, and plan future inspections.

Inspections have been carried out. Future inspections: Nov – JR, Dec – HR, Jan – PK, Feb - SG.

- E. Play area at Sanderspool Cross any repairs or maintenance required, including an update from the park keeper.

The new play equipment has been installed and the safety surfacing is expected next week.

Following up on the items noted by the park keeper: SHDC will be asked to replace tiles in the toilet; **there may be three covered, child sized picnic tables available** from Before and After School Clubs – the clerk will ask for more information, **these might be located in the play area at Sanderspool Cross, if they can be moved.**

Replacement of fencing and gates at this play area need to be considered by this Committee again, depending on S 106 funding available.

- F. Bus shelters – Ivy has been removed from the Millennium bus shelter revealing rotten fascia boards; these will be replaced by the parish handyman.

OS 10-10-18 Budget request for 2019-20

The Open Spaces budget line for this year has been skewed by the water leak at the play area; also repairs to the swings, and replacement village maps (expenditure so far this year £2159). It was noted that expenditure in 2017-18 (less replacement swings) was £2431, so the Committee agreed a budget request of £2,500 will be made again for 2019-20.

OS 11-10-18 Annual inspection of seats, troughs, signs etc.

The Chairman offered to inspect all seats etc. including the seat in the Station Yard. The Vehicle Activated signs need to be added to this list.

OS 12-10-18 Any items for the next agenda, and the date of the next meeting

Replacement of fencing and gates at the play area will be on the next agenda.

The meeting closed at 8.01 p.m.