

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th October 2011 at 7.30 p.m. in South Brent Village Hall.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Open Forum for discussion with members of the public (maximum 15 minutes)

Nothing was raised.

PC 1-10-11 Record of members present

Cllr Mark Copleston in the Chair; Cllrs Mandy Haley, Peter Kelly, John King, Jane Maunder, Glyn Richards, John Summers, Greg Wall, Donna Warne, Donald Wiseman and two members of the public were present; Julia Willoughby clerk to the Council was in attendance.

PC 2-10-11 Apologies for absence

Apologies have been received from Cllrs Laura Howe and Cathie Pannell; County Councillor Trevor Pennington and District Councillor Peter Smerdon.

PC 3-10-11 Declarations of interest (nature and extent) with regard to items on the agenda

Cllr Glyn Richards declared a personal interest in item 9 (1) a grant request from South Brent Carnival Committee – as his daughter is involved in the South Brent float.

Cllr Peter Kelly declared a prejudicial interest in item 9 (2) a grant application from the Recreation Association, as he is the Chairman of that organisation; Cllrs Mark Copleston, Jane Maunder and Donald Wiseman declared a prejudicial interest in the same item as they are Trustees of the Recreation Association.

PC 4-10-11 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda

Cllr Peter Kelly advised that the grant request for soil for a redesigned BMX track and improvements to drainage of the track, have all been the work of the young people who use it.

Two members of the Carnival Committee were present and advised that appearance payments of £100 each for large floats would help to encourage more floats to attend the South Brent winter carnival on 26th November.

PC 5-10-11 Police report (Crime and Disorder Reduction)

PC Hopper has reported there were ten crimes in the parish during September including: five incidents of theft from motor vehicles; criminal damage; common assault (domestic related); burglary non dwelling; and (owner of) dog allow to cause injury.

PC 6-10-11 District / County Councillors and DNPA Parish Council representatives report.

None.

PC 7-10-11 Confirmation of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15th August

The minutes were amended on page 1 line 8 replacing 'of' with 'or'; the minutes were then confirmed and signed.

PC 8-10-11 Report matters arising from the minutes – for information only

Specific housing allocations in South Brent cannot be discussed by SHDC; allocation is based on the bidder with highest band who had been waiting longest according to the Devon

Home Choice policy. The Council would like an officer from SHDC to attend a Council meeting to explain the policy.

PC 9-10-11 Correspondence circulated to Councillors:

- 1) South Brent Carnival: grant application for appearance expenses for the larger floats attending the winter carnival (6 x £100) to be refunded if fewer floats attend. Cllr Peter Kelly proposed that a grant of £500 should be made to sponsor five large floats for the winter carnival, should fewer such floats attend the appropriate sum will be repaid; this was seconded by Cllr Greg Wall and **resolved** by the Council.
- 2) South Brent Recreation Association: grant application from users of the BMX track for £300 for new soil to improve the track. Chairmanship of the meeting was handed to the Vice Chairman Cllr Greg Wall for this item. (*Cllrs Mark Copleston, Peter Kelly, Jane Maunder and Donald Wiseman left the room while this matter was discussed.*) Cllr John Summers proposed that £200 is granted to the Recreation Association for soil to make improvements to the BMX track; this was seconded by Cllr Glyn Richards and **resolved** by the Council.
- 3) Ivybridge & District Community Transport Association: grant application towards Ring & Ride and voluntary car services. The £500 available in this budget line has already been granted to Totnes and Dartmouth Ring & Ride, however Cllr Glyn Richards proposed that £100 should be moved (vired) from Election expenses and granted to Ivybridge & District Community Transport Association; this was seconded by Cllr Peter Kelly and **resolved** by the Council.
- 4) J Rumble DNPA: re. Station Road crossing the council is directed to the joint DCC and South West Protected Landscapes Highway Design Guidance. It was noted that a pigmented surface would not be permitted. In order to progress this project a meeting will be arranged with representatives of DCC and DNPA invited to attend, to discuss a phased scheme or partnership working.

PC 10-10-11 Consider the Parish Council response to the actions taken at Reddacleave Brakes

No requests for comments from the Parish Council have come from either DNPA or Dean Prior Parish Council. The Council acknowledges the strength of local feeling, but will make no comment on this matter.

PC 11-10-11 Progress with valuation of the allotment field, for the proposed VRAA planning application

Mr Hugh Neason a director of Savills, Exeter will provide a valuation *pro bono*; he has been sent a copy of the legal agreement made when the land was sold including the uplift clause details.

The Chairman, Cllrs Mandy Haley, Donald Wiseman and the clerk will meet informally with three representatives of VRAA on 18th October to discuss the background of this matter.

PC 12-10-11 Parish Council Committees

Planning Committee minutes of the meeting held on 12th September (available at the meeting) to be adopted; recommendation:

Committee terms of reference

The Committee recommends that item 6 refers to National Park Development management meetings (rather than Development Control meetings).

Cllr Greg Wall proposed that this amendment should be made and the minutes adopted; this was seconded by Cllr Donald Wiseman and **resolved** by the Council.

Open Spaces Committee minutes of the meeting held on 19th September were adopted by the Council.

Signal Box working group meeting held on 13th October Cllr Greg Wall reported that having been instructed by the Parish Council in the past, Mr Richard Everett requests confirmation from the Council to carry out an updated survey of the signal box when a site meeting can be arranged; it was agreed that a letter would be sent to Mr Everett as stated.

PC 13-10-11 Progress with the design for the proposed pedestrian crossing in Station Road
(See minute 9-10-11 (4) above.)

PC 14-10-11 Cycleways in Exeter Road

Cllr Stuart Hughes the DCC Lead Councillor has advised that he has passed the Council's concerns on to Mr John Halliday (DCC Highways). The Council agreed that Cllr John Hart DCC Leader should be sent copies of the emails regarding the installation of the cycleways and the Council's response - setting out concerns about road safety.

PC 15-10-11 Update on the removal of the red phone kiosk from Exeter Road

Cllr Donna Warne reported that the kiosk is in Nottinghamshire for scrap or refurbishment, and Mr Phil Bennett at BT has been contacted to find out whether the kiosk can be returned to South Brent. It is now apparent that telephony and the kiosk are two entirely separate issues as far as BT are concerned, and the kiosk has been removed at the request of the developer of the former London Inn site.

A response from the Competition Appeal Tribunal will be sent to Mr Bennett, also asking that the kiosk is returned and referring to the possible appeal procedure.

PC 16-10-11 Consider the provision of salt/grit bins and the Snow Warden scheme

Cllr Greg Wall reported that three salt/grit bins can be provided through County Cllr Pennington's locality fund and these will be added to the DCC list for filling. Cllr Wall proposed that these should be located at Station Approach (near the bridge), Hillside (junction with Hillside Close) and rather than at Lydia Bridge, a third bin should be provided at Harbourneford; this was seconded by Cllr John Summers and **resolved** by the Council.

DCC is offering 5 tonnes of salt/grit to parishes which sign up to the snow warden scheme. The snow warden must be nominated as suitable by the parish council, receive DCC training and agree to work within the arrangements set up by DCC to be covered by public liability insurance. Also, the salt should be stored in a building easily accessible by lorry for delivery. A press release will request volunteer snow wardens to come forward.

PC 17-10-11 Election of a Parish Council sustainable transport representative

This item will be carried forward to the next agenda.

PC 18-10-11 Progress with plans for the Service of Remembrance and 11th November 2011

The Chairman has met with Rev Winnington-Ingram, Rev. Gordon Davies will lead the Service. Cllrs Donna Warne and Peter Kelly will read the names of the fallen. Service personnel will be contacted to take part in the Remembrance Service if possible. The standard bearers and everyone taking part in the Service is invited to attend the rehearsal on Saturday 12th November.

The Chairman will be at the Toll House on 11th November at 11 a.m.

PC 19-10-11 Consider how Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee should be celebrated

Celebrations will take place on the weekend of 2-5 June 2012; Rev Winnington-Ingram will conduct a Civic Service on 3rd June, and the cost of further lettering on the plinth in Wellington Square will be established. Street parties are being arranged already.

PC 20-10-11 Provision of 'Gateway to the Moor' signs

This item will be carried forward to the next agenda.

PC 21-10-11 Correspondence available on the table at the meeting (or by arrangement with the clerk):

- a) Mr Sparkes: comments about the play area at Sanderspool Cross; Mr Sparkes will be advised that the toilet is cleaned each evening then locked until the following morning.
- b) Devon & Cornwall Police Authority: community groups can request talks on overarching policing issues.
- c) Boundary Commission for England: consultation on the initial proposals for new Parliamentary constituencies (comments by 5 Dec); the suggested name of 'South Brent and District' will be forwarded for the new local constituency.
- d) The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons guide.
- e) South Hams CVS Voluntary Vine newsletter.
- f) Devon Community Recycling and Composting Network 'Junk Mail' newsletter.
- g) Senior Council for Devon newsletter.

All noted by the Parish Council.

PC 22-10-11 Report highway matters including outstanding issues, and street cleaning required

- Dropped kerb outside Town Farm Bungalow is too steep, this will be looked at again;
- Collapsed hedgebank in Plymouth Road, BT can be asked to clear the hedge;
- Ownership of hedge between Courtenay Park and footpath, a Land Registry search will be done (all by DCC Highways).

Other issues reported to Cllr Greg Wall have been or will be passed to DCC including the poor state of some areas of footway in Brakefield; timing of street lighting coming on in the morning (in Corn Park and Heather Park); grass verges near the London Inn development are in a poor state; the hedge next to footpath No. 1 from Exeter Road to Heather Park is overgrown and the dog bin on The Island is overflowing.

Cllr John King deals with Highway matters outside the village; this will be included in the next newsletter.

PC 23-10-11 Finance:

Accounts for payment

SWW (Direct debit): charges for toilet at Sanderspool Cross	7.50	
Entanet Int. Ltd (Direct debit): monthly broadband fee	19.78	
South Brent Village Hall: room hire Sept.	9.38	
EDF Energy (Direct debit): charges for toilet at Sanderspool Cross	43.27	
Veaseys Printers: September newsletter	145.08	
The Community Council of Devon: DALC conf. (G Richards)	15.00	
R Illman: New ridge tiles and remove branches	61.00	
Moortek: replacement router	69.99	
Payroll	1449.16	
	TOTAL	1820.16
Receipts:		
Mr & Mrs M Copley: donation towards Christmas lighting	50.00	
SPX Refrigeration & Engineering Services Ltd: donation towards Christmas lighting	50.00	

The accounts were approved for payment and the cheques signed.

PC 24-10-11 Items for press release and/or the newsletter

A press release will ask for volunteer snow wardens.

The newsletter will include an update from the Signal Box working group, a request to dog owners to clean up after their pets and other items flagged up this evening.

PC 25-10-11 Items for the next agenda

The introduction of a Junior Community Champion Award will be included on the Parish Council agenda for 28th November.

The meeting closed at 9.44 p.m.