

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 23rd January 2012 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)

Mr Sims expressed his concerns at the recent closure of the Newsagents, and hopes our strong community will support local businesses.

PC 1-1-12 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 and Donald Wiseman.

Fourteen members of the public were present and Julia Willoughby clerk to the Council was in attendance.

PC 2-1-12 Apologies for absence

Apologies have been received from Cllrs Laura Howe, Cathie Pannell and District Councillor Peter Smerdon.

PC 3-1-12 Declarations of interest (nature and extent) with regard to items on the agenda

Cllr Mandy Haley declared a personal interest in item 12 the TPO application, as she knows the owners.

Cllr Glyn Richards declared a prejudicial interest in correspondence (1) a grant application by the South Brent Old School Community Centre, as he is the Centre manager and company secretary.

PC 4-1-12 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda

Mrs Wainwright advised that she and about 25 others from South Brent attended the SHDC Joint Scrutiny Panel meeting on 12th January regarding the possibility of car parking charges in the Station Yard. Mrs Wainwright said that Cllr Greg Wall spoke admirably and she put questions to the meeting on behalf of Sustainable South Brent.

She will also attend the Executive meeting on 26th January seeking answers to the questions posed, and advising the meeting of the closure of the Newsagents.

PC 5-1-12 Police report (Crime and Disorder Reduction)

PC Hopper has reported there were nine crimes in the parish during December: criminal damage to vehicle; criminal damage (windows smashed); theft from a shop; burglary (dwelling – electronic game); criminal damage (door split); assault actual bodily harm; burglary (dwelling –jewellery); criminal damage (water tap removed).

PCSO Sean Barker will now be working in this area.

PC 6-1-12 District / County Councillors and DNPA Parish Council representatives report

County Cllr Trevor Pennington advised that the Government wishes to see a freeze in DCC council tax; staff reductions at DCC have saved £20 million in 2011-12; DCC must make 8% savings in 2012-13.

Cllr Pennington has been contacted by one of the landowners of the unauthorised traveller's site at Marley Head, who has received an enforcement notice.

Ms Ella Briens DNPA Ranger for the parish asked that if there are any issues regarding enforcement at Marley Head that the DNPA Solicitor is contacted. Ms Briens may be able to assist with rights of way and community projects.

Footpath No.1 along the edge of the recreation field was discussed; (DNPA is responsible for the surface of a right of way) this path was diverted and maintenance of the hedges and trees does not rest with DNPA.

PC 7-1-12 Confirmation of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th December

The minutes were confirmed and signed.

PC 8-1-12 Report matters arising from the minutes – for information only

The clerk has been advised that a plan of shared footway/cycleways in Exeter Road is being drawn up.

PC 9-1-12 Correspondence circulated to Councillors:

1) *(Cllr Glyn Richards left the room while this item was discussed.)* South Brent Old School Community Centre: request for a grant of £1,000 towards a new heating system. Cllr John King proposed that a grant of £1,000 is made as the building is a valuable asset for the community and the heating is antiquated; this was seconded by Cllr Mandy Haley and resolved by the Parish Council with £202 vired from the Personal Basic Allowance budget line added to the £798 available in Local Projects.

PC 10-1-12 Update on the possible introduction of car parking charges for the Station Yard car park, South Brent

(The Council agreed these items should be brought forward.)

Cllr Greg Wall reported that a large contingent from South Brent attended the SHDC Joint Scrutiny Panel meeting on 12th January; this meeting agreed that no car parking charges should be introduced in Aveton Gifford, Beesands or South Brent during 2012-13, and a review of all 17 non-fee paying car parks in the South Hams should be carried out – to include Follaton House. However, this has not gone forward as a proposal to the Executive meeting – which is being taken up by Cllr Cathie Pannell.

The Open Spaces Committee meeting of 16th January recommends further investigation into the costs including insurance, business rates and maintenance, and whether SHDC will consider a lease of the Station Yard to the Parish Council.

Cllr John King was also at the meeting on 12th January and advised that it is possible the car park at Beesands is designated a Village Green. The Council agreed that a further letter should be sent to question the anomaly that a proposal made was not included in the minutes and carried forward to the Executive meeting. It is hoped that many will attend the next meeting on 26.1.12 and the full Council meeting on 9.2.12; so far all the letters and emails from parishioners have been against the introduction of car parking charges for the Station Yard.

Signal Box Working Group site visit 11.1.12 – Mr Ward-Green reported that the building is in a very reasonable condition, and at the very least the exterior should be restored in keeping with the original. The most important question is how the building could be used – both in terms of fund raising, and for DNPA. It may be possible to adopt or lease the Signal Box from Network Rail.

The Chairman thanked Mr Ward-Green and the members of the Working Group for all their efforts, and for moving forward with this project.

Correspondence circulated to Councillors (continued):

- 2) South Brent Carnival: the grant of £500 made by the Parish Council was divided between the larger floats attending the winter carnival. The evening was very well attended and the Council agreed the carnival committee is to be congratulated.
- 3) A young South Brent resident: request for the South Brent railway station to be re-opened. The Council agreed that a response would explain that the Council has been working towards reinstatement of the station for many years, by including it in the Parish Plan and lobbying DNPA and DCC; the Parish Council will continue to be vigilant.

PC 11-1-12 Progress with the proposed pedestrian crossing in Station Road

Mr Halliday from DCC has now advised that this project can be supported to a maximum of £30,000 during this financial year, and it may be possible to refund the sums paid by the Parish Council for the design. (Cllr Jane Maunder left the meeting.)

PC 12-1-12 Planning matters:

45/3237/11/F Conversion of 3 existing barns to form house, annexe and garage. Renewal of planning consents 45/2157/05/F and 45/0975/08/F at Higher Wonton Farmhouse, Diptford, Totnes; the Parish Council has no objection to this application.

Tree Preservation Order: Highfield, South Brent - proposed removal of lateral branches overhanging Nyanza, Harwell Lane, South Brent; the Parish Council has no objection to this application.

PC 13-1-12 Parish Council Committees:

Planning Committee minutes of the meeting held on 12th December (available at the meeting) these were adopted.

Open Spaces Committee brief report of the meeting held on 16th January (Cllr Peter Kelly);

Mr Beasley – Trees Officer with DNPA will be contacted regarding the health of the oak tree next to Clobells steps.

Vandalism to the infant multi play equipment in the play area at Sanderspool Cross will cost £328 + VAT to repair (by SHDC) Cllr John King proposed that this is put in hand (funds can be vired from Parish Basic Allowance to the Open Spaces budget line if required), seconded by Cllr Greg Wall and resolved by the Council.

The question of security measures for the play area and refurbishment of the toilet will be included on the agenda for the February Council meeting. Meanwhile, the cleaner will be asked to lock the play area at night when the infant play equipment has been repaired.

PC 14-1-12 London Inn development: update on naming and cycleway

The Parish Council is disappointed that the name of the development is London Inn Mews. Plans of the footway/cycleway are being worked on.

PC 15-1-12 Removal of the red phone kiosk from Exeter Road

There has been no response from the developer about re-instating the phone box. Damage to the grass verges near the London Inn will be pointed out to PJD Construction, as will the danger caused by contractors parking on the blind bend near the site.

PC 16-1-12 South Brent Primary School – Link Councillor report

Cllr Donna Warne attended a meeting of the Governing Body in December; the school is keen to work with the Parish Council whenever possible. A member of the Council might consider speaking at a school assembly.

PC 17-1-12 Consider arrangements for Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee celebrations

A Civic Service will take place on 3 June 2012, and the addition to the plinth in Wellington Square could then be unveiled - this could be followed by a bring and share picnic on The Patch (next to the Village Hall); Cllr Cathie Pannell offered to check if this would be possible. Mr Guy Pannell – Parish Tree Warden will be consulted regarding the planting of a suitable tree and its location.

PC 18-1-12 Arrangements for Beating the Inner (Diptford) Bounds of the Parish in 2012

It was established that the next Beating of the Bounds will be in 2013 (not 2012).

PC 19-1-12 Correspondence available on the table at the meeting (or by arrangement with the clerk):

- a) South Brent Primary School: Link Councillor report Dec. 2011 and Governors News.
- b) Ermington Parish Council: letter of support regarding the A38 at Carew.
- c) Community Council of Devon: Neighbourhood planning information.
- d) Devon Association of Local Councils: newsletter.
- e) DCC: public consultation on a new library for Totnes.
- f) SHDC: 'Developing the devolved services model workshop' 31.1.12 2-4 p.m. at The Watermark, Ivybridge; Cllr Greg Wall and the clerk will attend.
- g) SHDC: summary of responses on the Town and Parish Voice proposals (Totnes cluster).
- h) Mr & Mrs Livingston: letter of thanks for the flowers (from parishioners) on their 70th wedding anniversary.
- i) SHDC: Neighbourhood planning event 5-7 February at the Eden Project.
- j) SHDC Solicitor: Localism Act 2011 and the future of standards update.
- k) HM Lord-Lieutenant of Devon: A Special Service will be held on 27 May, with garden parties – nominations are sought for an unsung hero.
- l) J Kemp: A film will be made about Didworthy Sanatorium and local events could be documented on film.
- m) Luscombe Maye: copy of a letter sent to SHDC re. possible car park charges in South Brent.
- n) Ivybridge & District Association of Local Councils: agenda and minutes; Cllr Glyn Richards will attend in July for the last time.
- o) Campaign to Protect Rural England: 'Planning explained' booklet; Cllr Glyn Richards took this.
- p) DNPA: notes of the National Park forum held on 25 November.
- q) Ivybridge & District Inter Parish Quiz: letter of thanks for the £10 grant.
- r) Campaign to Protect Rural England: 2012 Best kept Village award.
- s) Sir Graham Watson MEP: small poster for parish noticeboard.

- t) Sustainable South Brent: annual report 2010-11.
- u) Totnes on the Move: steering group minutes 21.12.11.
- v) DCC: temporary road closure Plymouth Road, South Brent 19-23 March.
- w) South Hams CVS: Voluntary Vine newsletter.
- x) South Hams AONB: annual report 2010-11.
- y) Devon Community Composting Network: Junk mail newsletter.
- z) Diamond Jubilee mementoes brochure.
- aa) Clerks & Councils direct magazine.

All noted by the Parish Council.

PC 20-1-12 Report highway matters including outstanding issues, and street cleaning required

Cllr Greg Wall advised that matters are reported straight to DCC.

There are slates off the bus shelter opposite Higher Green Mr Illman will be asked to sort this out.

The Highways Agency has advised that re-surfacing work will be carried out on the A38 this week, and westbound traffic will be diverted along the B3372 through South Brent.

PC 21-1-12 Finance:

Society of Local Council Clerks Conference 9 Feb. £65; as the detail of the Localism Act is still taking shape, and the conference will not be able to reveal new information the clerk is not planning to attend; the Council agreed.

Accounts for payment:

SWW (Direct debit): charges for toilet at Sanderspool Cross	7.50
Entanet Int. Ltd (Direct debit): monthly broadband fee	19.78
DNPA: (cheque 16.1.12) Allotment field planning application	35.00
South West Grounds Maintenance: Jan. invoice	275.40
South Brent Village Hall: room hire Nov.	9.38
SB Old School Community Centre Ltd: room hire 13.50, copying 11.40 (newsletters)	24.90
Veaseys Printers: Dec. 2011 newsletter	148.50
Devon County Council: design fee Station Rd. crossing	465.09
Torbay Display: Christmas lights 2011 (S 137)	1800.00
Payroll	1453.53
TOTAL	4239.08

RECEIPT:

Collection boxes: Christmas lights	27.81
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The accounts were approved for payment and the cheques signed.

PC 22-1-12 Items for press release and/or the newsletter

The design for the new crossing point in Station Road will be put on the parish notice board outside School House.

Items for the spring newsletter are required by 12th February.

PC 23-1-12 Items for the next agenda

The play area issues and dog mess in the village will be included on the agenda for the February meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

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