

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 24 September 2012 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, South Brent. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

Nothing was raised by those present.

PC 1-9-12 Record of members present

Cllr Mark Copleston in the Chair; Cllrs Peter Kelly, John King, Cathie Pannell, John Rawlinson, Glyn Richards, John Summers, Greg Wall, Donna Warne and Donald Wiseman.

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

PC 2-9-12 Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Jane Maunder and County Councillor Trevor Pennington.

PC 3-9-12 Declarations of interest (nature and extent) with regard to items on the agenda

Cllr Glyn Richards declared an interest in correspondence on the table item (a), TAP Fund application for South Brent & District Caring (if discussed) as he is Manager of the Old School Centre where SB&DC is based.

PC 4-9-12 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda

Members of the public had attended the meeting regarding land at Lutton.

PC 5-9-12 Police report (Crime and Disorder Reduction)

PC Hopper's email states there were seven crimes in the parish during August: cause harassment alarm and distress; common assault; criminal damage to vehicle endangering life (item dropped from over bridge on A38); drunk in public place (disorderly behaviour); assault (actual bodily harm); make off without payment (meal); criminal damage to property (wall).

Young people playing ball games in the play area are causing a nuisance to younger children; the byelaws will be checked and an item included on a future agenda.

PC 6-9-12 Confirmation of the accuracy of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 August

The minutes were confirmed and signed.

PC 7-9-12 Report matters arising from the minutes – for information only

Cllr Glyn Richards attended the joint Community Council of Devon and Devon Community Buildings conference on 28 September.

The complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office regarding SHDC has been acknowledged.

The Council agreed to bring forward on the agenda:

Correspondence (1) A & B Letters from residents of Lutton regarding land recently fenced. The Chairman advised that conflicting views have been received on fencing of the land and the Council might decide that this is a civil matter rather than an issue for the Council.

The clerk reported that Mr Warren had phoned following receipt of the letter from the Council, to say that his solicitor was on holiday at present, but had advised him that he was within his rights to fence the land.

Mr Hobbs asked that more information should be sought on the registration of this land as a Common in 1966, and de-registration in 1972. He added that fencing of the land was a matter of public interest and the Parish Council should take a lead as people have been excluded from the land in question.

Another parishioner had no objection to the fencing and advised that the gate was not locked. A meeting of residents with Mr Warren was suggested, but the scope for action by the Council is limited, and the residents do not agree on this issue.

In order to make an informed decision the Council unanimously agreed that a response should be requested from Mr Warren again; Cllr Greg Wall will visit the Devon Records Office and research the Council minutes and DCC will be asked why the land was registered as a Common in 1966 and then de-registered six years later.
(Three members of the public left the meeting.)

PC 8-9-12 District / County Councillors and DNPA Parish Council representatives report
District Cllr Cathie Pannell advised that she thought it was important that the Parish Council should be represented at the peer challenge discussions on 11 October; Cllr Glyn Richards offered to attend.

An electoral review of the South Hams is taking place because there is a considerable difference in the number of electors district councillors represent. SHDC recently decided that the number of district councillors should be reduced from 40 to 30 members. There will be a public consultation next February and all parish councils will also be involved.

District Councillor Peter Smerdon noted that car parking charges in Modbury have recently been reduced slightly.

When Drybridge is replaced, the A38 will need to be closed for it to be taken down, there will be no bridge at all for 6 months and then it will be replaced with a new complete span across the A38. The earliest the work will be carried out is autumn 2013. (Cllr Smerdon was thanked for attending the meeting and left.)

PC 9-9-12 Finance Committee meeting held on 3 September (minutes attached) and recommendations:

A) The following addition is made to the Standing Orders:

7 (e)

Councillors with a disclosable pecuniary interest (appendix A) or a non disclosable pecuniary interest (appendix B) in a matter being considered at a meeting shall withdraw from the meeting room while any discussion or vote on the relevant matter takes place. This was proposed by Cllr Peter Kelly, seconded by Cllr Greg Wall and resolved by the Council.

B) The Financial Regulations do not need to be revised; agreed.

C) Moortek is contacted for quotes for a new tower (hard drive) for use by the clerk; proposed by Cllr Peter Kelly, seconded by Cllr Greg Wall and resolved by the Council.

- D) The clerk would like to attend the General Power of Competence training on 23 October in Exeter; agreed.

PC 10-9-12 Appointment of a representative to Vicarage Road Allotment Association

This item will be deferred to the next meeting.

(Chairmanship of the meeting was handed to Cllr Glyn Richards for the next item.)

PC 11-9-12 Planning matters:

A) Decisions:

0247/12 Extension to side of dwelling, 1 Didworthy Bungalows, Didworthy, South Brent; application granted.

0248/12 Slate-hanging on south-west facing gable wall, The Old Stables, Station Road, South Brent; application granted.

0285/12 Change of use from residential flat to complementary health clinic and widening of rear access door, 1 The Exchange, South Brent; application granted.

0354/12 Erection of residential care home on existing brownfield site, Land at Manor Mills, South Brent; application granted. (*Cllr Mark Copleston left the room while this application was discussed.*) The grant of permission and conditions will be circulated to members of the Planning Committee for consideration at the next meeting; meanwhile DNPA will be contacted to request that the Parish Council is a consultee during the implementation of the restricted conditions.

Tree Preservation Order: oak tree at Clobells steps – the works requested are granted.

B) Applications:

0474/12 Change of use of three rooms on first floor from osteopathic practice (D1) to building surveyors office (A2) at 15 Station Road, South Brent; the Parish Council has no objection to this application.

23/1990/12/F Installation of 2 wind turbines (hub height 64m, tip height 99.5m) to generate 2.3MW per turbine, east of A381, South of Langridge Cross, Harberton, Totnes; the Parish Council has no comments.

0365/12 & 0371/12 (Amended, Listed Building) amendments to details approved under previous applications at Higher Lutton, South Brent; the Parish Council has no objection to this application.

PC 12-9-12 Correspondence circulated to Councillors:

- 1) A & B Letters from residents of Lutton regarding land recently fenced (see minute 7-9-12 above).
- 2) Mrs P Brett: request for information on a seat for Corn Park first requested in March 2010. The clerk has responded advising that the first location for a seat was found to be unsuitable (at the last moment) and permission was requested for another location. The seat for the entrance to Corn Park is being refurbished and will then be installed. The Council noted that in future a timescale for such work will be requested.
- 3) Audit Commission: the Parish Council audit for 2011-12 has been completed; there were no matters to be brought to the attention of the Council. The clerk was given a vote of thanks by the Council.
- 4) Plan of Christmas lighting for 2012; noted.

PC 13-9-12 Should the survey on use of the Station Yard car park be released to SHDC and any other considerations ahead of the report on all free car parks across the district?

The author of the survey data has been asked for comments or a conclusion, this is awaited by the Council (SHDC will be advised.)

PC 14-9-12 Arrangements for filling the vacancy for the office of Councillor for the Village Ward

An election has not been requested so the Council may co-opt a new member at the next meeting. The vacancy will be advertised and applicants invited to attend the meeting on 22 October.

PC 15-9-12 The Maye family is aware of receipt of planning permission for the allotment field in Vicarage Road (regarding the uplift clause)

There has been no response from the Maye family regarding a valuation of the land, so this item will be removed from the agenda.

PC 16-9-12 Consider the Community Benefit Dividend to be received from the solar farm at Marley Thatch

(Cllr Peter Kelly declared an interest and left the room while this was discussed.)

When TGC Renewables made a presentation to the Council about this application it was stated that a Community Benefit of £10,000 p.a. would be made. SHDC will be contacted to discover whether the Community Benefit forms part of the grant of permission, and this matter will be included on the next Planning Committee agenda.

PC 17-9-12 Report on the SHDC super cluster meeting on 12 September

Cllr Greg Wall attended the meeting and he agreed with the summary from Cllr Cathie Pannell (minute 8-9-12 above).

PC 18-9-12 Erroneous court judgement against the Parish Council – update

A Certificate of Satisfaction of the judgment has been requested; the issue of damages will then be addressed.

PC 19-9-12 A new picnic bench for the play area is £150 from Rattery Sawmills

Cllr Peter Kelly proposed that a picnic bench is purchased; this was seconded by Cllr Glyn Richards and resolved by the Council.

PC 20-9-12 Consider whether children could be invited to paint murals for the inside of the bus shelters

Cllr John King asked for this item to be included on the agenda, to try to prevent graffiti. The Council discussed the matter and concluded that it is easier to paint over any graffiti.

PC 21-9-12 Arrangements for the Service of Remembrance and Re-dedication (11 Nov.)

It is not known whether a bugle player is available, enquiries will be made. There are enough copies of the order of service; Cllr John Rawlinson offered to do a reading; the Chairman would like to hear if there are service personnel available for the exhortations; Mr Jordan and Mr Roberts will be contacted to request their assistance.

PC 22-9-12 Correspondence available on the table at the meeting (or by arrangement with the clerk):

- a) SHDC: the TAP Fund application for South Brent & District Caring will be considered at an SHDC cluster meeting on 24 October. As each Council can have one vote the Chairman will attend (hopefully with Mrs Burgess).
- b) PC Hopper and J Halliday, DCC: enforcement of parking restrictions at the Jubilee Crossing in Station Road will be carried out. DCC Highways will be contacted again to request that kerb markers outside The Anchor building can be included in a future traffic order.
- c) SHDC: cancellation of the cluster meeting to be held on 25 Sept. rearranged for 24 October.
- d) Audit Commission: appointment of Grant Thornton UK LLP as external auditor to South Brent Parish Council from 2012-13.
- e) May Gurney: temporary road closure 4-6 Dec. in Plymouth Road.
- f) Devon Assoc. of Local Councils: training update (there is a new Councillor training course on 23 January).
- g) DALC: newsletter.
- h) SHDC: household recycling consultation event; SHDC will be asked why this is not taking place in South Brent.
- i) DCC: consultations across Devon on the use of DCC resources.
- j) Exeter City Council: Devon & Cornwall rough sleepers' partnership information.
- k) Ivybridge & District Assoc. of Local Councils meeting 19 Sept. Cllr Glyn Richards attended as Devon Association of Local Councils representative.
- l) Twentyfour seven: South Western Ambulance service newsletter.
- m) DCC Emergency Management newsletter.
- n) Devon Community Recycling & Composting 'Junk Mail' newsletter.

All noted by the Parish Council.

PC 23-9-12 Report highway matters and street cleaning required

Cllr Greg Wall has reported loose paving slabs and dog mess in Plymouth Road.

Litter in the hedges at the play area will be reported to SHDC as will the overflowing litter bin near the Newsagents.

Cllr John King advised that the lane above Aish Lane has been totally resurfaced following damage caused by heavy rain, even though it is not used by traffic.

PC 24-9-12 Finance:

Accounts for payment:

HM Courts & Tribunals Service: request for Cert. of Satisfaction	15.00
SWW (Direct debit): charges for toilet at Sanderspool Cross	11.50
Entanet Int. Ltd (Direct debit): monthly broadband fee	19.78
South Brent Village Hall: room hire	10.00
South Brent Old School Community Centre Ltd: room hire	20.25
Ricoh UK Ltd: photocopier usage May- July	8.20
The Consortium: stationery	43.54
DALC: new Councillors course x 2 (13.9.12, JR & DWa)	60.00
R Illman: installation of new bench etc.	119.50
Torbay Display: new tinsel for Christmas festoons	600.00
Audit Commission: Audit fee 2011-12	480.00
G Wall: reimbursement 160 stamps + envelopes (newsletter)	85.26
Payroll	1444.02
HM Revenue & Customs only: quarterly payment of tax & N.I.	593.38

TOTAL 3510.43

The accounts were approved for payment and the cheques signed.

PC 25-9-12 Items for press release and/or the newsletter

The deadline for the next newsletter is 25 November. Press releases will be made regarding the vacancy with the Council and sponsorship of Christmas lighting wall features.

PC 26-9-12 Items for the next agenda

Items have been raised and noted throughout the meeting. The meeting closed at 9.55 pm.

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