

SOUTH BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Strategy meeting held on 20 January 2014 at 7.30 p.m. in the Old School Centre.

Open Forum

Nothing was raised.

1. Record of members present

Cllr Greg Wall in the Chair, Cllrs Peter Kelly, John Rawlinson, Glyn Richards and Donald Wiseman (Chairmen of Committees); Julia Willoughby clerk to the Council was in attendance.

2. Apologies for absence

None.

3. Declarations of a pecuniary interest (nature and existence) with regard to items on the agenda

None declared.

4. Consider the granting of dispensations

No applications.

5. Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda

None.

6. Future plans for the Parish Council with reference to the Parish Plan 2009-14: **Parish Council**

The future of the Station Yard car park is the big question facing the Council at present.

Parish Plan

Energy Efficiency has mainly been achieved.

Employment & Economy ongoing.

Traffic & Transport cycle racks are in the centre of the village; buses are better and cheaper. Station Yard to be decided.

Safety & Wellbeing Neighbourhood Watch now operates via email; the Jubilee Crossing has been installed at Station Road.

Community Facilities the Compost Centre is a great success.

Village Environment the Dog Warden is in the village more often.

Rural & Moorland Environment ongoing.

Renewable Energy all aspirations in the Parish Plan under this heading are being achieved.

Water Conservation ongoing.

Climate Adaptation ongoing.

Progress will be reported at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Finance Committee

The Council may wish to consider registering some community assets with SHDC, e.g. The Island, Toll House, Station Yard car park, Crowder Park and St Michael's play areas, the Old School Centre, School House, the Village Hall, the Patch even the Police Station. If a list of these assets is agreed, each organisation could be approached for

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discussions. The February Parish Council agenda will include **Compile a list of potential community assets for consideration.**

Cllr Richards kindly offered to produce a draft of the latest Standing Orders for consideration by the Finance Committee in April.

Media Committee

The primary functions are to deal with the quarterly newsletter and website.

Open Spaces Committee

The Committee meets regularly as their remit is ongoing.

Planning Committee

The Council will need to decide whether to embark on another Parish Plan or to begin work on a Neighbourhood Plan. DNPA is likely to make a further request for land for housing development; unless a Neighbourhood Plan exists the community has no input into the process. The first step is to designate the area followed by consultation, submission of the Plan, independent examination and a local referendum. It would be a fairly lengthy process. The February Parish Council agenda will include **The Parish Plan needs to be replaced, should a Neighbourhood Plan be considered?**

7. Current status and aspirations of Parish Council Working Groups:

Christmas lighting the lights were taken down today. The working group would hope to make improvements to the lights each year.

Beating the Bounds it is hoped that the Beating of the Inner (Diptford) Bounds will take place this May.

8. 'Quality Council' status and the Parish Plan are both due to be renewed in 2014

Quality Status needs to be renewed in 2014 and the Parish Plan lasts until 2014. The guidelines for Quality Status are being revised and should be re-launched in May 2014. It might be considered that having the General Power of Competence (attained in January 2013) is more beneficial to the community.

9. Any other relevant matters

None.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.