

SOUTH BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Land and Estates Committee held on Monday 25th September 2023 at 8pm at The Pavilion, Palstone Park Recreation Ground, South Brent.

Open Forum – no attendees

Cllr Richards opened the meeting until a Chairman was elected. He remained in the meeting as an attendee.

L&E Election of Chairman of the Land and Estates committee. Proposed by Cllr. P Astal-Stain
1.9.23 and seconded by Cllr. S. Astal- Stain that Cllr. Hanney is elected Chairman – carried unanimously.

L&E Election of Vice Chairman of the Land and Estates committee.
2.9.23 Proposed by Cllr. Hancock seconded by Cllr. Johnston that Cllr. P. Astal-Stain is elected vice Chairman, carried unanimously

L&E Record of members present.
3.9.23 Cllrs P. Astal Stain, S. Astal-Stain, Johnston, Hancock, Armstrong, Hanney, and Cllr. Richards was in attendance

L&E Apologies for absence. None received
4.9.23

L&E Declarations of interest (and nature) with regard to items on the agenda. None
5.9.23

L&E Consider the granting of dispensations. None
6.9.23

L&E Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda. None
7.9.23

L&E Confirm the minutes of meetings of this committee on 12th June 2023 * and report on any
8.9.23 matters arising – for information only. Cllr Richards signed the minutes as read, as Chairman of that meeting.

L&E To receive an update on the following
9.9.23

A. Station Road Car Park – working group meeting to be arranged for November.

Pothole repairs - one quote received. Further quotes to be obtained and Cllr. P Astal-Stain and Cllr. Richards will liaise with contractors

B. Vicarage Road Allotments. Suitable land for allotments is being sought.

C. Grounds Maintenance. Still continues – the clerk has received many emails regarding the quality of work being done by the gardener. Grass cutting is slightly behind schedule.

D. Railway Wood: report dates of inspections carried out and plan future inspections.

Handrail broken on central steps. Clerk has asked someone to repair it.

Rota of Councillors to do monthly inspections has been agreed.

October – Cllr. S. Astal-stain

November – Cllr. P. Astal-Stain

December – Cllr. Hanney

January – Cllr. Johnston

E. Sanderspool Cross Play Park – any repairs or maintenance required. Repairs have been made to the drain cover and the toilet cistern. Regular inspection carried out by South Hams District Council, who report any defects. Self closer on gate on Exeter Road, may not be strong enough to shut the gate. Clerk to check. Small hole in hedge between playpark and house entrance. Clerk has asked someone to look at it, as well as a repair to the top rail of the fence.

Cllr. Hancock will inspect when he visits.

F. Bus shelters – consider any works required – Clerk to contact community payback team to repaint the shelter. Cllr. P Astal- Stain to look companies who might be able to supply a timber framed bus shelter on Southbound side of Exeter Road.

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- G. Stockbridge Lane toilets . repairs still to be done on the door frame – Cllr. Astal-Stain to approach tradesman.
- H. Toll House (to include the Clock) still some sign of mice, Cllr. Richards will arrange for the plaque to be put up near window. Clerk to organise clock service.
- I. Recreation Ground. The current committee is hoping to stand down. Plans are being produced for the continued management.
- L&E 10.9.23 Annual inspection of seats, troughs, signs etc. the troughs are inspected regularly.
Cllr. Hanney to liaise with Wellington Square regarding their trough.
Cllr. Johnston will look to plant up the troughs in Exeter Road.
Cllr. S. Asta-Stain informed the meeting that the trough outside the village shop has been planted up for the winter by a resident.
- L&E 11.9.23 To receive an update on the work done by the Community Payback team update and future projects. No projects this year. Clerk to see if they can fit in repainting bus shelters.
- L&E 12.9.23 To review Clerks priorities for this committee.
Bus shelter.
The Land and estates committee decided to request that their budget for next year is increased by 10%. Proposed by Cllr P. Astal-Stain and seconded by Cllr. Johnston, carried unanimously to go the finance budget meeting on 27.11.23.
It was proposed by Cllr. Hancock and seconded by Cllr. Johnston that the finance committee agree that any underspend at year end goes into earmarked reserves.
- L&E 13..9.23 Any items for Full Council.
- L&E 14.9.23 Any items for the next agenda, and the date of the next meeting. All meetings start at 7.30pm. **NB note venue**
- **16 October Full Council at Village Hall**
 - **20 November Full Council at Village Hall**
 - **27 November Finance and HR committee (Budget) at Palstone Recreation ground**
 - **11 December Full Council at Village Hall**

Meeting ended at 9.34pm