

SOUTH BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Land and Estates Committee held on Monday 8th January 2024 at 7.30pm at Stansbury Room, Village Hall, South Brent.

- L&E Record of members present.
- 1.1.24 Cllrs. Hanney, P. Astal Stain, Johnston, Fone in attendance, Cllrs. Richards and Butcher and 1 member of the public.
- L&E Apologies for absence. Cllr. S. Astal-Stain – family issue, Cllr Hancock – ill,
- 2.1.24 Cllr. Armstrong – transport problem. All absences approved by the committee.
- L&E Declarations of interest (and nature) with regard to items on the agenda.
- 3.1.24 Cllr. Fone declared a personal interest in Vicarage Rd allotments.
Cllr. Hanney declared a personal interest in Wellington Square.
Cllr P. Astal-Stain declared a personal interest in Vicarage Road allotments.
- L&E Consider the granting of dispensations. None
- 4.1.24
- L&E Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda. One member of the public
- 5.1.24 attended the meeting to raise concerns about future plans for the upkeep of and the maintenance of Wellington Square.
- L&E Confirm the minutes of meetings of this committee on 25th September 2023 *
- 6.1.24 and report on any matters arising – for information only. Cllr Hanney signed the minutes as Chairman of the meeting.
- L&E To receive an update on the following
- 7.1.24
- A. Station Yard Car Park. Report circulated in advance by Cllr. Butcher regarding recent meeting with PC and SHDC. When updated information is received from SHDC, this will be discussed by the Station Yard Working Group, with an update brought back to this meeting in March.
National Grid have completed their works today, 8.1.24. They delayed the start of the works by a week without any notification or signage.
- B. Vicarage Road Allotments. No updates for this meeting.
- C. Grounds Maintenance.
Update from Cllr. P. Astal-Stain that work continues around the village by the gardener. He works to a rota. The comments about the work have been very positive.
Trees have come down on Sanderspool Green, SHDC land.
Gulleys, gutters and buddle holes – ongoing works to keep these clear.
- D. Railway Wood: report dates of inspections carried out and plan future inspections
- i. To agree works on trees 143-146 as Dartforest report within five months of this meeting, and the distribution of the felled wood. The work was agreed by the committee. Clerk to obtain 2 further quotes for this work
- ii. To agree works on trees 607-611 as Dartforest report within eleven months of this meeting. The work was agreed by the committee. Clerk to obtain 2 further quotes for this work to be completed at the same time.
- iii. To decide on a future timescale for tree surveys, taking into consideration recommendations. Clerk to obtain 2 further quotes for next tree survey.
- Cllr. Johnston reported that a tree has come down and blocking a path in Railway Wood. Cllr. Fone to arrange removal.
- E. Sanderspool Cross Play Park – any repairs or maintenance required.
To note Emails from SHDC regarding new swings. Noted.
A number of repairs are outstanding on the playpark. Clerk to action.
- F. Bus shelters
- i. Consider any works required to existing bus shelters. Clerk to make contact with the Community Payback team to repaint the shelters.
- ii. To consider options for a bus shelter in Exeter Road. Cllrs. P. Astal-Stain and Johnston to obtain quotes from local businesses to supply and fit a new bus shelter for a proposal and decision at the next L&E meeting in March. Clerk to look at funding opportunities.
- G. Stockbridge Lane toilets

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- i. To receive update on toilet doors and SSE contract. The repairs to the toilet doors have been delayed due the wet weather. SSE have recalculated the over payments but are yet to reimburse the account.
- ii. To consider rationalising the toilets into one unit. Member of the public raised his concerns regarding the cost of maintenance and service charges incurred for providing 3 separate toilets. Clerk to circulate paperwork on the agreement with South Hams District Council.
Cllr. Butcher to produce an options paper to come back the next meeting in March.

H. Toll House (to include the Clock). Clock has been serviced.

There is a problem with the bottom door lock. The top door needs an internal catch to allow it to be securely held back. Cllr. Johnston to look at repairs.

Jubilee plaque now in place.

I. Recreation Ground. Questionnaire is being distributed to the village to establish usage. The Parish Council has representation on the committee but it lacks support from users.

J. Wellington Square.

- i. To review 3 year maintenance contract for the memorial. Cllrs. Hanney and Johnston to make further enquiries about stone cleaning twice a year.

- ii. To consider other maintenance options.

A member of the public asked about the plans for maintenance at Wellington Square.

Cllr. Hanney has spoken to residents about the Square. It is a conservation area but is in need of repairs. Clerk to obtain quotes to dig out around cobbles and secure them in place. Cllr. Hanney and P. Astal-Stain to contact the current gardener.

Regular upkeep can then be maintained by residents.

One member of the public left the meeting

K. Defibrillators. Four yearly lease for the Defibrillator at Aish is due next October. To be discussed by the defib working group.

8 Inspection of seats, troughs, signs etc. Councillors were reminded of the need to check Parish Council benches and troughs and inform the clerk of any maintenance required. Clerk to send out the asset register. Benches to be inspected regularly and clerk to be informed of any remedial work. Cleaning will commence in the spring.

9 There is a hole in the notice board outside the Co-op. Cllr. Butcher to contact the maker.

To review areas of land that are not maintained or owned by DCC, SHDC or DNPA. Clerk to liaise with Cllr. Richards regarding identifying these areas to establish correct ownership.

10 To receive an update on the work done by the Community Payback team update and future projects. No work completed in the Autumn. Clerk to contact regarding repainting bus shelters.

11 To review Clerks priorities for this committee.

To progress the new bus shelter.

To monitor maintenance to Wellington Square

To progress tree works in Railway Wood

To monitor Station Yard Car Park

12 Any items for the next agenda, and the date of the next meeting.

All meetings will be held at South Brent Village Hall and start at 7.30pm

- 15.1.24 Full
- 19.2.24 Full
- 11.3.24 Land & Estates
- 18.3.24 Full

Meeting ended at 9.16pm