



SOUTH BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Land and Estates Committee held on
Monday 11th March 2024 at 8pm at South Brent Village Hall, South Brent.

Open Forum – a member of the public stated that some organisations in the village were keen to work more collaboratively with regard to community assets, bookings and events. He asked if the Council could arrange a meeting of these interested parties to progress this.

Clerk to organise meeting.

L&E 1.3.24	Record of members present. Cllrs. Hanney, Fone, Hancock, Johnston, S Astal-Stain, Armstrong, Childs. Cllrs. Richards and Butcher were also in attendance and 3 members of the public.
L&E 2.3.24	Apologies for absence. Cllr P. Astal-Stain had a prior engagement. Cllr. S. Astal-Stain was unwell. Absences approved by the Committee.
L&E 3.3.24	Declarations of interest (and nature) with regard to items on the agenda. Cllr. Fone declared a personal interest in Vicarage Rd allotments. Cllr. Hanney declared a personal interest in Wellington Square.
L&E 4.3.24	Consider the granting of dispensations. None received.
L&E 5.3.24	Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda.
L&E 6.3.24	Confirm the minutes of meetings of this committee on 9 th January 2024 * and report on any matters arising – for information only. Two amendments were made to the minutes regarding attendees. Cllr. Hanney signed the minutes.
L&E 7.3.24	To receive an update on the following:-
A	Station Yard Car Park. A response has been received from South Hams District Council and circulated to all Councillors. The working group are looking for asking for public opinion on the future of the car park. A new email address has been created and it has been advertised in the recent newsletter.
B	Vicarage Road Allotments. Recent thefts have been reported.
C	Grounds Maintenance. Ongoing pavement clearance continuing.
D	Railway Wood. Three quotes obtained for the removal of the identified trees. Access will be required to the electrical substation. Clerk to contact National Grid.
E	Sanderspool Cross Play Park – any repairs or maintenance required. The annual Allianz report has been received and the handyman will be working his way through the repair list. Some repairs have already taken place. The ivy on the wall has been cut at ground level. Due to recent criminal damage to the toilets, they have been locked at weekends as well as overnight. Clerk to research installing a time lock system, however the door would need to be altered.
F	Bus shelters To consider options for a bus shelter in Exeter Road. Three quotes have been obtained for wooden structures. Concern was raised about the longevity of a wooden shelter. Clerk to contact DNPA to ascertain if a metal structure with a living roof would be acceptable.
G	Stockbridge Lane toilets i. To receive update on toilet doors and SSE contract. Work has been completed to repair the doors to all three toilets. SSE contract – the £100 credit has been credited to the account. However the account has not been updated since October 2023. The Clerk has contacted OfGem again.



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	ii. To consider rationalising the toilets into one unit. A discussion took place regarding rationalising the toilets and only having one accessible toilet open. An article will be produced for the summer newsletter to canvas the village on the future of the 3 toilets.
H	Toll House (to include the Clock) Repairs have been made to the door handles and a catch has been installed on the top half of the door.
I	Recreation Ground. There has been a recent issue with dog poo. Article in the latest newsletter. The adventure trail quote to replace a piece of broken equipment has been received. The new equipment is again made from wood and concerns were raised regarding its longevity. It was proposed by Cllr Johnston that the Recreation ground should partially dismantle the broken equipment to prevent any further use and damage, seconded by Cllr. Fone and carried unanimously. Clerk to inform the recreation committee. Alternative equipment to be considered.
J	Wellington Square. Cllr Johnston has volunteered to clean the memorial. Quotes are being obtained for the cleaning and repair to the square. Clerk to approach Community payback team regarding preparation work.
K	Defibrillators. Clerk to organise a meeting of the defib working group.
L&E 8.3.24	Inspection of seats, troughs, signs etc. All in good order, except one bench on Hillside near The Luces, which needs a new seat. Clerk to ask the handyman to look at it. Notice board near the Co-op needs attention to stop rain from getting into the top. Cllr. Butcher to contact the carpenter.
L&E 9.3.24	To review areas of land that are not maintained or owned by DCC, SHDC or DNPA. This is an ongoing piece of work by the Chairman and two volunteers. Update at next meeting.
L&E 10.3.24	To receive an update on the work done by the Community Payback team update and future projects. Clerk has met with the team coordinator and works have been agreed to bus shelters, memorial shelter and toilets. Date to be confirmed.
L&E 11.3.24	To consider printing Wildlife booklet. This is an initiative from local Parish Councils and was circulated in advance. It was decided not to have it printed as the information is easily available from SSB.
L&E 12.3.24	To review Clerks priorities for this committee To progress the new bus shelter To monitor maintenance in Wellington Square To progress tree works in Railway Wood To monitor Station Yard car park To progress dog poo bin near The Luces.
L&E 13.3.24	Any items for Full Council and the date of the next meeting No items for Ful Council. Next Land & Estates meeting is on 10.6.24.
L&E 14.3.24	All meetings will be held at South Brent Village Hall and start at 7.30pm • 18.3.24 Full Parish Council • 22.4.24 Full Parish Council • 29.4.24 Finance and Human Resources • 13.5.24 Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting • 20.5.24 Full Parish Council
	Meeting ended at 9.45pm.



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