



SOUTH BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of meeting of the Land and Estates Committee held on
Monday 10th June 2024 at 7.30pm at South Brent Village Hall, South Brent.**

- L&E1 Election of Chairman of the Land and Estates committee.
- 100624 Cllr P Astal-Stain proposed Cllr Hanney and this was seconded by Cllr Johnston. Carried.
- L&E2 Election of Vice Chairman of the Land and Estates committee.
- 100624 Cllr Hanney proposed Cllr P Astal-Stain and this was seconded by Cllr S Astal-Stain. Carried.
- L&E3 Record of members present.
- 100624 Cllrs' Hanney, Johnston, S Astal-Stain, P Astal-Stain, Armstrong and Butcher. One member of the public and the Temporary Assistant Clerk Lucy Bruckner.
- L&E4 Apologies for absence.
- 100624 Cllr Fone, work. Cllr Hancock, work. Apologies accepted unanimously by the Council.
- L&E5 Declarations of interest (and nature) with regard to items on the agenda.
- 100624 Cllr S Astal-Stain – non-pecuniary interests in Vicarage Road allotments and Stockbridge Lane Toilets.
- Cllr Hanney – non-pecuniary interest in Wellington Square.
- L&E6 Consider the granting of dispensations.
- 100624 None requested.
- L&E7 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda.
- 100624 None
- L&E8 Confirm the minutes of meetings of this committee on Monday 29th April 2024 and report on any matters arising – for information only. It was agreed that the Minutes were a true record of the meeting and they were duly signed by the Chairman.
- March meeting to be agreed and signed at the next L&E meeting, clerk to add to agenda. It was noted that Cllr S Astal-Stain was not in attendance at the March meeting, the clerk will amend the minutes.
- L&E9 Noticeboards – to nominate a Cllr to hold noticeboard keys, and add appropriate legal paperwork as requested by the clerk.
- 100624
- Cllr Richards volunteered to hold the keys, and this is **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council.
 - Cllr Butcher – the noticeboard on the wall of the Co-op needs repair or replacement. It is **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council that the noticeboard in Church Street be replaced with one similar in size, made of aluminium, green powder coated, with the parish shield, all similar to the noticeboard at Sanderspool playpark, and that the clerk sources costs and reports at the July meeting.
- L&E10 To consider the following items requiring work as suggested by the parish handyman
- 100624
- i. The gate out of the play park which opens onto Exeter Road needs a self-closing fixing in place. Council agreed this work to be carried out, clerk to inform JFGS.
 - ii. Various benches throughout the parish need sanding down and repainting, to keep them in good order. To be considered after Cllr Butcher has carried out an assessment of all 13 benches, and reported to Council by September 2024.



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- iii. Some play equipment has been noted as rusty – James is planning on sanding these down and repainting early one morning, to allow drying time before the schools shut for the day. This item was agreed in March, clerk to inform JFGS..
- iv. There is a slate of a bus shelter roof which needs replacing – the slate has been removed by someone. Council agreed its replacement by JFGS at some point.
- v. The two wooden uprights on the Sanderspool Bus Stop are near rotted out and need replacing. It was **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council that three quotes are obtained for this work.

L&E11 To receive an update on the following
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A. Station Yard and Car Park.

Cllr Butcher. Network Rail licence £150 per week, invoice four weekly. Started 3rd June, Clerk to send invoices. Cllr Butcher will pass the email address to the Temp Assistant Clerk who will then send the invoices. There will be a Working Group meeting in July. A member of the public stated that there had not been a maildrop as Network Rail had intimated they would do. Cllrs Hanney and Butcher had both received a letter.

B. Vicarage Road Allotments (VTAA).

Cllr S Astal-Stain left the meeting. There is now a written Health and Safety Policy in place. There are no Trustees. VRAA are looking for financial assistance towards the cost of having two verges strimmed twice a year. The VRAA could cost this, and apply to the Council for a grant. Regarding the licence there is no further information from Windeatts, clerk to follow up. Cllr S Astal-Stain returned to the meeting.

C. Grounds Maintenance.

A letter was received praising the Maintenance person for their work, Council is delighted to receive this.

D. Railway Wood.

Cllr Hanney checked the wood in May and there were no known issues. The Tree Surgeon has not started work yet, update expected at the September meeting.

E. Sanderspool Cross Play Park – any repairs or maintenance required.

There has recently been a blockage in the toilets again. JFGS rodded the drains but could not shift it, and Exjet were contracted and cleared it. JFGS have suggested a CCTV inspection of the drain. It was agreed that the camera should be inserted up, from Totnes Road up rather than down from the toilets. Clerk to request SWW attend to investigate frequent blockages. Temporary Assistant Clerk to email Cllr G Pannell and what is happening with the South Hams District Council owned Crowder Park play park.

F. Bus shelters.

Clerk to contact the Dartmoor National Park Authority to check on any permissions required to install the new Bus Stop on the Exeter Road, near Higher Green. Temporary Assistant Clerk to speak with Nick Colton of Highways to check if the pavement needs to be raised for easier access and to check exactly where the Bus Stop is to be installed, ie set back or not. Also to check if there are any other requirements, once all agreed it can be ordered and installed.

Avon Close has been repainted and will not need to be done again.

G. Stockbridge Lane toilets.

Cllr S Astal-Stain left the meeting. The Gents and disabled toilets are open. Flush handle in Gents doesn't work. SHDC hv been requested to move the toilet from the ladies into



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disabled and to quote for the installation of a Wallgate in disabled toilet as well. The Gents and Ladies would then be permanently closed. The Clerk has recently been tasked with this full item and could provide an update.

Bins are being stored outside the toilet, Cllr Hanney has asked the householders to remove them. Cllr S Astal-Stain returned to the meeting.

H. Toll House (to include the Clock).

Cllr Johnston informed the committee that the window frames are rotting, but still repairable. JFGS to check Toll House windows and consider what needs doing, and report to Clerk.

I. Recreation Ground.

To be addressed at Full Council later this month.

J. Wellington Square.

Clerk to ask Mark Bancroft to spray cobbled area, using a solution which is environmentally friendly. Cllr P Astal-Stain to check which solution is best. It was noted that cars have been seen parked on Wellington Square, and Cllrs have reminded people that this is not allowed. The Clerk has already contacted scaffolding companies and told them not to park on it.

K. Defibrillators.

To be dealt with by the Defib Working Group (remove from further agenda).

L&E12 Inspection of seats, troughs, signs etc.

100624 Cllr Johnston informed the committee that she had bought plants and soil for the troughs in the village.

L&E13 To review areas of land that are not maintained or owned by DCC, SHDC or DNPA.

100624 Cllr Richards will provide an update on this at some point.

L&E14 To receive an update on the work done by the Community Payback team update and future projects.

100624 There is one bus shelter to be painted.

L&E15 Any items for Full Council.

100624 Those items recommended above.

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.

TOR to be agreed at the next L&E meeting.

Replacement or repair of the Parish Crest on the roundabout.

- 17.6.24 Full Council
- 15.7.24 Christmas Lights followed by Full Council
- 19.8.24 Full Council
- 9.9.24 Finance and HR

21.24 meeting closed.