

SOUTH BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on 15 February 2016, at 7.30 pm in The Old School Centre, Totnes Road, South Brent.

OS 1-2-16 Record of members present

Cllr Peter Kelly in the Chair, Cllrs Sue Gaskin, John Rawlinson and Glyn Richards (as a member of the public) and Julia Willoughby clerk to the Council were present.

OS 2-2-16 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Mandy Haley and Greg Wall had sent their apologies.

OS 3-2-16 Declarations of interest (and nature) with regard to items on the agenda

None declared.

OS 4-2-16 Consider the granting of dispensations

No applications.

OS 5-2-16 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda

Cllr Glyn Richards reported the seat at the entrance to Chapel Fields is collapsing (Mr Illman will be contacted).

OS 6-2-16 Confirmation of minutes of the last meeting and report any matters arising – for information only

Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed. Mr Illman has advised against using terracotta paint inside the bus shelters.

OS 7-2-16 Consider a parish Open Space, Sport and Recreation plan

Cllr Glyn Richards advised the existing assets in and around the village need to be listed; then groups responsible for the amenities are to be asked what their aspirations are for the next 20-25 years. The Parish Plan consultation will ask local people what they would like to see available to them in the village.

The following are recommended to the Parish Council: **Cllr Sue Gaskin will update the spreadsheet showing existing OSSR provision; the clerk will contact the organisations to find out their aspirations for the next 20 years; possible question for Parish Plan consultation: 'What improvements would you like to see to outdoor green spaces, sport and recreation facilities in the village?'**

OS 8-2-16 Consider the vision, plan headings and 'big ideas' proposed for the next Parish Plan

The Committee recommends the Parish Council **supports the Parish Plan steering group on the draft vision and ideas to date.**

OS 9-2-16 Update on the following:

- A. Jubilee Crossing and current regulations/policing; a site meeting took place on 5 February attended by Cllrs Sue Gaskin, Mandy Haley, Peter Kelly, John Rawlinson and the clerk; the conclusion was that the crossing point is better than what was previously there. The number of pedestrians and vehicles do not justify a zebra (or other formal) crossing. It was made clear by the DCC Officers attending (Alan Martin, Nigel Flower, Peter Brunt and Lisa Edmunds) that nothing more can or will

be done here. The next newsletter will include an item to clarify this for everyone.

- B. Vicarage Road Allotment Field Cllr John Rawlinson reported there are seven on the waiting list and all is going well.
- C. Grounds maintenance update and the contract for 2016-19; the clerk has received an email from the existing contractor advising that for three years from 1 April 2016 the contract will remain the same, but not stating the amount – when this is sorted out the Committee recommends **the same grounds maintenance contractor is used for 2016-19.**
- D. Railway Wood: report dates of inspections carried out, and plan future inspections. Cllr Mandy Haley will check the wood this month, Sustainable South Brent will be holding workshop events in the wood from 13 March onwards.
- E. Play area at Sanderspool Cross, including any repairs or maintenance required. No urgent matters; **the last inspection report advised the seesaw will need to be replaced, the Committee recommends this feeds into the OSSR survey.**
- F. Consider any works required on the bus shelters: these will be checked by the Chairman to see which needs to be refurbished this year.

OS 10-2-16 Annual inspection of seats, troughs, signs etc. report works required

Some seats are going green – perhaps these can these be treated?

Also, the village maps at Shipley car park and in the Station Yard both need some attention to the frames; (Mr Illman will be contacted about these).

OS 11-2-16 Items for the next agenda, and the date of the next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 6 June, Station Yard will be included on the next agenda.

The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.