

SOUTH BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on 6 June 2016, at 8.00 pm in The Old School Centre, Totnes Road, South Brent.

Open Forum: nothing was raised.

OS 1-6-16 Election of Chairman

Cllr Peter Kelly was proposed by Cllr John Rawlinson **with Standing Orders being suspended (he has been Chairman of this Committee for more than 4 years)**, seconded by Cllr Greg Wall and **elected Chairman of the Open Spaces Committee.**

OS 2-6-16 Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr John Rawlinson was proposed by Cllr Mandy Haley, seconded by Cllr Sue Gaskin and elected Vice Chairman.

OS 3-6-16 Record of members present

Cllr Peter Kelly in the Chair, Cllrs Sue Gaskin, Mandy Haley, John Rawlinson, Greg Wall; Glyn Richards (IT volunteer) and Julia Willoughby clerk to the Council were present.

OS 4-6-16 Apologies for absence

None.

OS 5-6-16 Declarations of interest (and nature) with regard to items on the agenda

None declared.

OS 6-6-16 Consider the granting of dispensations

No applications.

OS 7-6-16 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda

None.

OS 8-6-16 Confirmation of minutes of the last meeting and report any matters arising – for information only

Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.

OS 9-6-16 Review the Committee terms of reference

The Committee recommends **no changes are required to the terms of reference.**

OS 10-6-16 Consider the Parish Council response to the parish Open Space, Sport and Recreation plan

The annual inspection carried out in January 2015 advises **the see saw in the play area at Sanderspool Cross needs refurbishment or renewal.** This equipment is old, well used and could become dangerous. The Chairman will research possible replacements (e.g. with Sutcliffe Play).

(Crowder Park and St Michael's Terrace play areas are the responsibility of SHDC, which has been sent the letter and spreadsheet regarding current provision.)

OS 11-6-16 Consider whether parking for mobility scooters can be provided in the village

It was agreed DCC Highways will be asked for advice on this question.

OS 9-2-16 Update on the following:

- A. Vicarage Road Allotment Field Cllr John Rawlinson reported all is going well; the bunker is a success for storage.
- B. Grounds maintenance the contractor for the cemeteries is ill, his replacement will carry out works this week.
- C. Railway Wood: report dates of inspections carried out, and plan future inspections.
Cllr Mandy Haley reported all is fine this month.
Future inspections: Jul – SG,
 Aug. – JR,
 Sept. – MH,
 Oct. – JR,
 Nov. – PK.
- D. Play area at Sanderspool Cross, including any repairs or maintenance required. New turf has been laid for the latest play equipment. An area of bamboo growing near the infant swings is being used as a latrine and bamboo is being pulled out and thrown around the park; the clerk will contact the grounds maintenance contractor.
- E. Bus shelters consider any works required: 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.

Some seats are going green they might be treated by a wheelie bin cleaner (power washer, tank and generator); the clerk will enquire.

Inspection of seats etc. agreed:

PK – A, B, G, K, L, M, R, S, U.

GW – C, J, Q.

SG – F, N, P, T.

MH – H, O.

JR – I.

D - Chapel Fields, the clerk will check with Mr Illman when this will be fixed.

E – is OK.

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

The next meeting will take place on 7 November; Station Yard will be included on the next agenda.

The meeting closed at 8.53 p.m.