

SOUTH BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on Monday 30 July 2018 at approximately 8.10 p.m. (following a Christmas lights working group meeting), in The Old School Centre, Totnes Road, South Brent.

Open Forum: nothing was raised.

OS 1-7-18 Election of Chairman

Cllr Peter Kelly was nominated by Cllr Heidi Rodriguez, seconded by Cllr Carol Doree and it was agreed by the Committee standing orders would be suspended and Cllr Peter Kelly was elected Chairman of the Committee.

OS 2-7-18 Election of Vice Chairman

As the current Vice Chairman was not present, this item will be deferred to the next agenda.

OS 3-7-18 Record of members present

Cllr Peter Kelly in the Chair, Cllrs Carol Doree, Sue Gaskin, Heidi Rodriguez, Glyn Richards and Julia Willoughby clerk to the Council were present.

OS 4-7-18 Apologies for absence

Cllr John Rawlinson has sent apologies.

OS 5-7-18 Declarations of interest (and nature) with regard to items on the agenda

None declared.

OS 6-7-18 Consider the granting of dispensations

No applications.

OS 7-7-18 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda

None.

OS 8-7-18 Confirmation of minutes of the last meeting and report any matters arising – for information only

Minutes of the last meeting on 14 May were confirmed and signed. (A parishioner arrived regarding agenda item 11.)

Minute OS 7-5-18 a site meeting will take place on 1 August regarding the replacement play equipment (the Chairman and clerk will attend).

The Committee recommends **the play area fencing and gates are replaced, as it would be foolhardy not to do so with the arrival of new equipment. This was priority No. 4 in the OSSR list and £5,084 is available from the S 106 'play' funds (the remainder could come from earmarked reserves).** (Cllr Glyn Richards took no part in this discussion, as Priority 3 was for the Children's Clubs at the Old School Centre.)

Minute OS 9-5-18 the Committee recommends **the seat at Sanderspool Cross roundabout next to the play area needs to be repaired or replaced.**

The Committee agreed the following item could be brought forward on the agenda.

Possible introduction of wildflowers at sites owned or maintained by the Council

A parishioner who is also a Trustee of Sustainable South Brent and an ecologist is hoping to develop a nature and wildlife project in the village and has been looking at possible areas for the introduction of wildflower meadows.

Two areas might be possible: the verge along Exeter Road from Higher Green down to Palstone Lane and the area of grass between the Recreation Field and Railway Wood along with the bank bordering the stream.

The clerk advised the verges in Exeter Road are owned by DCC and the Parish Council co-ordinates the grass cutting of areas in the ownership of the Parish, District and County Councils. It was noted there are verges at the junction of Totnes Road and Exeter Road which are protected, this will be investigated by SSB.

Any works would be carried out during the winter and in the case of the Rec. Field could be carried out as a community project with hand tools rather than the use of any vehicles. (An SSB representative will attend a future Rec Association meeting.)

The Committee recommends the introduction of wildflower meadows is supported by the Parish Council, as long as the areas are suitable.

OS 9-7-18 Review the Committee terms of reference

The Committee recommends **the terms of reference are amended at (7) to £500 (rather than £50)**

7. This committee will have a delegated limit of £50 to carry out urgent repairs, in consultation with the Clerk, between full Council Meetings. These repairs shall include but not be limited to the following: -

- a. Painting. e.g. in the event of graffiti
- b. Repair to structures, fences and benches where danger or injury may occur if immediate action is not taken.
- c. Arborocultural work (except TPO trees), hedge, grass or verge cutting when notice has been received from another body that this requires urgent attention.
- d. Any other matter that is brought to the committees' attention that may require urgent attention under the above remit.

OS 10-7-18 A parishioner is concerned about antisocial behaviour in the play area at Sanderspool Cross

A request has been made for the larger new piece of play equipment to be located in front of the shelter to deter ball games and highlighting the use of the play area at night for antisocial behaviours.

The Committee recommends **investigating changing the current picnic table and taking into consideration the point made about positioning the new equipment.**

OS 11-7-18 Possible introduction of wildflowers at sites owned or maintained by the Council

(See minute OS 8-7-18 above.)

OS 12-7-18 Works required in the Queen Mother's Garden at Clobells

The Chairman advised the area is reasonably tidy; our Tree Warden will be asked for advice on the commemorative tree.

OS 13-7-18 Update on the Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) for Exeter Road

The Chairman has sorted out the IT and will meet our DCC Highways Officer on site next week. The equipment is (rechargeable) battery operated but there is nothing to indicate

the power is getting low. Progress will be reported at the Parish Council meeting on 20 August.

OS 14-7-18 Update on the following:

- A. Station Yard: the Chairman will take advice on the repair of potholes.
- B. Vicarage Road Allotment Field: there are 11 on the waiting list, 4 new water tanks are in place and weekend working sessions on communal areas continue.
- C. Grounds maintenance: weed spraying in the centre of the village and of Wellington Square has taken place.
- D. Railway Wood: report dates of inspections carried out, and plan future inspections. Inspections have been carried out. Future inspections: Aug – PK, Sept – SG, Oct - CD. There are some brambles, dead branches and a bench needs attention (the Chairman will check these).
- E. Play area at Sanderspool Cross any repairs or maintenance required, including an update from the park keeper.
Following up on the items noted by the park keeper: the Chairman will speak to the DCC Highways Officer about use of a pressure washer; furniture with loose bolts are probably due to the cold and hot weather; SHDC will be contacted about safety surfacing under the swings; the rim on the train could be taken off; the slide and seesaw will be replaced; the Chairman will put the binoculars back; the fencing and gates may be replaced; SHDC will be asked to replace tiles in the toilet; the Parish Council will not be asked to charge for use of the toilet. (Cllr Doree left the meeting.)
- F. Bus shelters - consider any works required; none at present. The clerk will check what was concluded about a possible new bus shelter at Sanderspool Cross, Plymouth bound.

OS 15-7-18 Any items for the next agenda, and the date of the next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 29 October 2018.

The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.