

## SOUTH BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2012, at 7.30 pm in The Old School Centre, Totnes Road, South Brent.  
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### Open Forum for discussion with members of the public

Nothing was raised.

### OS 1-3-12 Record of members present

Cllr Peter Kelly in the Chair, Cllrs Mark Copleston, Mandy Haley, Greg Wall, Donna Warne and Donald Wiseman were present; Julia Willoughby clerk to the Council was in attendance

### OS 2-3-12 Apologies for absence

None.

### OS 3-3-12 Declarations of interest (nature and extent) with regard to items on the agenda

None declared.

### OS 4-3-12 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda

Nothing was raised.

### OS 5-3-12 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 6-3-12 Progress with the pedestrian crossing in Station Road

Work is due to be completed in a week, and the cycle racks have been installed.

### OS 7-3-12 Vicarage Road Allotment Association: update

Cllr Mandy Haley reported that the planning application for sheds and a greenhouse at the allotment field has been approved. There are 10 people on the waiting list for an allotment, and tree works discussed with the Council will be carried out later this month.

### OS 8-3-12 Consider whether a survey of the Station Yard car park would be worthwhile, and any news of the SHDC consultation on charges for car parking

The clerk advised that Cathy Aubertin at SHDC has requested that a meeting of representatives of SHDC meet with members of the Parish Council, someone from the Village Hall Committee and a representative of the business community to visit the site and discuss the issues regarding charges for the Station Yard car park. The meeting could take place on 2 April, Cllrs Mark Copleston, Peter Kelly and Greg Wall are available.

A parishioner with a background in car park use and data has offered his assistance to the Parish Council. A survey was carried out over seven days, twice each day, but a full analysis could be carried out if the car park was surveyed four times daily – to include 7 a.m. and after 9 p.m. Cllr Greg Wall will co-ordinate this with help from other Councillors.

### OS 9-3-12 Consider advice on possible works to the oak tree next to Clobells steps

Mr Beasley at DNPA has looked at the oak tree near Clobells steps which is subject to a TPO, and advises that it looks as though the tree was pollarded in the past, and the unions at the pollarded head are beginning to fail. Options –

- cut the ivy and remove when dead;
- remove ivy and reduce crown by 1-1.5 m;

- re-pollard the tree at the old pollard points.  
DNPA will need to grant permission for any works (except removal of ivy).

Mr Guy Pannell – Tree Warden suggests the third option as a minimum for safety, or removing the tree completely and replacing with a wild cherry (for example). Mr Pannell's comments will be forwarded to DNPA for their views.

OS 10-3-12 Grounds maintenance update

The hedge at the play area along the Exeter Road boundary has been removed, and there is now good visibility into the play area – following vandalism in recent months.

OS 11-3-12 Railway Wood: report dates of inspections carried out, and plan future inspections

Inspections of Railway Wood: January and February - all fine.

Future inspections: Mar – DWa; Apr – DWi; May – MH; June – GW; Jul - PK; Aug – MC; Sept - DWa.

OS 12-3-12 Play area at Sanderspool Cross: update on security issues and improvements to the toilet

The Committee agreed that due to vandalism the play area should be locked each evening at dusk or 9 p.m. at the latest, and unlocked in the morning.

The wall gate is being fitted in the toilet and the infant multi-play equipment is being repaired; this will probably be the next piece of equipment to be replaced.

OS 13-3-12 Use of the stone litter bin at Sanderspool Cross

The contents of this bin have been strewn across the immediate area recently – possibly by a fox. SHDC will be contacted to replace the lid.

OS 14-3-12 A pavement mounted seat at the Old School Centre needs to be moved to a new location

Mr Illman has advised that this seat is worth refurbishing, and the committee agree it could be re-installed at the play area near the wall on the boundary with Avon Close, Mr Illman will be asked for a price to carry out this work.

OS 15-3-12 Consider any works required on the bus shelters, and quote for redecoration and refurbishment of the shelter opposite the London Inn

Mr Illman will be asked to confirm the cost for redecoration and refurbishment of the bus shelter opposite the former London Inn.

OS 16-3-12 Any items for the next agenda, and the date of the next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 18 June at 8.00 p.m. following a Christmas Lights Working group meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.