

SOUTH BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee meeting held on 11th January 2010, at 8.55 pm (following a Planning Committee meeting) in The Old School Centre, Totnes Road, South Brent.

Open Forum for discussion with members of the public:

Mr James Dyson representing the Sustainable South Brent Tree Group explained that he is very keen to plant fruit and nut trees as a community project; Mr Dyson will submit an item for the next Parish Council newsletter requesting possible sites for planting.

OS 1-1-10 Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Cllr Greg Wall proposed Cllr David Mould for the office of Chairman of the Open Spaces Committee; this was seconded by Cllr Peter Kelly and **resolved** by the Committee. Cllr Peter Kelly proposed Cllr Greg Wall for the office of Vice Chairman; this was seconded by Cllr Jill Elms and **resolved** by the Committee.

OS 2-1-10 Record of members present

Cllr David Mould in the Chair, Cllrs Mark Copleston, Jill Elms, Peter Kelly and Greg Wall.

Cllr Glyn Richards and Mr James Dyson were present, and Julia Willoughby clerk to the Council was in attendance.

OS 3-1-10 Apologies for absence

Apologies have been received from Cllr Donna Warne.

OS 4-1-10 Declarations of interest (nature and extent) with regard to items on the agenda

None declared.

OS 5-1-10 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda

None.

OS 6-1-10 Confirmation of minutes of the last meeting and report any matters arising – for information only.

Minutes of the meeting held on 12th October were confirmed and signed.

OS 7-1-10 Consider possible village improvements (including cycle racks) and traffic management, taking into account the School Travel Plan (STP1) (Letter received on 4.12.09 from Mr B George – DCC attached.)

It was noted that there are earmarked reserves of £10,500 held for village improvements. Following discussions the Committee recommends to the Council that **Peter Brett Associates are contacted again regarding a new design for a pedestrian crossing point in Station Road, to include cycle racks near the Post Office if possible.**

Mr George will be advised.

OS 8-1-10 Progress with replacement of ‘South Brent’ signs at the entrances to the village

Cllr Greg Wall is in contact with County Cllr Trevor Pennington whose support is needed for this request.

OS 9-1-10 Consider contacting SHDC regarding the allocation of funding for public space projects in South Brent, and progress with funding for the Recreation Association
Cllr Peter Kelly reported that an interview will take place on 28th January with the Playbuilder team to progress the grant application for an assault course in the recreation field and part of Railway Wood.

Almost one year ago a meeting with officers of SHDC and the Council stated that a total of £35,000 was available for open spaces in South Brent. Around £8,700 has been requested towards the renewal of the hard court surface at the Rec., the Committee recommends to the Council that **the sum of around £1,300 held by SHDC is used in part to fund a consultant to advise the Council on spending the remaining £25,000.**

OS 10-1-10 Grounds maintenance:

The contractor suggests re-planting the roundabout at Sanderspool Cross due to the time taken to weed the planted area. The Committee recommends that **the roundabout at Sanderspool Cross is turfed, and two beds created – to be planted with heathers, cost approximately £750 (to be funded from the SHDC allocation or earmarked reserves).**

Consider arrangements for advertising the grounds maintenance contract - the current contractor requests a three year contract; the Committee recommends that **the grounds maintenance contract is advertised in the local press, with an option for quotations for 3 years to provide stability.**

OS 11-1-10 Progress with replacing the two village maps

Cllr Peter Kelly advised that three maps are to be produced shortly – including one for Shipley Bridge.

OS 12-1-10 Vicarage Road Allotment Field:

Update on possible access arrangements for the future burial ground – a meeting of members of the PCC, VRAA and the Council held last November clarified that access to the future cemetery could not be made over existing consecrated ground (the Millennium cemetery). VRAA is considering alternatives.

OS 13-1-10 Railway Wood:

Dates of inspections carried out, and plan future inspections

Jan.	MC	Feb.	DM
Mar.	PK	Apr.	JE
May	GW		

(OS 14-1-10 omitted from agenda numbering.)

OS 15-1-10 Play area at Sanderspool Cross:

Repair/replacement of equipment and possible funding from SHDC – it may be possible to repair the rust points on the junior equipment allowing the further SHDC funding of £25,000 to be used for replacement of the Playline toddler equipment; the views of a consultant could be sought (see 9-1-10 above).

OS 16-1-10 Any items for the next agenda, and the date of the next meeting

The name of this Committee will be included on the next agenda (Open Spaces and Village Improvement Committee). The meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.