

SOUTH BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on 7 October 2013, at 7.30 pm in The Old School Centre, Totnes Road, South Brent.

Open Forum for discussion with members of the public

Nothing was raised.

OS 1-10-13 Record of members present

Cllr Peter Kelly in the Chair, Cllrs Linda Austin, John Rawlinson, Greg Wall and Donna Warne were present; Cllr Glyn Richards and Julia Willoughby clerk to the Council were in attendance.

OS 2-10-13 Apologies for absence

Cllr Mark Copleston has sent his apologies.

OS 3-10-13 Declarations of a pecuniary interest (and nature) with regard to items on the agenda

None declared.

OS 4-10-13 Consider the granting of dispensations

None.

OS 5-10-13 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda

Nothing was raised.

OS 6-10-13 Confirmation of minutes of the last meeting and report any matters arising – for information only

Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed with the addition of Cllr John Rawlinson present at the meeting, and signed.

OS 7-10-13 Vicarage Road Allotment Field: update

Cllr John Rawlinson reported that the main item is the signing of the new licence agreement. The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parish Council have signed three copies of the licence which will now be passed to VRAA.

OS 8-10-13 Jubilee Crossing: improvements agreed by DCC and DNPA - 4 bollards and a buff coloured surface will cost £1,272.02

The clerk advised that these improvements have been agreed by DNPA and that the earmarked reserves hold £2,000 for works in Station Road (as above).

The Committee recommends that **4 bollards and a buff coloured surface at a cost £1,272.02 are provided at the Jubilee Crossing by the Parish Council, funded from earmarked reserves.**

OS 9-10-13 Grounds maintenance update

The clerk has contacted the contractor regarding the timing of hedge cutting in the play area and the encroachment of bamboo and overhanging trees from the play area.

OS 10-10-13 Railway Wood: report dates of inspections carried out, and plan future inspections

Inspection of Railway Wood all fine.

Future inspections: Nov - DWa; Dec - PK; Jan - GW; Feb - JR.

It was noted that the bank on the edge of the wood is being cut back; the boundary of the wood with the Recreation Field is the path along the top of the bank.

There is broken down fencing at the culvert under the railway, Cllr Kelly will check this.

OS 11-10-13 Play area at Sanderspool Cross: update

It was suggested that play equipment for 8-10 year olds might be provided.

The infant multi play has been refurbished by SHDC; replacement of this equipment can be considered from either Sutcliffe Play, Playdale or Hags. Cllr Richards advised this could be included in an S 106 agreement for the proposed housing development.

The new toilet tissue holder has been installed, the clerk will order tissue. The wallgate still sprays a lot of water onto the floor, the clerk will advise SHDC.

OS 12-10-13 Consider any works required on the bus shelters and the possible use of anti-vandal paint

No works required. Anti-vandal measures will be kept under review, as it is far simpler to paint over graffiti.

OS 13-10-13 Consider the provision of a new bus shelter in the vicinity of the Police Station

A shelter the same as the Millennium shelter could be located next to the hedge with a bus pull-in.

Cllr Richards reported that there will be a meeting of the Parish Council representatives with Dan Janota – DNPA on 16 October, regarding the proposed housing development adjacent to Palstone Lane. In the past the S 106 allocation (planning gain) has been allocated automatically by DCC to KEVICC; if this community can prove that facilities will be required if another 80 homes are built e.g play equipment at Sanderspool Cross play area and the Rec.; a new bus shelter; resurfacing of the recreation field car park; extension of footpath No.1 from Heather Park to the Station Yard (via Railway Wood cutting) this is the time to sort it out.

A pedestrian crossing in Exeter Road and an extension of the footway from Palstone Lane alongside Exeter Road to Higher Green will be mandatory! This information will be circulated to Councillors for comment before 16 October.

OS 14-10-13 Any works required to seats and benches and progress with new seat and picnic table

The new seat for Hillside and the picnic bench for the play area have been ordered.

OS 15-10-13 Formulate a budget request for 2014-15

The clerk advised that expenditure this year amounts to £1012.83 for Open Spaces. The regular costs of water supplied to the toilet in the play area and electricity for the same facility cost £84 p.a. and £148.00 p.a. at present; all other expenditure relates to maintenance or repairs to bus shelters, toilet equipment etc.

The Committee agreed that a budget request of £2,000 will be made for 2014-15.

OS 16-10-13 Items for the next agenda, and the date of the next meeting

The impact of the development at Palstone Lane on open spaces will be carried forward. The date of the next meeting is 3 Feb. 2014. The meeting closed at 8.28 p.m.