

SOUTH BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on 13 February 2017, at 7.30 pm in The Old School Centre, Totnes Road, South Brent.

Open Forum: nothing was raised.

OS 1-2-17 Record of members present

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

OS 2-2-17 Apologies for absence

None received.

OS 3-2-17 Declarations of interest (and nature) with regard to items on the agenda

None declared.

OS 4-2-17 Consider the granting of dispensations

No applications.

OS 5-2-17 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda

None.

OS 6-2-17 Confirmation of minutes of the last meeting and report any matters arising – for information only

Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.

VE1

The clerk reported that **the accessibility audit carried out some years ago by DCC Highways is not held in Parish Council files (DCC will be contacted). A developer could be asked to assist with this.**

VE2

The Chairman has updated the list of litter and dog bins in the parish. A bin near the junction of Hillside and Harwell Lane, at Lydia Bridge and in Station Approach would be desirable (the bin in Plymouth Road at the steps to the Old School Centre could be relocated.)

OS 7-2-17 Consider suitable equipment for the Sanderspool Cross play area as part of the Open Space, Sport and Recreation plan

The seesaw and slide will need to be replaced (Health & Safety report 18 January 2017) – perhaps one of the pieces of equipment could be more challenging for up to 12 year olds.

SHDC has asked for consideration of funding for the play areas they own at St Michael's Close and Crowder Park, it may be more appropriate for these to be transferred to the Parish Council? (Should they remain play areas?)

It is likely S 106 funding will be released in the summer; there will be other developments which will mean more funding in the future.

OS 8-2-17 Update on the following:

A. Station Yard, including parking issues and quote to re-surface.

There is an issue with **vehicles parked in the car park for weeks**, this will be raised in the next Council newsletter. **Glendinning have quoted £13,955 for resurfacing the car park and £33,208 for resurfacing the access road (at Station Yard). The**

sum insured for all surfaces at the Station Yard currently is £36,000. Should the insurance cover be increased to £47,163?

B. Vicarage Road Allotment Field

Cllr John Rawlinson advised the VRAA AGM will take place on 21 February, there are eight people on the waiting list.

C. Grounds maintenance – no issues.

D. Railway Wood:

Inspections were carried out in December and January, dangerous trees have been felled and works are continuing to cut back trees along the railway line.

Future inspections: Feb – SG, Mar – PK, Apr - MH.

E. Play area at Sanderspool Cross, particularly the infant swings support beams need to be replaced before 18 April 2017 and any other repairs or maintenance required.

Sutcliffe Play have provided three pieces of equipment for this play area which are robust, they will be asked for a quotation for steel framed infant swings and surfacing to replace the wooden infant swings.

F. Bus shelters - consider any works required.

It has been suggested that information boards on the bus stop signs might help to communicate with younger people.

The Chairman will check the bus shelters to find out which require redecoration.

OS 9-2-17 Annual inspection of seats, troughs, signs etc.

Members of the Committee will inspect all these and report any works required to the clerk.

PK – A, B, D, G, J, K, L, M, N, R, S, T, U.

SG – F.

MH – E, H, O, and V village and cyclists slow down signs at Hillside.

GW – C, P, Q.

JR – I.

OS 10-2-17 Suggestions for improvements in the centre of the village

Cllr Sue Gaskin has been speaking to Mrs Born who recently wrote to the Council concerning the litter and unsightly nature of the area around the phone box in Church Street. It has been suggested that the seat and litter bins could be moved slightly and plants located here; it was agreed that at 7.00pm on 8 May (before the next Committee meeting) members of the Committee will meet at this location and look at various areas around the centre of the village.

OS 11-2-17 Any items for the next agenda, and the date of the next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 8 May 2017 (see OS 10-2-17 above).

The meeting closed at 8.53 p.m.