

SOUTH BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on 2 June 2014, 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 1-6-14 Election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee

Cllr Peter Kelly was proposed by Cllr Mark Copleston to continue as Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr John Rawlinson and resolved by the Committee.

Cllr Donna Warne was proposed by Cllr Mark Copleston to continue as Vice Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Greg Wall and resolved by the Committee.

OS 2-6-14 Record of members present

Cllr Peter Kelly in the Chair, Cllrs Mark Copleston, John Rawlinson, Greg Wall and Donna Warne were present; Julia Willoughby clerk to the Council was in attendance.

OS 3-6-14 Apologies for absence

None.

OS 4-6-14 Declarations of a pecuniary interest (and nature) with regard to items on the agenda

None declared.

OS 5-6-14 Consider the granting of dispensations

None.

OS 6-6-14 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda

Nothing was raised.

OS 7-6-14 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 8-6-14 Review the Committee terms of reference

The Committee recommends **one small change to the terms of reference:**

7 a. Painting 'e.g.' (not i.e.) in the event of graffiti.

OS 9-6-14 Development adjacent to Palstone Lane and possible community benefits

Following the Parish Council meeting on 19 May a letter was sent to DNPA setting out the matters the Council would like to see included in the heads of terms. (A bus shelter and alterations to the roundabout at Sanderspool Cross have not been requested specifically.)

This item will be carried forward on the agenda.

OS 9-6-14 Formulate a list of community assets for registration with SHDC

The Council must "maintain a list of land in its area that is land of community value"; if land or buildings on the list then come up for sale, the Parish Council has six months to prepare a bid to buy the land.

Any land or property in the local area which promotes the 'social wellbeing or social interests' of the community can be nominated. Nominations will be determined by SHDC. If a listed asset comes up for sale the owner must notify the district council; the Parish Council will be

advised and has six weeks to express an interest in the purchase, followed by a total of six months during which the community asset cannot be sold.

The Parish Council should protect community assets and the following land/buildings are to be considered for listing:

Station Yard car park	The Marsh Compost Site
Play area at St Michael's Terrace	Conservative Club
Play area at Crowder Park	Old School Centre
Toll House	Land at Marley Head
Pack Horse	Church rooms
The Oak	Methodist rooms
Stockbridge Lane W.C.s	Police station
The Patch	The Island

OS 10-6-14 Vicarage Road Allotment Field update

Cllr John Rawlinson reported that the newly installed greenhouse is very successful; the Chairman of VRAA is now Mr John Wilson.

OS 11-6-14 Grounds maintenance update

Cllr Greg Wall will contact DCC Highways as grass on verges adjoining the slip roads from the A38 need to be cut back. Wellington Square needs to be weed sprayed.

OS 12-6-14 Railway Wood: report dates of inspections carried out, and plan future inspections

Inspection of Railway Wood: wire near the culvert will be removed, recently there was glass near the seats.

Future inspections: Jul and Aug – DWa; Sept – JR; Oct – PK; Nov – GW.

OS 13-6-14 Play area at Sanderspool Cross update

The Chairman will monitor the play area.

OS 14-6-14 Update on a possible community swimming pool

Cllr Donna Warne advised that investigations are continuing.

OS 15-6-14 Consider any works required on the bus shelters and whether a shelter is refurbished this year

Mr Illman has advised that it may be worth reinstating the galvanised guttering on the Millennium shelter to help prevent further damage to the slates; the Committee recommends that **galvanised guttering on the Millennium shelter is reinstated, gull deterrent strips could be considered and the shelter refurbished.**

OS 16-6-14 Consider the provision of a new bus shelter in the vicinity of the Police Station

A new shelter cannot be located too close to the roundabout at Sanderspool Cross but a bus pull-in could be created off the roundabout. (Await developments regarding an S106 agreement for the land adjacent to Palstone Lane.)

OS 17-6-14 Annual inspection of seats and benches; consider whether the three seats in Wellington Square can be repaired

Committee members will check all the seats, planters and maps and report back to the clerk. A price for the type of seat provided at The Anchor will be ascertained (possibly for Wellington Square – sponsorship could be sought.)

OS 18-6-14 Items for the next agenda, and the date of the next meeting

A portable post for Christmas lights near the Post Office could be considered. The date of the next meeting is 3 November.

The meeting closed at 8.24 p.m.