



## **BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH 2024**

#### **24/001 PRESENT**

The following took part in the meeting

Parish Councillors: Councillor N. Prouse, Councillor F. Takel, Councillor J. Sandiford, Councillor H. Albery, Councillor S. Cookson

In Attendance Councillor F. Nicholson, Councillor S. Pugsley

Clerk : J. Aldridge

Public :

#### **24/002 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

#### **24/003 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made

## 24/004 DEFERMENT OF BUSINESS

None

## 24/005 APPROVAL OF MARCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Approved by Councillor Takel and Seconded by Councillor Cookson.

## 24/006 FINANCIAL REPORT

### 24/006/01 Payment Authorisation

The following April payments were approved, the Clerk will now make the BACS payments:

#### PAYMENT AUTHORISATION : APRIL 9TH., 2024

PAYEE	INVOICE NO.	EXPENSE	NET	VAT	GROSS	CHEQUE NUMBER
Amherst & Shapland		Staff Wages	£626.17		£626.17	
		Amherst & Shapland monthly fee	£12.50	£2.50	£15.00	
		<b>Total Staff Wages and Administration</b>	<b>£638.67</b>	<b>£2.50</b>	<b>£641.17</b>	
Mr P Takel		1X Grass Cutting JG £75 + 1X Strimming at Bus Stop £15	£90.00		£90.00	
Geosphere Ltd	40UF004-0005	Parish Online annual fee	£81.00		£81.00	
Amherst & Shapland		Employer National Insurance	£44.10		£44.10	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£853.77</b>	<b>£2.50</b>	<b>£856.27</b>	

#### **24/007 PATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**

Councillor Albery has nothing to report this month.

#### **24/008 PARISH MAINTENANCE**

##### **24/008/01 Basketball Court signs**

Following an email from a resident, pointing out the signs for the basketball court are faded and may need replacing the Councillors discussed this and decided to order one new sign for the side of the pavilion and to clean up the other sign.

##### **24/008/02 Jubilee Gardens Play Area acquisition**

The Clerk has contacted Somerset Council about this acquisition and has been given a reference number. Someone from Somerset Council will be in contact in due course, once the Clerk has any further information she will email all the Councillors with the update.

The Councillors decided on a couple of rockers for the children of the village - a dinosaur and a tractor . The clerk will order this play equipment.

#### **24/009 PUBLIC ACCESS BLEED KITS**

The Councillors discussed this and decided the local community would benefit from having one of the kits to be positioned alongside the defibrillator already installed outside the village hall.

#### **24/009 SID update**

The Clerk placed an order for the SID, she received a customer form to complete, this has been done and emailed back. The Clerk is now waiting for confirmation of the order. Once this has been confirmed the Clerk will make enquiries about the operator training course booking.

#### **24/010 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None received

**24/011 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Pugsley announced that there was nothing much to report - the situation within Somerset Council is that things are relatively quiet.

Highways services will be reduced but to what extent will not be finalised until, probably, next year.

The Planning department in Taunton are suffering from lack of staff, applications, etc. are having to be chased due to the amount of work and the shortage of staff members.

Nothing has been decided regarding the closure of Dulverton recycling centre, Councillor Nicholson and Councillor Pugsley will monitor this situation.

**24/012 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is to be Tuesday, May14th 2024 at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall.

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N. Prouse Chair