



BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 8TH 2025

25/001 PRESENT

The following took part in the meeting

Parish Councillors: Councillor N. Prouse, Councillor F. Takel, Councillor S. Cookson

In Attendance : Councillor F. Nicholson

Clerk : J Aldridge

Public :

25/002 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor H. Albery, Councillor J. Sandiford, Councillor S. Pugsley

25/003 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made

25/004 DEFERMENT OF BUSINESS

None

25/006 APPROVAL OF MARCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Approved by Councillor Takel and Seconded by Councillor Cookson

25/007 FINANCIAL REPORT**25/007/01 Payment Authorisation**

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

PAYMENT AUTHORISATION : APRIL 8TH. 2025

PAYEE	INVOICE NO.	EXPENSE	NET	VAT	GROSS	CHEQUE NUMBER
Amherst & Shapland		Staff Wages	£664.30		£664.30	
		Amherst & Shapland monthly fee	£12.50	£2.50	£15.00	
		Total Staff Wages and Administration	£676.80	£2.50	£679.30	
Mr P Takel		2 X Grass Cutting JG £150 + 2 X Strimming at Bus Stop £30	£180.00		£180.00	
Brushford Parish Hall CIO	BPH2025-0519	Hire of Hall for March meeting	£13.75		£13.75	
Chris Stephens & Sons	SI-5000	Hedge Trimming Bus Shelter	£50.00	£10.00	£60.00	
Somerset Council	30106298	Annual Fee for Rent of Land for Play Area, Brushford. Period 1st April to 31st March, each year.-2025	£25.00		£25.00	
Kingspan Water & Energy Ltd	TD151002	Replacement Grit Bin for Iron Post	£118.00	£23.60	£141.60	
TOTAL			£1,063.55	£36.10	£1,099.65	

25/007/02 Gallagher Insurance Renewal

The Clerk has completed the insurance renewal form and is awaiting notification of the premium.

25/008 PATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Councillor Albery is unable to attend this meeting, therefore nothing to report.

25/009 PARISH MAINTENANCE

25/009/01 Jubilee Gardens Activity Centre

The Clerk is still awaiting confirmation of the installation date.

25/009/02 Trees in the Play Park and Resident Complaint

Councillor Takel will arrange for a tree surgeon to look at the trees in the playground as well as on the village centre project ground with a view to having them pruned. The Councillors asked the Clerk to send an email to Magna regarding the antisocial behaviour on more than one occasion by the complaining resident.

25/009/03 Village Centre Project

With regard to the drain between the two Hornbeams on the land at the corner of Nicholas Close, Councillor Takel will ask a tree surgeon what is the best practice for the Hornbeams.

25/009/04 Broken Grit Bin at Iron Post

The Clerk has placed the order and is awaiting a delivery date.

25/009/05 Phone Box

The Chairman has arranged for 3 others to help him to prepare the phone box for removal to the Clerks garden prior to its being repaired.

25/010 SID DATA COLLECTION

The programme to extract the data from the Speed Indicator Device is up and running, Councillor Alberty has put the SID back in place along Station Road and will extract this months data before sending the USB off to the police for their analysis of the speeds driven along that road.

25/011 CHANGE OF MEETING DATE FOR MAY 2025

Due to the Clerks holiday the Councillors all agreed that the date for the May meeting will be moved back one week to the 20th May.

25/012 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None received

25/013 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Nicholson reported the signpost project team would be willing to repair the damaged sign post at Riphay corner, Tom Furlong will be writing to the Clerk asking for a contribution towards the repair/replacement of the sign.

Exmoor LCN housing sub-group is trying to get a local lettings policy for the new Magna houses in particular for Brushford as the village has a boundary only with Dulverton which means that residents who have family members hoping to move into their own home are very restricted in their choice of accommodation.

The legal paperwork is going through for the Moorland Foodbank. They have received the relevant grant to employ someone for one day a week to apply for grants and to ensure policies and other requirements are met, to work with organisations such as the CAB, the Police, the School and the village agent, to deal with food storage and to develop a larder for fresh foodstuffs as well as helping people to develop cookery skills, also to develop the building for other uses within the community and to arrange for the installation of solar panels to improve the green credentials of the Moorland Foodbank

25/014 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is to be May 20th 2025 at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall.

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N. Prouse Chair