



BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 21ST 2026

26/001 PRESENT

The following took part in the meeting

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

Attendance : Councillor F. Nicholson, Councillor S. Pugsley

Clerk : J Aldridge

Public :

26/002 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

26/003 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made

26/004 DEFERMENT OF BUSINESS

None

26/005 APPROVAL OF MARCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Approved by Councillor Albery and Seconded by Councillor Sandiford

26/006 FINANCIAL REPORT**26/006/01 Payment Authorisation**

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

PAYMENT AUTHORISATION : APRIL 21ST, 2026

PAYEE	INVOICE NO.	EXPENSE	NET	VAT	GROSS	
Mrs J Aldridge		Staff Wages as per Peace Accountancy instructions	£531.50		£531.50	
HMRC		HMRC Tax as per Peace Accountancy instructions	£132.80		£132.80	
		Total Staff Wage and Tax for month	£664.30	£0.00	£664.30	
Brushford Parish Hall CIO	BPH2025- 0686	Hire of Hall for March meeting	£13.75		£13.75	
Mr P Takel		3 X Grass Cutting @ £80 and 3 X Strimming @ £20	£300.00		£300.00	
Somerset Council	32018082	Ground Rent for Basketball Court	£25.00		£25.00	
TOTAL			£1,003.05	£0.00	£1,003.05	

26/007 PATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Councillor Albery explained to the meeting the footpath DU2/13 from The Green down to Sully's had been strimmed. At footpath DU2/12, lying the other side of the railway bridge signposted towards Bowdens, the sign which was previously down has been repaired.

26/008 PARISH MAINTENANCE

26/008/01 Jubilee Gardens Play Area Acquisition

The Clerk has received a land transfer pack from Risedon Hosegood and will make time to visit their offices to complete the relevant forms.

26/008/02 Village Centre Project - Funding

The Clerk received a reply from the funding panel with a negative reply. The Councillors discussed this issue and decided to go ahead with the Community Hub project using the healthy balance of the Parish Council funds for the good of the Community.

26/008/03 Hedge at Brushford New Road

The Clerk sent an email to the Highways department and received the following information - the sign, which has its own illumination, is to be removed as it is the property of Somerset Council along with the fact that another give way is visible at the junction and therefore this sign is deemed unnecessary.

26/008/04 Community Speedwatch

The Clerk has still not heard from anyone else willing to participate in this scheme, two of the Councillors are going to volunteer and will send off their completed applications to the Police in due course.

26/008/05 Damages Village Sign on B3222

The Clerk received an email from Kier stating they have looked into this matter and they are denying any responsibility for the damage to the sign. After a discussion and listening to what Councillor Nicholson had to say the Councillors asked the Clerk to send another email to Kier.

26/009 DORSET AND SOMERSET AIR AMBULANCE LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT APPEAL

The Clerk has compared various wipe boards in a variety of forms and feels that a more substantial one would be the most cost effective.

26/010 ST NICHOLAS CHURCH FLAGS REPLACEMENT REQUEST

The Clerk transferred the funds to Mr Routley for the replacement flags, he asked for his thanks to be passed to the Councillors for their generous contribution.

26/011 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None received

26/012 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Pugsley reported there is help for people with oil fired heating, Somerset Citizens Advice will cover West Somerset for help with this.

The replacement sign at Riphay corner is still going ahead but may take a while to manufacture.

The road signage between Brushford and Dulverton is imminent.

Councillor Nicholson stated that in respect of the damage to the village sign on the verge where the drainage works were carried out by Kier no agricultural vehicles could pass by on that side of the road when the drainage work was being done and that this should be pointed out to Kier when the Clerk makes a further representation on behalf of the Parish Council.

26/013 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is to be May 19th 2026 at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall.

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N. Prouse Chair