



BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 11TH 2026

26/051 PRESENT

The following took part in the meeting

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

Attendance : Councillor S. Pugsley

Clerk : J Aldridge

Public :

26/052 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor S. Cookson, Councillor F. Nicholson

26/053 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made

26/054 DEFERMENT OF BUSINESS

None

26/055 APPROVAL OF JULY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Approved by Councillor Takel and Seconded by Councillor Moorhouse Banks

26/056 FINANCIAL REPORT

26/056/01 Payment Authorisation

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

PAYMENT AUTHORISATION : AUGUST 11th, 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- 0740	Hire of Hall for July meeting	£13.75		£13.75
Mr P Takel		Hedge Cutting and Removal of Debris	£140.00		£140.00
Mrs J Aldridge		Reimbursement for printer ink cartridges	£140.68	£19.14	£159.82
Mrs J Aldridge		Reimbursement for Defibrillator Batteries and Pads	£188.00	£37.60	£225.60
Apsleys LLP	31400	End of Year Audit work	£660.00	£120.00	£780.00
Risdons Solicitors	SR/27744	Devolution of Land above Jubilee Gardens	£505.20		£505.20
TOTAL			£2,311.93	£176.74	£2,488.67

26/057 PATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Councillor Albery had nothing to report.

26/058 PARISH MAINTENANCE

26/058/01 Jubilee Gardens Play Area Acquisition

The Clerk has received the final invoice from Risdons Solicitors which she will duly pay this evening.

The transfer of the title deed for the land from Somerset Council to Brushford Parish Council should then be completed by Risdons.

26/058/02 SID repair/service

The Clerk visited Councillor Albery and between them they have reset the SID, the Clerk took away the battery for charging which she will return this week and it is hoped the charged battery along with the reset will correct the SID error. If this does not work the Clerk will contact Somerset Councils Road Safety Team for help and/or advice.

26/058/03 Community Hub Security

The Councillors discussed the idea of obtaining a CCTV to cover the Community Hub in order to protect it from vandalism.

Councillor Takel volunteered to speak to a couple of the neighbours who's properties overlook the Community Hub to ask them if the camera could be mounted on their building and connected to their WiFi.

Once permission has been granted the Clerk will obtain a price for a camera.

26/058/04 Overgrown Vegetation Impacting Ellersdown Lane

The Clerk has written a letter to the owner of the property asking that the vegetation, which has overgrown to the extent that it is causing a problem for vehicles and pedestrians trying to go along Ellersdown Lane, be cut back to the properties boundary within the next two weeks .

The letter was approved by the Councillors and Councillor Sandiford volunteered to post it through the relevant letter box.

26/059 SOMERSET CONNECTIVITY AND INTEGRATED TRANSPORT STRATEGY (SCITS)

Following an email sent out by the Clerk on 30/07/2026 regarding a survey request by SCITS the Councillors discussed how this survey should be completed as only one person from a Parish Council is required to complete it.

It was decided the Clerk would complete the survey but if required she will email the Councillors for their opinion on certain issues.

26/060 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None

26/061 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Pugsley reported the Exmoor LCN has been put back by a week to accommodate the majority of participants who could not have attended the previous week, the Police and Crime Commissioner should be present at the meeting.

Signs have been erected by Exmoor National Park Authority preventing BBQ's on Moorland or open grassland with the added advice to call 999 and ask for the fire brigade as the public should not to try and put out any fires themselves.

As Brushford Parish is only just outside the National Park Boundary but has tinder dry areas caused by the current reoccurring heatwaves the Clerk will print several notices, and laminate them, asking the public to refrain from lighting BBQ's along with the information to call 999 and ask for the fire brigade should a fire be observed.

These notices will be put up around the Parish

The resurfacing of the road from Riphay Corner to Exebridge has been postponed from August until October

26/062 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is to be September 15th 2026 at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall.

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N. Prouse Chair