



BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Brushford Parish Council held at the Parish Hall, Brushford on Tuesday, April 9th., 2019

19/001 PRESENT

The following attended the meeting:

Parish Councillors: Mr H Albery, Mrs J Sandiford, Mrs S Cookson, Mr T Wilson, Mrs F Takel, Mr D Garth

County & District Councillors in Attendance : Councillor B Heywood, Councillor N Thwaites, Councillor F Nicholson

In the Chair: Councillor N Prouse

In Attendance: Mr. C Knight, Clerk .

Members of the Public : 1

19/002 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

19/003 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Takel declared an interest in the payment of parish maintenance work and took no part in the payment authorisation decision.

19/004 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on March 12th. were approved as a true record, and duly signed by the Chairman.

19/005 DEFERMENT OF BUSINESS

19/005/01 Parish Hall

Mrs Wilson reported that the Parish Hall were to hold an open meeting on 25th April to present and discuss the latest situation with the project to refurbish the car park.

The meeting noted that the decision on parish council funding for this project cannot be made until there is more clarity on available funds later in the year.

19/006 RETIREMENT OF COUNCILLORS

The Chairman noted the imminent retirement of Councillors Wilson and Heywood following the forthcoming local elections and thanked them both for their untiring support and commitment during their time on both the parish and district councils and wished them well in their retirement. The meeting unanimously supported this statement.

19/007 HIGHWAYS

19/007/01 Salting Arrangements 2019/20 Winter

Councillor Nicholson reported that County was in the process of reviewing the plans for next winter's salting and that a final decision would be made towards the end of June.

It was noted that the possible cost saving to the parish council could be used to fund grit boxes at the strategic salting points within the parish and the decision will be made following the final update on next season's salting.

19/007/02 Exebridge Traffic Management

The meeting noted that Highways have declined the council's proposal for solid white lines in Exebridge village in order to better manage the potential traffic hazard as there had been no incidents reported by police. However, it was agreed to maintain pressure on Highways to reconsider the situation and the clerk is to be present for the site visit proposed by highways.

19/008 PARISH WELFARE

19/008/01 Broadband

Councillor Garth reported on his discussions with Airband, as follows:

- Airband may be able to provide a fibre-to-the -premises high speed connectivity to properties in the west of the parish by running a cable along Hawkwell Lane, from the new war being carried out in East Anstey.
- The Airband offer includes free connectivity/installation at a cost of £25 for 100Mb/sec download speeds.
- This will, of course, be subject to the number of consumers/properties that take up the stated offer.

Councillor Gave will distribute the copies of the Airband flyer to properties in the area in order that individuals can make their own decisions.

19/008/02 Village Centre Project

The meeting discussed the clearance options on the village centre site and it was agreed that the low-lying hedges were full of brambles and should therefore be removed in their entirety.

It was agreed that costs estimates should be sought from local garden suppliers.

19/008/04 Jubilee Gardens

After discussion, it was agreed that for the time being, there is no need for any updates/replacement of any of the play items in Jubilee Gardens.

19/008/05 Housing Needs Survey

Councillor Garth reported that the Housing Needs Survey had been distributed to all households in the parish, and the closing date is the end of April. Results will probably be available in June. Councillors were requested to encourage the community to complete the survey.

It was agreed that the subject of a Neighbourhood Plan exercise would be reconsidered in the light of the results of the Housing Needs Survey.

19/008/06 TA 22 Lifts Service

Councillor Wilson, the chair of TA22 reported that the group is in need of more drivers. Councillors are to canvas support.

19/009 PAYMENT AUTHORISATION

The following due payments were approved and the relevant cheques signed:

PAYEE	INVOICE NO.	EXPENSE	NET	VAT	GROSS	CHEQUE NUMBER
Amherst & Shapland		Staff Wages	£412.23		£412.23	
		Amherst & Shapland monthly fee	£12.50	£2.50	£15.00	
		Staff Wages and Administration	£424.73	£2.50	£427.23	NATWEST 000535
MR P Talel		1 x grass cut £70, 1 x strimming £10, Hedge cutting £70	£150.00		£150.00	NATWEST 000536
Brushford Parish Hall		Meeting room rent - 2 years 2018 & 19	£375.50		£375.50	NATWEST 000537
TOTAL			£950.23	£2.50	£952.73	

19/010 BUSINESS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The Clerk advised the meeting that the next Parish Council Meeting will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting which will commence at 6.30pm on May 14th.

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Chairman

14/05/19