



BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY AUGUST 9TH 2022

22/054 PRESENT

The following took part in the meeting

Parish Councillors:

Councillors N. Prouse, Mrs S Cookson, Mrs F Takel, Mr H Alberty, Mrs J Sandiford, Mr D Garth

In Attendance :

Councillor F Nicholson, Councillor N Thwaites, Councillor S Pugsley

Clerk :

J Aldridge

Public :

22/055 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

22/056 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

22/057 DEFERMENT OF BUSINESS

None

22/058 APPROVAL OF JULY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Approved by Councillor Takel and seconded by Councillor Cookson

22/059 FINANCIAL REPORT**22/059/01 Payment Authorisation**

The following August payments were approved and cheques signed:

	INVOICE NO.	EXPENSE	NET	VAT	GROSS	CHEQUE NUMBER
Amherst & Shapland		Staff Wages	£498.00		£498.00	
		Amherst & Shapland monthly fee	£12.50	£2.50	£15.00	
		Total Staff Wages and Administration	£510.50	£2.50	£513.00	NATWEST 000673
Mr P Takel		Cutting Jubilee Gardens £260	£260.00		£260.00	NATWEST 000674
Mrs J Aldridge		Repayment of BACS payment made to P Clements for PJ Mugs £238, Ringbinder £2.99, 1st class stamps £7.60 & printer paper £7.99	£256.58		£256.58	NATWEST 000675
TOTAL			£1,027.08	£2.50	£1,029.58	

22/059/02 On-line Banking

The Clerk emailed the NALC guidelines regarding the procedures for online banking to the Councillor for their approval. It was decided that Councillor Garth will draw up a Brushford Parish Council policy for Internet banking.

22/060 PATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Nothing to report

22/061 PARISH MAINTENANCE

22/061/01 Phone Box - Update, repairs and siting

Mr D Leigh has the door of the phone box on his work bench in order to facilitate the repairs required.

22/061/02 Village Centre Project - Update

The Clerk has emailed the Village Centre Project Option 2 article to Dulverton and Brushford Parish Magazine for inclusion in the next edition.

The Clerk is still awaiting a quote from Mr D Leigh for the preparation of the ground prior to the start of works for the new Village Centre site. Councillor Garth volunteered to meet Mr D Leigh at the site to discuss the work required for the preparation of the site or possibly, depending on the response from Mr Leigh if he would come to a meeting then the Councillors can go across the road with him to discuss the work required.

22/061/03 Speed indicator Devices

The Clerk has emailed Dulverton Town Council regarding the sharing of the SID and has inquired about the possibility of their providing the operative for the setting up and moving of the SID as required. However, Councillor Thwaites said that the issue had not been discussed at the Dulverton Town Council meeting on the previous evening.

Councillor Prouse put forward the suggestion that Brushford Parish Council pay for the SID themselves and for Councillor Albery to be trained as an operative of the SID, this was agreed by the all members of the Parish Council.

The Clerk has a draft email waiting to be sent to Traffic Management requesting the funding available for the SID.

Councillor Nicholson put forward the suggestion that the Council also apply for the pilot funding for this item.

22/061/04 Replacement Bins

The Clerk emailed Julian Grant , the Street Scene Specialist at West Somerset and Taunton Council, regarding the replacement of 2 bins. The Clerk and Mr Grant are meeting on Wednesday 10th August 2022 to discuss the location and installation of the new bins.

22/062 SOMERSET BUS PARTNERSHIP - Bus Champion Required

Following an email received from Somerset Bus Partnership requesting that someone be appointed Bus Champion for the Parish of Brushford it was decided that Mr Rob Byrt would be asked to be the Bus Champion.

22/063 THINK TRAVEL - A5 Cards and Posters

The Clerk sent an email to Blake Jones, Communications Apprentice at Somerset County Council requesting some of the A5 cards and 2 Posters to be posted to her address. Nothing has arrived to date.

22/064 SOMERSET RIVERS AUTHORITY REPORT - publishing on the BPC website?

The Clerk sent an email from Councillor Mike Stanton, Chair of Somerset Rivers Authority, to the Councillors for their consideration regarding publishing the Annual Report on the Brushford Parish Council Website. It was decided to have the shorter version published on the Brushford Parish Council website with maybe a link to anything relevant from the larger 83 page report.

22/065 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3/04/22/002 was discussed and a decision made to keep an eye on the build, no concerns were raised by the Parish Council

22/066 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Nicholson reiterated the need to report items for the pilot project and there are concerns over the finances that will be available when the new Unitary Council comes into being. Issues will be devolved to Parish, Towns and groups of Parishes and Towns it is therefore important to use the Local Community Network to obtain the required services for the area.

Councillor Pugsley spoke about the issue of the houses potentially being built in Brushford, 8 people have put down a deposit on the new property and there does not seem to be any movement of building. The Councillors will monitor the situation and will report anything that does not appear to be being carried out correctly, and will supply any relevant information to The Leveller magazine.

Councillor Thwaites stated that local plans for Taunton Deane and Somerset will remain separate, as they are now. District Councillors are also working for the Unitary Council during this transition phase.

22/067 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is to be Tuesday, September 13th 2022 at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall.

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F. Takel, Vice Chair