



BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Brushford Parish Council held at the Parish Hall, Brushford on Tuesday, August 14th., 2018

18/053 PRESENT

The following attended the meeting:

Parish Councillors:	Mrs S Cookson, Mr T Wilson, Mr H Albery, Mr D Garth, Mrs J Sandiford, Mrs F Takel
County & District Councillors in Attendance :	Councillors Heywood. Thwaites,
In the Chair:	Mr N Prouse
In Attendance:	Mr. C Knight, Clerk .
Members of the Public :	4

18/054 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

18/055 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

18/056 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on July 10th. were approved as a true record, and duly signed by the Chairman.

18/057 DEFERMENT OF BUSINESS**18/057/01**

Mrs H Thomas addressed the meeting to complain that contractors working on the new development site next to Orchard Cottages in the village, had been carrying out excavation work at 0530 hrs. While this was apparently an isolated incident, concern was expressed that similar disturbances might be forthcoming when the Ellersdown Lane development work begins.

It was agreed that the clerk would seek guidance from the planning department in regard to the law in development working hours.

18/058 FINANCIAL REPORT**18/058/01 Payment Authorisation**

The following due payments were approved and relevant cheques signed:

PAYEE	INVOICE NO.	EXPENSE	NET	VAT	GROSS	CHEQUE NUMBER
SALC		Code of Conduct Training	£60.00		£60.00	NATWEST 000503
Brushford PCC		Grant for grounds maintenance	£500.00		£500.00	NATWEST 000504
Amherst & Shapland		Staff Wages	£364.94		£364.94	
		Amherst & Shapland monthly fee	£12.50	£2.50	£15.00	
		Staff Wages and Administration	£377.44	£2.50	£379.94	NATWEST 000505
Mr P Takel		Grass Cutting : 2 x £70	£140.00		£140.00	
		Maintenance : Hedge Cutting, Bus Stop Garden etc	£130.00		£130.00	
		Total Maintenance	£270.00		£270.00	NATWEST 000506

PAYEE	INVOICE NO.	EXPENSE	NET	VAT	GROSS	CHEQUE NUMBER
Exmoor Community Bus Service		Hire of bus for The Great Get Together outing to Ilfracombe	£86.40		£86.40	NATWEST 000507
TOTAL			£1293.84	£0.00	£1296.34	

18/059 HIGHWAYS

18/059/01 Ellersdown Lane Traffic Management

Councillor Wilson expressed a concern that traffic turning left into Ellersdown Lane on emerging from the proposed new development would provoke serious congestion, given the narrow nature (one lane only) of the lane. He proposed that Highways should be encouraged to install a “No Left Turn” restriction at the site.

It was agreed that this was an excellent solution and that the clerk would follow the matter up with Highways.

18/059/02 Electric Car Charging Points

In the light of recent calls for sites for the installation of electric car charging points, it was decided that this would not be a matter for the parish council’s consideration.

18/060 PARISH MAINTENANCE

18/060/01 Jubilee Gardens Update

The clerk confirmed that C J Lynch would be commencing the tarmac work on site on August 28th., and that Rob Brown would start work on boarding on his return from holiday later in September.

However, the meeting considered a possible alternative to boarding, given the noise generated from the previous arrangement. It was agreed that the clerk would seek quotations for new fencing for either the bottom half of the fence (in place of the proposed boarding) and for a complete rewiring throughout.

18/060/02 Litter at the Schoolchildren's Bus Stop at Village Centre

Councillor Takel reported that there has been a significant increase in litter at this site and surmised that there may previously have been a litter bin there. It was agreed that the clerk would contact the Somerset Waste Partnership to see if a bin could now be provided and to request details of associated costs.

18/062/03 Historic Signposts

The meeting noted the sterling work carried out by Mr Jeremy Davis who was a volunteer of the Historic Signposts Project organised by the National Park. It was agreed that the council should write to him to express the council's thanks and the clerk will secure his address from Charlotte Thomas.

18/061 PARISH WELFARE

18/061/01 World War 1 Centenary

It was agreed that donations in support of the "Soldier" Artifact would be sought from local companies and the chair would provide names and addresses for the clerk to write letter requests.

18/062 CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING COURSE

Councillor Garth reported that the recent SALC training course had been very beneficial and recommended other councillors to attend should further courses be arranged. He noted that previous action by the council in these matters had been legal and correct.

18/063 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Councillor Garth reported that he had been examining the possible benefits that could be accrued from the council developing and adopting a Neighbourhood Plan and Councillor Nicholson encourage the meeting to examine what the Lynton and Lynmouth Council had achieved.

It was agreed that Councillor Garth would continue his research into the matter and report back at the next meeting.

18/064 EXEBRIDGE FLOOD ALLEVIATION PROJECT

The meeting reviewed and agreed the items and quantities of materials need for the project and the clerk is to proceed with ordering from Travis Perkins.

18/065 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

18/065/01 Councillor Nicholson

Councillor Nicholson reported that SCC faced considerable financial constraints which will require a minimum of three years to overcome and to secure a balanced budget and that there is an imminent emergency meeting to address these problems. Councillor Nicholson will provide more details as they emerge.

18/065/02 Councillor Heywood

Councillor Heywood reported that the “merger” with Taunton Deane was progressing and that the boundary changes involved would mean that he would no longer be a councillor after the changes in May 2019. Councillor Heywood also reported that repairs to bridges is only carried out when there is a security risk “to life and limb”.

18/066 BRUSHFORD PARISH HALL

Dr Blackburn reported that the Parish Hall is currently awaiting quotations for the resurfacing work on the hall’s driveway and that funding requests are being drawn up by the hall’s management committee.. She also reported that the hall will be celebrating ithe 25th anniversary of the new hall building on October 7th.

18/067 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next parish council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 11th at 6.30pm in the parish hall.

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N Prouse, Chairman

11/09/18