



BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD VIA ZOOM ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH 2020

20/048 PARTICIPATING COUNCILLORS

The following took part in the Zoom meeting

Parish Councillors: Councillors Mr N Prouse, Mrs S Cookson, Mrs F Takel, Mrs J Sandiford, Mr D Garth, Mrs J Aldridge, Mr H Albery
In Attendance : Councillors F Nicholson and N Thwaites
Clerk : C Knight

20/049 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

20/050 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

20/051 DEFERMENT OF BUSINESS

There were no matters under this heading.

20/052 OCTOBER MINUTES**20/052/01 Approval**

The minutes summarising decisions made in November were approved as a true record.

20/052/02 Matters Arising

It was agreed that the phone box should be moved when cover restrictions allowed.

20/053 FINANCIAL REPORT**20/053/01 Payment Authorisation**

The following due payments were approved and relevant cheques raised:

PAYEE	INVOICE NO.	EXPENSE	NET	VAT	GROSS	CHEQUE NUMBER
Amherst & Shapland		Staff Wages (DECEMBER)	£412.23		£412.23	
		Amherst & Shapland monthly fee	£12.50	£2.50	£15.00	
		Total Staff Wages and Administration	£424.73	£2.50	£427.23	NATWEST 000610
MR P Takel		PC Contribution to tractor (gritting) Insurance	£100.00		£100.00	NATWEST 000611
Exmoor Creative LLP		Domain renewal, website support and hosting	£135.00		£135.00	NATWEST 000612
TOTAL			£659.73	£2.50	£662.23	

20/053/02 2021/22 Precept

Clerk presented the budget breakdown as follows:

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 F'CAST	2021/22 BUDGET
STAFF COSTS	£4,430	£4,560	£4,654	£5,127	£5,127	£5,383
MAINTENANCE	£1,580	£2,175	£1,200	£2,514	£1,730	£1,817
GRANTS	£1,060	£800	£600	£1,050	£750	£750
SUBSCRIPTIONS	£135	£0	£130	£20	£151	£100
INSURANCE	£310	£320	£334	£398	£379	£398
BRUSHFORD PARISH POST	£0	£690	£460	£460	£250	£500
ADVERTISING/WEB	£0	£300	£310		£210	£100
MISC EXPENSE	£1,500	£5,125	£2,747	£1,380	£1,196	£1,500
RENT	£25	£100	£25	£592	£175	£175
OTHER (INC DEFIB)	£670	£60	£60	£1,656		
J GARDENS REFURB			£15,688			£10,000
TOTAL OTHER COSTS	£5,280	£9,570	£21,554	£8,069	£4,840	£15,339
SUB TOTAL "NORMAL" COSTS	£9,710	£14,130	£26,208	£13,196	£9,967	£20,722
SALTING ARRANGEMENTS				£3,100		
MOVING PHONE BOX						
VILLAGE CENTRE PROJECT				£2,200		£2,500
TOTAL ADDITIONAL COSTS				£5,300		

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 F'CAST	2021/22 BUDGET
GRAND TOTAL	£9,710	£14,130	£26,208	£18,496	£9,967	£23,222
PRECEPT	£10,500	£11,000	£14,000	£21,000	£21,000	£21,000
% change		104.8%	127.3%	150.0%	100.0%	100.0%

It was agreed that the new precept should not change from the previous year at £21,000.

Clerk to advise SW&T accordingly.

20/054 HIGHWAYS

Following recent bridge repairs to the old railway bridge on Back Lane, Brushford, the suggestion had been made that a speed restriction should be imposed, given the relatively high level of large vehicles on this road.

Enquiries of county highways has revealed that this would not be possible and it was therefore agreed that no further action would be taken.

20/055 PARISH WELFARE

20/055/01 Jubilee Gardens Refurbishment

The meeting noted that there were a number of play items in Jubilee Gardens that required replacement and it was agreed that a full appraisal of public requirements should be sought.

It was agreed that Councillor Sandiford would elicit parents' views by discussions with them at the children's bus stop.

It was also agreed that Councillor Abery would contact a local supplier of wooden play items in order to broaden the research into the matter.

20/056 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Nicholson reported as follows:

1. Changes to Planning Rules

The government has published proposed changes to planning rules and a public response has been called for. Councillor Nicholson will provide councillors with the weblink to this.

2. Unitary Authority Proposals

Proposals from One Somerset and Somerset Together have been put to the Secretary of State for a decision in the new year.

3. West Somerset Opportunity Area

Councillor Nicholson reported that this initiative had made real change in achievement levels throughout the age ranges.

20/057 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, January 12th 2021.

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N Prouse, Chairman