



BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 13TH 2022

22/109 PRESENT

The following took part in the meeting

Parish Councillors:

Councillors N. Prouse, Mrs F Takel, Mr H Albery, Mrs J Sandiford, Mrs S Cookson

In Attendance :

Councillor F Nicholson, Councillor N Thwaites

Clerk :

J Aldridge

Public :

Judith Gannon

22/110 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Garth, Councillor S Pugsley

22/111 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

22/112 DEFERMENT OF BUSINESS

None

22/113 APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Approved by Councillor Takel and seconded by Councillor Sandiford

22/114 FINANCIAL REPORT

22/114/01 Payment Authorisation

The following December payments were approved and cheques signed:

PAYMENT AUTHORISATION: DECEMBER 13TH 2022

	INVOICE NO.	EXPENSE	NET	VAT	GROSS	CHEQUE NUMBER
Mr P Takel		Tractor Insurance	£100.00		£100.00	NATWEST 000685
Mrs J Aldridge		Postage	£7.60		£7.60	NATWEST 000686
Exmoor Welding	6606	Repair of Finger Post	£240.00		£240.00	NATWEST 000687
Katherine White T/A Exmoor Creative	1180	Website Management	£185.00		£185.00	NATWEST 000688
TOTAL			£532.60	£0.00	£532.60	

22/115 PRECEPT REQUIREMENT

The precept request form was sent to the Clerk, she has completed and returned it, via email, to the Parish Precepts Office of West Somerset and Taunton Council as well as to all the Councillors for their information.

22/116 PATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Following the round robin email the information gathered will go on a spreadsheet.

22/117 PARISH MAINTENANCE

22/117/01 Speed indicator Devices

The Clerk has sent the Memorandum of Understanding, via email, to the Traffic Management Team and has received their acknowledgement. They have requested the paper document to be returned and then the process of applying for the funding can begin.

22/117/02 Winter Salt Supplies

The Clerk emailed Kevin Bridgwater, Highways Service Manager, to inquire what the cost of a new yellow grit bin would be and also to ask that, in the meantime, a dumpy bag of grit could be positioned where missing bin number 356 should be.

22/118 RESIDENT REQUEST FOR ROAD SIGNAGE RE:EMAIL 07/10/22

The Clerk requested a second mock up, from Blueorange signs, of the signage with the house numbers showing for the properties in Nicholas Close. This was received and approved by the Councillors, the amended version was emailed, by the Clerk, to the requesting resident for approval and has yet to receive a reply

22/119 CARNARVON ARMS GARAGE

The Clerk invited the current owners of the garage to the meeting to explain their plans for these premises.

Judith Gannon spoke as co-owner of the Carnarvon Arms garage - the plans are not to build houses on the site but to continue to use it for the original purpose.

A refurbishment programme will begin in the New Year, one fuel tank is filled in and there are 2 are still available to use for fuel if/when required . Will be opening a shop for exclusive cakes sales as well as basic staples - bread, milk etc.

22/120 EXMOOR NEWS CONTRIBUTION REQUEST TOWARDS PRINTING COSTS

The Councillors voted to contribute £200 toward their costs. The clerk will let the Editors know.

22/121 HEALTH AND WELLBEING SURVEY - UPDATE

The Clerk completed and returned the Health and Wellbeing Survey on behalf of the Councillors and received a receipt acknowledgement. The Clerk also had a half hours consultation, via Teams, with the Health and Wellbeing Officer Ann Diment, this lady will be running networking events in 2023 and will be the contact for funding information and grant requests for projects relating to Health and Wellbeing. She is happy to attend one of the councils meeting in the New Year to explain her role in more detail if required by the Councillors. The Councillors approved the idea to invite her to a future meeting.

22/122 SOMERSET EMERGENCY COMMUNITY CONTACT - RE: EMAIL 24/10/22

The Chair spoke to Robert Byrt but has yet to have a reply

22/123 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3/04/22/009 All approved

22/124 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Nicholson sent the Clerk the list of villages that can now order fibre which means that about 90% of the villages can now have fibre, Road closures - Dulverton have more than others due to Ash dieback but the Town council complained as the workers had not put out the warning signs so the work has been delayed until January. It has been noted that road signs needs to be removed when the work is finished the LCN highways team are continuing to insist that more notice is taken of this.

600 responses to the change of local diversions the response might come through in January, the LCN will not be in place in April but the Highways pilot team can continue . The highways steward secured the job to join the County team. Sam Murrell was part of the interviewing panel charged with finding a replacement steward - Russell Morgan was appointed and will start in New Year with a hand over from the existing Highways Steward.

The unitary will open the empty homes property, rural rate relief will continue.

22/125 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is to be Tuesday, January 10th 2023 at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall.

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N. Prouse, Chair