



BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH 2023

23/125 PRESENT

The following took part in the meeting

Parish Councillors:

Councillor N. Prouse, Councillor F. Takel, Councillor H. Albery, Councillor J. Sandiford, Councillor S. Cookson

In Attendance

Councillor F. Nicholson

Clerk :

J. Aldridge

Public :

23/126 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor S. Pugsley

23/127 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

23/128 DEFERMENT OF BUSINESS

Councillor Takel told the meeting of a Parish resident who has complained about a shed that has been erected on the lower side of Nicholas Close which is allegedly too big, the resident had been advised to contact Somerset Council. Councillor Nicholson suggested a picture be taken of the shed and then sent to Councillor Pugsley for advice.

23/129 APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Approved by Councillor Takel and seconded by Councillor Sandiford

23/130 FINANCIAL REPORT

23/130/01 Payment Authorisation

The following December payments were approved, the Clerk will now make the BACS payments:

PAYMENT AUTHORISATION : DECEMBER 12TH. 2023

PAYEE	INVOICE NO.	EXPENSE	NET	VAT	GROSS	CHEQUE NUMBER
Amherst & Shapland		Staff Wages	£527.80		£527.80	
		Amherst & Shapland monthly fee	£12.50	£2.50	£15.00	
		Total Staff Wages and Administration	£540.30	£2.50	£542.80	BACS
Information Commissioner		GDPR Affiliation Fee (replacement from November amount)	£35.00		£35.00	DD BACS
Exmoor Creative	EC-INV-1219	Website Support	£213.75		£213.75	BACS
Mr P Takel		Tractor Insurance	£110.00		£110.00	BACS
TOTAL			£899.05	£2.50	£901.55	

23/131 PATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Councillor Albery received an email from Martin Cooper asking that all the information the Parish Council holds comply with the GDPR and who to contact in an emergency situation.

Following an email from Jane Erith the clerk will post a letter through the doors of 1 & 2 Meadowview asking the householder to cut back their hedges at the bottom on their gardens backing onto the lane.

23/132 PARISH MAINTENANCE

23/132/01 Precept

The Councillors discussed the amount the precept should be for 2024-2025 and decided to postpone the January meeting by 1 week in order to gain more information from the LCN on the 11th January 2024

23/132/02 Jubilee Gardens Play Equipment

The Clerk presented the Councillors with an idea for play equipment to be purchased from The Wooden Workshop Bampton the clerk will get a quote for the work to be completed by April.

23/132/03 Asset Transfer

Following the email from Somerset Council sent on the 6th December regarding this matter the Councillors asked the Clerk to speak to the Council officers about the Youth Club land as well the piece of land from Carnarvon to Nightcott to be made a public bridleway. It has been used as such since the Council purchased it.

It makes up part of the Brushford circular walk and is of huge value to the Village.

23/133 NICHOLAS CLOSE SIGN - update

Councillor Nicholson has requested for an update but as yet not information.

23/134 SID UPDATE

The Clerk was copied into an email from Michael Haines that was sent to Rachel Callow in which Michelle asked for assistance regarding the date the grant cheque may be sent to Brushford Parish Council.

23/135 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None received

23/136 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Nicholson stated the Unitary Council is still in a state of disarray and it is a depressing situation.

She asked if Brushford Parish Council would produce a poster to be put up in the bus shelter asking for parents to go to a meeting on the 8th January - regarding Dulverton school, the infants & juniors are to be educated together on the infant site. It is proposed to ask the executive head teacher to talk to Dulverton Town Council about how the situation is to be resolved

23/137 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is to be Tuesday, January 16th 2024 at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall.

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N. Prouse Chair