



BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH 2025

24/135 PRESENT

The following took part in the meeting

Parish Councillors:

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

In Attendance :

Councillor F. Nicholson, Councillor S. Pugsley

Clerk :

J Aldridge

Public :

Mr M. Blackmore, Mrs J. Blackmore, Mrs C. Browring, Mr D Davies, Mr & Mrs Northover

24/136 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor J. Sandiford

24/137 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made

24/138 DEFERMENT OF BUSINESS

Several Parishioners attended the meeting with concerns over drivers speeding in the 30mph zone.

The attending residents of the Parish would like the Parish Council to recommend to Somerset Council that the speed limit is reduced as they feel very strongly that this issue needs looking at. The residents plan on getting partition together to send to Somerset Council.

Mrs Browring explained that whilst walking towards Ellersdown Lane two vehicles were speeding along the road, with one vehicle overtaking the other and narrowly missed colliding with Mrs Browring. All of the residents are extremely concerned that the speed of traffic is far too fast and the drivers are ignoring the 30mph sign. Mrs Browring also stated that whilst walking away from Travis Perkins on the correct side of the road, facing the oncoming traffic, Mrs Browring was verbally abused and insulted by a driver, who accused her of walking on the wrong side of the road. This was very upsetting for Mrs Browring who was acting correctly and it was the driver who was in the wrong.

Councillor Nicholson & Councillor Pugsley agreed to put these concerns to Somerset Councils Highways department before a petition is organised and will report back to Clerk who will inform the residents of the outcome.

Councillor Nicholson said it will go to the highways subgroup, and that the general view that a speed limit of 60 mph will stand on stretches of road where there are no houses.

24/139 APPROVAL OF JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Approved by Councillor Takel and Seconded by Councillor Cookson

24/140 FINANCIAL REPORT

24/140/01 Payment Authorisation

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

PAYMENT AUTHORISATION : FEBRUARY 11TH. 2025

PAYEE	INVOICE NO.	EXPENSE	NET	VAT	GROSS	CHEQUE NUMBER
Amherst & Shapland		Staff Wages	£664.30		£664.30	
		Amherst & Shapland monthly fee	£12.50	£2.50	£15.00	
		Total Staff Wages and Administration	£676.80	£2.50	£679.30	
Brushford Parish Hall CIO	BPH2025-0487	Hire of Hall for January meeting	£13.75		£13.75	
Mrs J Aldridge	Order No 6616511809	Reimbursement for Purchase of Laptop for SID data extraction	£179.00		£179.00	
TOTAL			£869.55	£2.50	£872.05	

24/141 PATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Councillor Albery had nothing to report.

24/142 PARISH MAINTENANCE

24/142/01 Jubilee Gardens Activity Centre

The Councillors decided on the Xenon Multi Activity Centre, the Clerk will now order this.

24/142/02 Village Centre Project

The Clerk has contacted the local builder and discussed the Parish Councils requirements and also showed him the 'mock up' picture to give him an idea of what is required. He made some very valid suggestions as to how to build the new shelter and how the use of gravel guard for the base and the pathway would be the most suitable as it drains extremely well. He will be letting the Clerk have his quotation for the works in due course.

24/142/03 Broken Grit Bin at Iron Post

The Clerk noticed that the grit bin at Iron Post had either fallen over or had been run into by a vehicle but either way it the contents has spilled out. The Councillors agreed unanimously to the Clerk purchasing a replacement bin. The Clerk will place the order

24/143 WARM SPACES DISCUSSION re: EMAIL on 24/01

The Councillors discussed this issue and decided that no assistance is required from the Trustees of the Village Hall due to the fact that Brushford Parish Council has a flood plan which can be implemented at any time and within this plan there is a contingency for the warm spaces issue. The Clerk will inform the Trustees of Brushford Parish Hall of this.

24/144 EXMOOR NATIONAL PARK PARTNERSHIP PLAN re: EMAIL SENT 30/01

The Councillors will all take part in both surveys.

24/145 SID DATA COLLECTION

The Clerk purchased the Laptop from Argos in Tiverton. However upon trying to gain access to the website required to extract the data from the SID the Clerk and Councillor Albery had problems with the link. The Clerk will contact TWM to find an alternative way to access the relevant web page.

24/146 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None received

24/147 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Pugsley stated the boundary review date has been extended to March

The budget is being set next week, there will be no reductions in Highways staff, staffing numbers will be cut elsewhere, reductions will be discussed on 12th February. Finalised hopefully by the end of March.

24/148 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is to be Tuesday, March 11th 2025 at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall.

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N. Prouse Chair