



## BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, BRUSHFORD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH., 2020

#### 19/121 PRESENT

The following attended the meeting:

Parish Councillors:	Mrs S Cookson, Mr D Garth, Mr H Albery
County & District Councillors:	Mrs F Nicholson and Mr N Thwaites
In the Chair:	Mrs F Takel
In Attendance:	C Knight, Clerk
Members of the Public :	1

#### 19/122 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Prouse, Sandiford and Aldridge.

#### 19/123 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

**19/124 DEFERMENT OF BUSINESS****19/124/01 Mrs Barbara Wilson**

Mrs Wilson reported on the following:

- It is proposed that, in place of the annual "Get together", the opportunity to attend the VE Day Celebrations in Dulverton should be taken up.  
This was agreed by the meeting and a grant of £100.00 was approved in support of this initiative, when elderly members of the Brushford community will be able to attend the street party in Dulverton.
- The TA22 Volunteer Lifts scheme is holding a First Aid Course on March 28th at 10 am in the Parish Hall. Other people may attend at a cost of £10.00 per head.

**19/125 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on January 14th. were approved as a true record, and duly signed by the Chair.

**19/126 FINANCIAL REPORT****19/126/01 Payment Authorisation**

The following due payments were approved. and cheques signed:

PAYEE	INVOICE NO.	EXPENSE	NET	VAT	GROSS	CHEQUE NUMBER
Amherst & Shapland		Staff Wages	£412.23		£412.23	
		Amherst & Shapland monthly fee	£12.50	£2.50	£15.00	
		<b>Total Staff Wages and Administration</b>	<b>£424.73</b>	<b>£2.50</b>	<b>£427.23</b>	<b>NATWEST 000578</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£424.73</b>	<b>£2.50</b>	<b>£427.23</b>	

**19/127 HIGHWAYS****19/127/01 Closure of the B3222**

Concern was expressed at the possibility of access to this road from adjoining residences might be restricted.

Councillor Nicholson reported as follows:

- The work is confirmed to be to alleviate the recurring flooding problem near the Western Power building.
- It was confirmed that access to properties will be maintained throughout the period of works (> 4 weeks).
- The road will be opened outside of work hours.

**19/128 PARISH WELFARE****19/128/01 Adoption of the Brushford Phone Box**

Clerk reported that there has been no further response from BT and that the council's cheque had still not been cleared. It was agreed that the clerk should follow the matter up with BT.

**19/128/02 Exebridge Defibrillator**

It was confirmed that Morebath Parish Council have agreed to fund 50% of the cost of the new defibrillator and cabinet, provided that it is sited on the Devon (Morebath) side of the bridge.

It was agreed to proceed and for the clerk to approach the Anchor Inn to secure the siting the unit in the porch on the front entrance to the pub.

**19/128/03 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN**

Councillor Albery briefed the meeting on his work on the plan as follows:

- The plan will be based on the Dulverton Flood Plan which provides a usable template.
- The clerk is to provide usable illustrations of road signage and maps.
- Councillors are to provide details off vulnerable properties in the parish.

**19/128/04 HOUSING NEEDS**

Details of additional housing needs are awaited from Sue Southwell, following her letters to those identified through Homefinder Somerset.

**19/128/05 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING**

It was agreed to invite Colin Macdonald to the April council meeting to discuss Community Land Trusts.

**19/128/06 SW&T LOCAL PLAN**

Details of the timing of the new 2040 Local Plan have been received from SW&T, with roadshows being held later this month. It was agreed that Councillor Garth would attend the roadshow in Taunton at the end of February.

**19/129 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS****19/129/01 Councillor Frances Nicholson**

Councillor Nicholson reported as follows:

- Following the recent meeting with the Leader, SCC in Exford, a clear need for clarification on communications with Highways has been demonstrated with the following now put in place to improve the situation:
  - ▶ A new Highways site to be developed in the new year
  - ▶ The assignment of a specific officer to respond to emails
  
- In responding to the recent SW&T letter on the SCC proposals for the formation of a Unitary Authority, the leaders of both SCC and SW&T councils will attend the next Exmoor Panel meeting in order to broaden the discussion with Exmoor parishes.

**19/129/02 Councillor Nick Thwaites**

Councillor Thwaites noted that a Transformation Report covering the “merger” of WSDC and Taunton Deane has been published and is due to be discussed at an upcoming SW&T meeting.

**19/129/03 Councillor David Garth**

Councillor Garth reported that he is now a trustee of the Parish Hall and in this position raised the following points:

- Is there any possibility of the hall's car park to be gritted by BPC?
- Input is required (possibly from Councillor Albery) on the proposal to improve the toilet facilities in the hall.

Councillor Garth also noted the Iain Liddel-Grainger MP has indicated that funds are available to improve broadband speeds. The matter is to be investigated.

**19/130 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the parish hall on Tuesday, March 10th at 6.30pm.

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