



BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 14TH 2025

24/122 PRESENT

The following took part in the meeting

Parish Councillors: Councillor N. Prouse, Councillor J. Sandiford, Councillor H. Albery, Councillor S. Cookson

In Attendance : Councillor F. Nicholson, Councillor S. Pugsley

Clerk : J Aldridge

Public :

24/123 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor F. Takei

24/124 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made

24/125 DEFERMENT OF BUSINESS

None

24/126 APPROVAL OF DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Approved by Councillor Sandiford and Seconded by Councillor Cookson

24/127 FINANCIAL REPORT

24/127/01 Payment Authorisation

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

PAYMENT AUTHORISATION : JANUARY 14TH. 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	BPH2024-0474	Hire of Hall for December meeting	£13.75		£13.75	
TOTAL			£690.55	£2.50	£693.05	

24/127/02 DECISION ON PRECEPT - THE AMOUNT

The Councillors discussed this matter and decided to keep the Precept at the same amount as last year. The Clerk will complete the Precept request form and email it off before the end of the month.

24/128 PATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Councillor Albery investigated a fallen tree but as it does not cause an obstruction and does not come under the remit of Brushford Parish Council there is no action to be taken.

24/129 PARISH MAINTENANCE

24/129/01 Jubilee Gardens Activity Centre

The Clerk gave the Councillors printouts of various different activity centres along with the costs in order for them to decide which one to have installed in the play area. The Councillors have taken the printouts home and will make their choices in time for the next meeting.

24/129/02 Village Centre Project

The Clerk has the contact details of a local builder and will make arrangements to meet him at the Nicholas Close site to discuss the redevelopment of the old bus shelter site as soon as possible.

24/130 BOUNDARY DIVISIONS FOR SOMERSET COUNCIL

The Councillors discussed this issue and asked the Clerk to make representation on their behalf in the form of an online statement detailing their views.

24/131 SID DATA COLLECTION

The Clerk along with Councillor Albery tried to extract the data from the SID using both the Clerks and the Councillors computer but to no avail.

As the data can only be extracted using a Windows computer the Councillors gave their permission for the Clerk to purchase a small Windows Laptop for the sole purpose of SID data extraction onto a USB stick which can be offered to the Police for data analysis. The Clerk will purchase this in the near future.

24/132 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None received

24/133 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Both Councillors arrived late to the meeting due to a previous meeting over running.

The Parish Councillors asked Councillor Pugsley about how the boundaries are going to be set by the boundary commission but this is not known. He did encourage a submission by the Parish Council as a whole to be sent to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) regarding this matter, expressing their view which, in short, is that they wish to remain with their rural neighbours and counterparts as this results in benefits for all. The Clerk is to submit this response.

24/134 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

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N. Prouse Chair