



BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 13TH 2026

25/122 PRESENT

The following took part in the meeting

Parish Councillors: Councillor F. Takei, Councillor J. Sandiford, Councillor H. Albery, Councillor S. Cookson, Councillor D. Moorhouse Banks

Attendance : Councillor F. Nicholson, Councillor S. Pugsley

Clerk : J Aldridge

Public :

25/123 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor N. Prouse

25/124 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made

25/125 DEFERMENT OF BUSINESS

None

25/126 APPROVAL OF DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Approved by Councillor Takel and Seconded by Councillor Cookson

25/127 FINANCIAL REPORT

25/127/01 Payment Authorisation

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

PAYMENT AUTHORISATION : JANUARY 13TH, 2026

PAYEE	INVOICE NO.	EXPENSE	NET	VAT	GROSS	
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- 0637	Hire of Hall for December meeting	£13.75		£13.75	
Mrs J Aldridge		Travelling around Parish for Grit Bin levels checking 14 miles	£6.30		£6.30	
Mr P Takel		Contribution towards Tractor Insurance	£100.00		£100.00	
Idverde Ltd	10957590	Renewal of Service Level Agreement	£338.00	£67.60	£405.60	
TOTAL			£1,134.85	£70.10	£1,204.95	

25/128 PATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Councillor Alberly reported that between public pathway DU2/1 and DU2/2 the new owners of the furthest house have cut back the hedge a great deal which has improved the public's traverse of this pathway.

25/129 PARISH MAINTENANCE

25/129/01 *Basketball Court - Hoop Netting/Backboard renewal*

Councillor Takel has been unable to action the removal of the rims of the back boards but will attend to this once better weather arrives.

25/129/02 Jubilee Gardens Play Area Acquisition

The Clerk has still not heard anything more from the legal team at Somerset Council.

25/129/03 Village Centre Project

The Clerk contacted the carpenter before Christmas and made arrangements for the full quote and time scale to be sent to her in the New Year, this was chased up and the quote arrived on the 11th January. This was distributed to all Councillors, the cost and timescale were discussed and approved at the meeting.

The Clerk will now apply for the S106 grant for this project.

25/129/04 Phone Box

The Chair was not present at this meeting, therefore any information regarding the large pallet required on which to move the phone box will wait until the February meeting.

25/129/05 SID Solar Panel

The Clerk contacted the FTS group to enquire about the SID solar panels potentiality to power batteries other than the one supplied with the SID. The Clerk has been asked to take a picture of the battery pack and inverter inside the SID to pass onto her contact at FTS in order for the correct information to be given. This will be carried out and any resulting information will be given at the February meeting.

25/129/06 Hedge at Brushford New Road

The Clerk contacted the Council regarding an overgrown conifer hedge, along Brushford New Road which is obscuring a give way sign for the junction with Station Road, in an effort to either get the hedge cut back or for a member of the Highways Team to assess whether or not it would be possible to move the sign to a more visible position. The Clerk was assured that someone from the Highways Team would go and investigate the matter and if necessary would contact the Clerk by phone.

Councillor Takel reported to the meeting that an operator from the Council had been seen looking at it.

25/129/07 Community SpeedWatch

The Clerk has registered herself for the Community SpeedWatch and sent an email to all Councillors and the Brushford Parish Community List.

It is hoped that at least 2 other people will also volunteer in order that this scheme can go ahead in an effort to reduce speeding in the Parish.

25/130 PRECEPT

The question of the Precept amount for 2026/7 was discussed by the Councillors and it was decided to keep the requested amount the same as the previous years.

The Clerk will now make the application.

25/131 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None received

25/132 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Nicholson along with Councillor Pugsley reported on the signage schedule for the current drainage works along the B3222, the current signage does not have the promised detailed diversion nor are there any notices giving information that local businesses are still open. Both Councillors will endeavour to improve the situation.

There will be a review of the winter maintenance scheme at the Exmoor LCN on Thursday, January 15th because the work is being carried out under a new regime that is proving to be not as satisfactory as the old one.

25/133 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is to be February 10th 2026 at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall.

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N. Prouse Chair