



BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 14TH 2026

26/039 PRESENT

The following took part in the meeting

Parish Councillors: Councillor N. Prouse, Councillor F. Takel, Councillor H. Alberty, Councillor J. Sandiford, Councillor S. Cookson,

Attendance : Councillor F. Nicholson, Councillor S. Pugsley

Clerk : J Aldridge

Public :

26/040 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Councillor D. Moorhouse Banks

26/041 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made

26/042 DEFERMENT OF BUSINESS

None

26/043 APPROVAL OF JUNE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Approved by Councillor Takel and Seconded by Councillor Cookson

26/044 FINANCIAL REPORT

26/044/01 Payment Authorisation

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

PAYMENT AUTHORISATION : JULY 14th, 2026

PAYEE	INVOICE NO.	EXPENSE	NET	VAT	GROSS
Mrs J Aldridge		Staff Wages as per Peace Accountancy instructions	£531.30		£531.30
HMRC		HMRC Tax as per Peace Accountancy instructions	£133.00		£133.00
		Total Staff Wage and Tax for month	£664.30	£0.00	£664.30
AJGIBL	557215388	Gallagher Insurance Premium 2026/27	£799.52		£799.52
AJGIBL	557266879	Gallagher add. cost for increased assets	£28.34		£28.34
Risdons Solicitors		Initial payment for devolution services	£100.00		£100.00
Ken White Signs	INV47221	Brushford Village Sign	£725.00	£145.00	£870.00
Ken White Signs	INV47222	Foamex Printed Cheque	£65.00	£13.00	£78.00
Exmoor Creative	EC-INV-1313	Website Support	£120.00		£120.00
SALC	3008	Affiliation fees for SALC £229.32 & NALC £40.25	£269.57		£269.57
Dion Clark Carpenter	1961	Initial payment towards wooden shelter	£7,000.00		£7,000.00
Martyn Leigh Plant Services	SI-0000000014	Digger Hire & Labour	£250.00		£250.00
Brushford Parish Hall CIO	BPH2025- 0721	Hire of Hall for June meeting	£13.75		£13.75

PAYEE	INVOICE NO.	EXPENSE	NET	VAT	GROSS
Mr P Takel		3 X Grass Cutting @ £80 and 3 X Strimming @ £20 + hedge cutting not yet completed £90	£390.00		£390.00
Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance		Agreed contribution towards a new Helicopter or equipment for the same	£500.00		£500.00
Mrs J Aldridge		Travelling Expenses + Parking fees	£61.40		£61.40
TOTAL			£10,986.88	£158.00	£11,144.88

26/045 PATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Councillor Albery reported the sign pointing towards the kissing gate has been concreted in and the sign up towards Bowdens has also been concreted in.

26/046 PARISH MAINTENANCE

26/046/01 Jubilee Gardens Play Area Acquisition

The Clerk met with the Solicitors again and was asked to confirm the two Councillors who would act as signatories for the transfer of the land. Councillor Prouse and Councillor Takel both reiterated they would be the signatories along with the Clerk. The rest of the Councillors were all in agreement with this arrangement.

26/046/02 Damaged Village Sign on B3222

The new sign has been reinstated, all the Councillors thanked Councillor Takel for arranging this .

26/046/03 SID repair/service

The Clerk has tried on many occasions to contact the company who took over from TWM, from whom the Parish Council purchased the SID, but without success as no replies have been forthcoming. She is now going to meet with Councillor Albery to try and remedy the situation if possible by investigating the toggle switch in the SID and if this is unsuccessful she will make enquiries from the Somerset Council Road Safety team to see if they can help.

26/046/04 Drains/Grips/Areas that regularly flood or pool with water

The Clerk asked the Councillors of any area they know of that flood on a regular basis in order for the information to be sent along to the Assistant highway Service Manager. Below are their observations:

The road to Nightcott 50 yards from the junction with Brushford New Road, the road floods on the left hand side near where machinery is kept

Along the same road further on by Gillmores also floods

The road between Travis Perkins and Fairfield floods really badly

Along Brushford New Road at the corner near the railway bridge, where the large tree came down, the road floods now possibly due to the tree no longer taking up water.

26/046/05 Request for Noticeboard - shared with East Anstey PC

The Councillors discussed the request and decided against contributing towards the noticeboard as they felt the spending of Parish money on this occasion could not be justified as it would be of far less benefit to the Parishioners of Somerset in comparison to those in Devon.

26/047 DORSET AND SOMERSET AIR AMBULANCE LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT APPEAL

Barbara Wilson, a fundraiser for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance, attended the meeting to receive the £500 donation from Brushford Parish Council on behalf of Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Trust. The Clerk took some pictures of the presentation and will write a short article detailing the bestowal which will be sent to the West Somerset press and the Beeline magazine for publication.

26/048 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3/04/26/003 After a discussion the Councillors raised no objections.

26/049 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Pugsley reported the new signage on the road between Brushford and Dulverton will be installed in August with traffic lights to control traffic flow. He also informed the meeting that the new active travel plan aims to improve the route between Dulverton and Brushford which will hopefully make the footpath link a better pathway to travel on between the two Parishes.

26/050 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is to be August 11th 2026 at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall.

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N. Prouse Chair