



BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, BRUSHFORD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 14TH., 2020

19/108 PRESENT

The following attended the meeting:

Parish Councillors:	Councillors Mrs S Cookson, Mrs F Takel, Mrs J Sandiford, Mr D Garth, Mrs J Aldridge, Mr H Albery
County & District Councillors:	Councillors F Nicholson and N Thwaites
In the Chair:	Councillor Mr N Prouse
In Attendance:	Sue Southwell, Development Enabler, Somerset West & Taunton Council C Knight, Clerk
Members of the Public :	0

19/109 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were n apologies for absence

19/110 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

19/111 DEFERMENT OF BUSINESS

Sue Southwell, Development Enabler, Somerset West & Taunton Council attended the meeting to discuss the results of the Housing Needs Survey and the possible next steps available to the parish council.

The survey has identified 2 households in Brushford in need of affordable housing and a further 5 have been identified via the Homefinder website.

However, the meeting discussed at some length the parlous state of the Homefinder website, given its high levels of complexity and the time taken to complete an application. It was noted that there may be changes in the offing, with the appointment of a new IT provider.

The meeting noted that there are 18 new homes being constructed in Barns Close, Dulverton, due for completion in July, of which not all are limited to National Park residents, thus providing a possible route for those in Brushford Parish to apply.

Ms Southwell then provided the meeting with the broad terms of the development of a Community Land Trust in which communities take the lead in partnership with a developer or a housing association as a possible way forward.

After discussion, the meeting agreed to seek further information on Land Trusts, and to this end will invite Colin McDonald of the Wessex Community Housing Trust to discuss the matter further at a future meeting. It was noted that discussion with a Housing Association might be useful in the development of the council's plans.

The meeting also agreed to further discussion and research to establish the best way forward, in line with plans for the development of a Neighbourhood Plan.

The Chairman thanked Ms Southwell for her valuable input into the discussion.

19/112 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on December 10th. were approved as a true record, and duly signed by the Chair.

19/113 FINANCIAL REPORT

19/113/01 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	

PAYEE	INVOICE NO.	EXPENSE	NET	VAT	GROSS	CHEQUE NUMBER
		Total Staff Wages and Administration	£424.73	£2.50	£427.23	NATWEST 000576
Printing at the Vicarage			£230.00		£230.00	NATWEST 000577
TOTAL			£654.73	£2.50	£657.23	

19/114 HIGHWAYS

19/114/01 Winter Salting Arrangements

There were no new matters under this heading.

19/114/02 Water Run-off in Exebridge

The Chairman reported a problem in Exebridge where run off was occurring from the pond in Riphay Farm.

It was agreed that, in liaison with the farmer, Tim Yandle, the matter will be attended to with the run-off to be channelled in the gully in the field behind the affected properties.

19/115 PARISH WELFARE

19/115/01 Phone Box Adoption

The clerk reported that there had been no further news from BT, apart from their acknowledgement of agreement receipt. It was noted that the £1.00 cheque had not yet been cleared through the bank account.

19/115/02 Exebridge Defibrillator

The meeting noted that a decision by Morebath Parish Council for the shared expense was awaited, pending their meeting of January 21st.

19/116 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN

Councillors Albery and Sandiford confirmed that the initial work was in hand and it was hoped to present a draft plan to the council at the next meeting.

19/117 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

The meeting discussed the development of a Neighbourhood Plan in some depth, following Councillor Garth's report on early discussions with WYG on possible assistance in the plan's development.

It was agreed that the following points should be included in any further plan development:

- Grant Funding
- Dovetail with the proposed new District Local Plan 2040
- Community Land Trust considerations

19/118 PLANNING APPLICATIONS, APPEALS AND DECISIONS

19/118/01 Planning application 3/04/19/010 Replacement garage at Croft Farm, Brushford

This application was considered by the meeting and was approved.

19/118/02 Planning application 3/04/19/011 Erection of single storey extension at Croft Farm, Brushford

This application was considered by the meeting and was approved.

19/119 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

19/119/01 Councillor Nicholson

Councillor Nicholson reported to the meeting as follows:

- The road to Shillingford/Petton Cross is due to be closed for 3 weeks which will disrupt the school and college buses. Work is in hand to possibly delay this work until the summer holidays.
- A meeting is to be held on Monday, January 20th with the Leader of SCC to discuss the current problems that exist between Exmoor parishes and the Highways Department.

19/119/02 Councillor Thwaites

Councillor Thwaites reported problems with the new SW&T website and asked the meeting to report any failure of the system to follow up on on-line service requests.

19/119/03 Councillor Garth

Councillor Garth reported as follows:

- Having attended a recent seminar of the Somerset Rivers Authority, he recommended that the council make as much use of this authority. To this end, Councillor Thwaites offered to provide Councillor Garth with a contact.
- Following recent Parish Hall AGM where he was approached to become a Trustee, Councillor Garth will check out the details of such an appointment and will proceed, thereby providing a parish councillor on the hall's trustee board.

19/120 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the parish hall on Tuesday, February 11th at 6.30pm.

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