



BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 11TH 2023

23/051 PRESENT

The following took part in the meeting

Parish Councillors:

Councillor N. Prouse, Councillor F. Takel, Councillor H. Albery, Councillor S. Cookson

In Attendance

Councillor F. Nicholson

Clerk :

J. Aldridge

Public :

23/052 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor S. Pugsley, Councillor J. Sandiford

23/053 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

23/054 DEFERMENT OF BUSINESS

None

23/055 APPROVAL OF JUNE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Approved by Councillor Takel and seconded by Councillor Cookson

23/056 FINANCIAL REPORT

23/056/01 Payment Authorisation

The following July payments were approved and cheques signed:

PAYMENT AUTHORISATION : JULY 11TH. 2023

PAYEE	INVOICE NO.	EXPENSE	NET	VAT	GROSS	CHEQUE NUMBER
Amherst & Shapland		Staff Wages	£538.00		£538.00	
		Amherst & Shapland monthly fee	£12.50	£2.50	£15.00	
		Total Staff Wages and Administration	£550.50	£2.50	£553.00	NATWEST 000709
Mr P Takel		2X Grass Cutting JG £75 = £150 + 2X Strimming at Bus Stop £15 = £30	£180.00		£180.00	NATWEST 000710
TOTAL			£730.50	£2.50	£733.00	

23/056/02 Online Banking

The online banking application has been delayed due to a typo causing a delay but it is hoped that online banking will be available by the August meeting.

23/057 PATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Councillor Albery reported he had received a reply from Ceri Rapsey thanking him for completing the following e-learning modules - the Health & Safety module, the Data Protection module and PPE module along with signing the declaration .

He also sent in the footpath survey spreadsheet that he had created, Ceri requested him to log the missing Public Footpath signs on the Explore Somerset interactive map. Ceri stated that she would be more than happy to send out a bundle of way-marks ('Public Footpath') in order for Councillor Albery to use these to replace the missing signs.

23/058 PARISH MAINTENANCE

23/058/01 Village Centre Project

The Clerk spoke to Mr Leigh and has ascertained that the scrappy hedge will be removed within the same ground preparation quote of £1,370

23/058/02 Telephone Box - Update

The Clerk has yet to hear back from Mr Leigh regarding a quote for a plinth to be made upon which to site the telephone box. She will chase this matter up.

23/058/03 Jubilee Gardens Play Equipment

The Clerk has sent an email to Redlynch Leisure requesting a representative to attend a Parish Council meeting in order to give a presentation on some of the playground items available from that Company. Once she has heard back she will let the Councillors know when that visit will be.

23/059 COMMUNITY FUNDED 20mph SPEED LIMIT - email sent 9th July

The Clerk sent an email to all the Councillors from the Traffic Management team at Somerset Council containing details of the Community Funded 20mph Speed Limit. The estimated cost of implementing this would be in the region of £15,000 and the Parish Council would be required to pay a £500 non-refundable application fee to cover an initial assessment which would include up to 2 week long speed data readings and if deemed necessary more locations would be assessed at a cost of £200 per location. The Councillors decided against this project as they are already in the process of acquiring a Speed Indicator Device for the Parish.

23/060 SALC EMAIL ON BIODIVERSITY

As the Biodiversity duty of producing a report does not apply to Parish Councils the Councillors decided that in order to contribute to this they would endeavour to put up some bird or bat boxes in the new Village Centre once it is completed.

23/061 JETTING/GULLY CLEARANCE

After receiving a report from a Councillor regarding 6 drains that need clearing the Clerk has passed this onto the Specialist Town and Parish Liaison Officer at Somerset Council and is awaiting a reply.

23/062 PROPOSED ENPA COMMITTEE CHANGES SURVEY

Councillor Cookson, as one of the Exmoor Consultative and Parish Forum members, filled out the survey form and is hoping for support in her proposal of a cost-cutting reduction in the number of meetings, as well as the formation of a reduced sub-committee for planning. The Councillors duly voted in favour of these proposals.

23/063 SALC AGM 2023 - Update

To date no further correspondence has been received by the Clerk regarding a new date for the SALC AGM

23/064 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3/04/23/005 Installation of 60 no. ground mounted solar panels on six frames of ten panels Hele Manor, Hele Manor Lane, Brushford, Dulverton TA22 9RN
The Councillors voted to support this application.

23/065 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Nicholson reported

The results of the National Park Election - Those elected are - Holtom - Parracombe Parish Council , Geen - North Molton Parish Council, Bray - Wootton Courtenay Parish Council, Thwaites - Dulverton Town Council, Ellicott - Exford parish Council

The Jetting requests from Brushford Parish Council were sent off a couple of days late, it is yet to be seen if the work will be carried out.

The sign at Nicholas Close should be removed because the no entry sign on it is illegal and also it is deterring delivery drivers it must be replaced with a sign that only denotes the numbers of the houses. The Clerk will remove the sign and arrange for a suitable replacement.

The refuse collection strike action has been suspended for two weeks pending union ballot any information relating to this matter can be found on the following web page

www.somerset.gov.uk/strike

23/066 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is to be Tuesday, August 8th 2023 at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall.

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N. Prouse Chair