



BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 11TH 2025

24/149 PRESENT

The following took part in the meeting

Parish Councillors:

Councillor F. Takel, Councillor J. Sandiford, Councillor H. Albery, Councillor S. Cookson

In Attendance :

Councillor F. Nicholson, Councillor S. Pugsley

Clerk :

J Aldridge

Public :

24/150 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor N. Prouse

24/151 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made

24/152 DEFERMENT OF BUSINESS

None

24/153 APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Approved by Councillor Sandiford and Seconded by Councillor Cookson

24/154 FINANCIAL REPORT

24/154/01 Payment Authorisation

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

PAYMENT AUTHORISATION : MARCH 11TH. 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	BPH2025-0506	Hire of Hall for February meeting	£13.75		£13.75	
Mrs J Aldridge		Travel to & from Exmoor LCN 28miles @45p per mile = £12.60 & Deane House Taunton 70miles @45p per mile = £31.50	£44.10		£44.10	
Geosphere Ltd	40UF004-0006	Parish Online Annual Fee	£67.50	£13.50	£81.00	
TOTAL			£802.15	£16.00	£818.15	

24/154/02 Gallagher Insurance Renewal

The Councillors asked the Clerk to complete the insurance renewal form, taking into account the new Jubilee Gardens play equipment.

24/155 PATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Councillor Albery completed a survey relating to maintenance and the equipment used to keep the Village pathways/verges etc. well maintained.

The Parish Council does not have a designated team for this work as the local landowners and farmers keep the grounds neat and tidy.

24/156 PARISH MAINTENANCE

24/156/01 Jubilee Gardens Activity Centre

The Clerk has ordered this and managed to obtain a £300 reduction in the cost. The Clerk will be informed of the installation date.

24/156/02 Trees in the Play Park

Following a complaint from a new resident in Brushford regarding the shadows cast from the trees in the play ground and their falling leaves onto his garden, the Councillors decided this issue will be reviewed at the time of the 1st grass cut in the play area and after the installation of the multi activity centre.

24/156/03 Village Centre Project

The drain between the two Hornbeams on the land at the corner of Nicholas Close needs to be lifted to see if the roots are growing in the drains, Councillor Takel will action this and also will talk to a local retired gardener to enquire as to whether he would take on the job of landscaping the area, the Clerk will speak to the neighbours whose gardens are affected by the two Hornbeams in respect of falling leaves, encroaching roots etc. and will report the results to the Councillors.

24/156/04 Broken Grit Bin at Iron Post

The Clerk will place the order for a new 100 litre grit bin to be delivered to Councillor Albery's home address.

24/156/05 Phone Box

The Clerk will speak to Travis Perkiins to see if they would be willing to collect and store the phone box and if not would they collect the box and put at the bottom of the Clerk's garden.

24/157 SID DATA COLLECTION

The Clerk has successfully downloaded the application onto the new laptop in order to extract the data from the Speed Indicator Device and will visit Councillor Albery at home to complete the first data download onto a USB.

24/158 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None received

24/159 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Pugsley stated Somerset Council's budget is set at 7.49% for the Council Tax.

There is an issue of standardising car parking charges, relating to charges for car parks that are currently free. Withypool with a potential maximum income of £24 a day, this amount of money will not cover the costs involved in checking the car park by an authorised warden and the Rest and Be Thankful car park at Cutcombe could be a contentious issue in relation to the ownership of the land.

This matter has to go out for consultation and it would be beneficial if all Parish and Town Councils could make their representations on this issue.

The speed limit analysis between Dulverton and Battleton - records show speeds between 35 - 38mph meaning that from a police point of view there is not an issue. Getting the speed limit reduced to 20mph in the village of Brushford will rely on the mean speed needing to be 24mph. Consultations will continue between Councillors and Somerset Council.

Councillor Nicholson reported on the winter maintenance scheme, Parish Councils must check on their grit/salt levels and put in a request to Somerset Council if they require topping up.

24/160 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is to be Tuesday, April 8th 2025 at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall.

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N. Prouse Chair