



## **BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH 2026**

#### **25/146 PRESENT**

The following took part in the meeting

Parish Councillors: Councillor F. Takel, Councillor H. Albery, Councillor S. Cookson, Councillor J. Sandiford

Attendance : Councillor F. Nicholson, Councillor S. Pugsley

Clerk : J Aldridge

Public :

#### **25/147 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor N. Prouse, Councillor D. Moorhouse Banks

#### **25/148 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made

**25/149 DEFERMENT OF BUSINESS**

None

**25/150 APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Approved by Councillor Cookson and Seconded by Councillor Sandiford

**25/151 FINANCIAL REPORT****25/151/01 Payment Authorisation**

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

**PAYMENT AUTHORISATION : MARCH 10TH, 2026**

| PAYEE                     | INVOICE NO.   | EXPENSE                                                            | NET              | VAT           | GROSS            |  |
|---------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|--|
| Mrs J Aldridge            |               | Staff Wages as per Peace Accountancy instructions                  | £575.30          |               | £575.30          |  |
| HMRC                      |               | HMRC Tax as per Peace Accountancy instructions                     | £89.00           |               | £89.00           |  |
| Peace Accountancy Ltd     | INV-1323      | Payroll prep. For February & March 2026                            | £25.00           | £5.00         | £30.00           |  |
|                           |               | <b>Total Staff Wage, Acc. Fee and Tax for month</b>                | <b>£689.30</b>   | <b>£5.00</b>  | <b>£694.30</b>   |  |
| Brushford Parish Hall CIO | BPH2025- 0669 | Hire of Hall for February meeting                                  | £13.75           |               | £13.75           |  |
| Mrs J Aldridge            |               | Travelling to and from Exmoor LCN on 05/03/26<br>16 miles each way | £14.40           |               | £14.40           |  |
| Ken White Signs Ltd       | INV 46873     | Replacement External A2 Slimlok Noticeboard                        | £150.00          | £30.00        | £180.00          |  |
| Mr P Takel                |               | 3 X Gritting @ £30                                                 | £90.00           |               | £90.00           |  |
| Geosphere Ltd             | 40UF004-0007  | Parish Online Mapping Software                                     | £67.50           | £13.50        | £81.00           |  |
| Roger Routledge           |               | St Nicholas Church Flags                                           | £255.04          |               | £255.04          |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              |               |                                                                    | <b>£1,279.99</b> | <b>£48.50</b> | <b>£1,328.49</b> |  |

## **25/152 PATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**

Councillor Albery stated the pathway by the cemetery is owned by Somerset Council. Councillor Takel reported the finger post by the circular walk along Bowdens Lane had fallen over.

## **25/153 PARISH MAINTENANCE**

### **25/153/01 *Jubilee Gardens Play Area Acquisition***

The Clerk is to take the paperwork to Risedon Hosegood solicitors in Dulverton to obtain a firm costing for the transfer.

### **25/153/02 Village Centre Project - Funding**

The Clerk is still awaiting a reply from the funding panel.

### **25/153/03 Hedge at Brushford New Road**

The Clerk is to contact the Highways Dept to ask if the sign can be moved onto the pavement.

### **25/153/04 Community Speedwatch**

The Clerk is to call PSCO Haimes to ask if Community's can swap locations when taking part in Speedwatch.

### **25/153/05 Damages Village Sign on B3222**

The Clerk reported that Kier has been made aware of the damage and they will be in contact with the Clerk. The Clerk will be in contact if she does not hear from them within the next 2 weeks.

## **25/154 DORSET AND SOMERSET AIR AMBULANCE LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT APPEAL**

The Councillors all agreed on a sum of £500 as a donation. The Councillors spoke about getting a large reusable wipe board cheque to present to the air ambulance officers. The Clerk will look into the purchase of the cheque.

#### **25/155 ST NICHOLAS CHURCH FLAGS REPLACEMENT REQUEST**

The Councillors all agreed to pay for the flags, the Clerk will arrange for the funds to be transferred.

#### **25/156 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None received

#### **25/157 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Pugsley reported the Boundary Commission has completed its studies - Brushford is included with the Exmoor division.

Somerset Councils Council Tax budget increase is set at 4.99%

Mr Revens stated that Somerset Councils financial status is becoming stable.

At the LCN the winter maintenance is being organised around May/June time to ensure the grit bins can be filled before the weather turns for the worst.

The pedestrian signs on the road to Dulverton will be completed in the coming new financial year.

Dulverton Middle School site has been registered as a Community Asset.

#### **25/158 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is to be April 21st 2026 at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall.

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N. Prouse Chair