



## **BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH 2024**

#### **23/164 PRESENT**

The following took part in the meeting

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

In Attendance Councillor F. Nicholson

Clerk : J. Aldridge

Public :

#### **23/165 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor N. Prouse, Councillor F. Takel, Councillor S. Pugsley

#### **23/166 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made

**23/167 DEFERMENT OF BUSINESS**

None

**23/168 APPROVAL OF JANUARY & FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Approved by Councillor Sandiford and Seconded by Councillor Albery

**23/169 FINANCIAL REPORT**

**23/169/01 Payment Authorisation**

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

**PAYMENT AUTHORISATION : MARCH 12TH. 2024**

PAYEE	INVOICE NO.	EXPENSE	NET	VAT	GROSS	CHEQUE NUMBER
Amherst & Shapland		Staff Wages	£626.17		£626.17	
		Amherst & Shapland monthly fee	£12.50	£2.50	£15.00	
		<b>Total Staff Wages and Administration</b>	<b>£638.67</b>	<b>£2.50</b>	<b>£641.17</b>	<b>BACS</b>
Mrs J Aldridge		Refund for ring binder - £3.99 and printer paper £8.99	£12.98		£12.98	BACS
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£651.65</b>	<b>£2.50</b>	<b>£654.15</b>	

### **23/170 PATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**

Councillor Alberly reported that Somerset Council has requested details of the amount of time the Parish Council spends on its footpaths. He explained that most of the footpaths are within the village and the farmers look after the ones that are on their grounds and there had been no reports of footpaths needing attention.

Charlie Field in estates needs to be told about the ivy on a tree on the road up to Nightcott, this is deemed as unsafe and needs attention to stop it falling into the road, the Clerk will email him about this as Somerset Council have responsibility for the road.

### **23/171 PARISH MAINTENANCE**

#### **23/171/01 Village Centre Project**

The Clerk has met with the stone mason and is awaiting his quote for the work, the Clerk will chase this and will also investigate alternative stone masons.

#### **23/171/02 BPC Gritter**

The Clerk paid for this via BACS and it has been delivered

### **23/172 SID update**

The Clerk was delighted to inform the meeting that she had, at last, received the grant cheque for the SID and has banked it. She will now place the order for the SID and make enquiries as to the operative training course.

### **23/173 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None received

### **23/174 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Nicholson reported that on the on the 20th February Somerset Council cut the devolvement of certain tasks to the Parish and Town Councils such as gully clearing and verge cutting. However, this is only a temporary measure and will be reviewed in due course.

The play area within the village, which the Parish Council pay a yearly rent of £25 for, is an asset they would like to devolve - the Clerk will now investigate this matter and will ask the main Council if the Parish Council can now take over this asset.

The Dulverton recycling centre is still being set for closure, however there was a lot of interest at the public meeting with people putting forward reasons for it to remain open.

The road works on the B3224, which has meant the closure of the road between Exford and Wheddon Cross, are still on track.

**23/175 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is to be Tuesday, April 9th 2024 at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall.

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J. Sandiford Chair