



BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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

25/098 PRESENT

The following took part in the meeting

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

Attendance : Councillor F. Nicholson, Councillor S. Pugsley

Clerk : J Aldridge

Public : Deborah Moorhouse Banks

25/099 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

25/100 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made

25/101 DEFERMENT OF BUSINESS

Councillor Nicholson as a member of the public reported re: the graveyard at Brushford. If a grave is over 75 years old in the graveyard and has no headstone, then that ground can be used again for burials. This will alleviate the problem of lack of burial sites.

25/102 APPROVAL OF OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Approved by Councillor Takel and Seconded by Councillor Cookson

25/103 FINANCIAL REPORT

25/103/01 Payment Authorisation

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

PAYMENT AUTHORISATION : NOVEMBER 11TH., 2025

PAYEE	INVOICE NO.	EXPENSE	NET	VAT	GROSS	
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- 0609	Hire of Hall for October meeting	£13.75		£13.75	
Mrs J Aldridge		Travelling to and from Exmoor LCN on 6/11/25 16 miles each way	£14.40		£14.40	
TOTAL			£704.95	£2.50	£707.45	

25/104 PATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Councillor Albery will be arranging the sitings of the new finger posts shortly.

Councillor Albery also reported the hedge needs to be cut back drastically along Brushford New Road, when driving towards the junction at the Carnarvon Stores, as the Give Way sign is being obstructed by the overgrown conifer hedge. The owner of the hedge will be contacted and asked to arrange for the hedge to be cut back.

25/105 PARISH MAINTENANCE

25/105/01 *Basketball Court - Hoop Netting/Backboard renewal*

Councillor Sandiford, after checking with a basketball coach discovered there is no sound proofing behind the backboards of a basketball court.

Councillor Takel will make enquiries regarding arranging a date to remove the rims of the current backboards in order to facilitate the replacement of new backboards.

25/105/02 Jubilee Gardens Play Area Acquisition

The Clerk has still heard nothing more as yet from the legal team at Somerset Council.

25/105/03 New Bridge for small slide & tower in Jubilee Gardens

The Clerk forwarded the warranty information and the Councillors decided to have the company supply and install the new clatter bridge at Jubilee Gardens.

25/105/04 Village Centre Project

The Clerk is still waiting for the second quote to arrive.

25/105/05 Phone Box

The Clerk informed the meeting that she has contacted the owner of the yard where the phone box is currently sited and also Travis Perkins to ask them if they could move it to the Clerks home address. Travis informed the Clerk they no longer have a lorry and all the deliveries are outsourced to Minehead and Tiverton. The Chair will make enquiries regarding having the phone box laid down on a large pallet in readiness for removal to the Clerks garden

25/105/06 Hedge at Pounds Close

Following a request regarding an overgrown hedge and a large vehicle partially obstructing emergency vehicle access along Pounds Close the Chair contacted the owner of both the hedge and the vehicle. Subsequently the hedge has been cut back and the vehicle removed.

25/105/07 SID

Councillor Albery asked if the software for the SID is still supported by the new company who have taken over TWM, the Clerk will find this out. Also the solar panel that was included with the SID has not been used and therefore the question remains, could this be used for anything else?

25/106 EMERGENCY PLANNING WORKSHOP ON THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

The Clerk informed the Councillors that if any of them would like to attend this meeting with her they have only to call her to let her know and she will collect them on the night.

25/107 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None received

25/108 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Nicholson stated that Dulverton middle school will be sold by Somerset Council, which includes the buildings, the land and big field behind, the swimming pool is out of use due to financial constraints. It would be ideal if Dulverton Town Council would register it as a community asset.

Councillor Nicholson would be keen on the site being used for something useful, one idea is that it could be used as a school for special needs children.

Councillor Pugsley spoke about the housing needs survey which will now include Brushford.

The Highways programme is going well and drainage issues are being dealt with

25/109 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is to be December 9th 2025 at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall.

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N. Prouse Chair