



## **BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH 2023**

#### **23/109 PRESENT**

The following took part in the meeting

Parish Councillors:	Councillor N. Prouse, Councillor F. Takel, Councillor H. Albery, Councillor J. Sandiford, Councillor S. Cookson
In Attendance	Councillor F. Nicholson, Councillor S. Pugsley
Clerk :	J. Aldridge
Public :	Nicola Wickenden, Anna Beck

#### **23/110 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

#### **23/111 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

#### **23/112 DEFERMENT OF BUSINESS**

With regard to the play equipment in Jubilee Gardens Nicola requested a zip wire, climbing frame with a slide and a rocker for up to 4 children to use at one time. Nicola also asked that the basket ball court could be kept weeded. The Councillors took note of her requests and will give their consideration to the same.

## 23/113 APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Approved by Councillor Takel and seconded by Councillor Cookson

## 23/114 FINANCIAL REPORT

### 23/114/01 Payment Authorisation

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

### PAYMENT AUTHORISATION : NOVEMBER 14TH. 2023

PAYEE	INVOICE NO.	EXPENSE	NET	VAT	GROSS	CHEQUE NUMBER
Amherst & Shapland		Staff Wages	£528.00		£528.00	
		Amherst & Shapland monthly fee	£12.50	£2.50	£15.00	
		<b>Total Staff Wages and Administration</b>	<b>£540.50</b>	<b>£2.50</b>	<b>£543.00</b>	<b>BACS</b>
Information Commissioner		GDPR Affiliation Fee	£40.00		£40.00	BACS
Idverde	10893909	Renewal Service Level Agreement	£257.40	£51.48	£308.88	BACS
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£837.90</b>	<b>£53.98</b>	<b>£891.88</b>	

## **23/115 PATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**

Nothing to report.

## **23/116 PARISH MAINTENANCE**

### **23/116/01 Village Centre Project & S106 funding - update**

The Clerk has emailed The Wooden Workshop Bampton with a request regarding their Corner Arbour with Slate Roof and its suitability for the 10 foot square concrete base and also asked for their lead time from date of order placement. She is awaiting a reply. Clerk will place order in February for delivery in April and will contact a stone mason for a quote regarding a stone structure to be sited in front of the Arbour.

### **23/116/02 Jubilee Gardens Play Equipment**

The Clerk presented the Councillors with an idea for play equipment to be purchased from The Wooden Workshop Bampton.

### **23/116/03 Asset and Service Devolution**

Following the email from Somerset Council sent on the 8th November regarding this matter the Councillors asked the Clerk to make list of just what the Parish does actually do now.

## **23/117 NICHOLAS CLOSE SIGN - update**

The Clerk emailed Councillor Nicholson with the request for Somerset Council to pay for this sign. Councillor Nicholson told the meeting the Councillor for Somerset Council should have contacted the Clerk but they didn't, therefore Councillor Nicholson will chase this.

## **23/118 SOMERSET BUS PARTNERSHIP - financial contribution discussion**

Following a discussion the Councillors decided they would donate £120 proposed by Councillor Takel and seconded by Councillor Albery.

### **23/119 SULLYS LANE**

The Clerk sent an email to the resident who requested initially the sign with the information from the September meeting. She has subsequently received an email thanking the Council for looking into this matter.

### **23/120 SID UPDATE**

Having not yet received the cheque the Clerk has emailed Avon and Somerset Police requesting they look into this matter and to let her know when the cheque will be sent and also who to contact regarding booking a training slot for Councillor Albery to attend regarding the placement and removal of the SID. The Clerk will chase again.

### **23/121 SALC AGM - new date confirmed**

The Clerk has sent an email to the Councillors to confirm that she will attend the AGM on the 2nd December and will report back with any relevant information.

### **23/122 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

3/04/23/010 planning application no objections were raised

3/04/23/012 planning application no objections were raised

### **23/123 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Steven Pugsley reported that the latest topic of conversation is the troubles of Somerset Council. The Council may need to submit a section 114 which will call on a great deal of money or they will only pay out for statutory minimum services. Bill Revens has suggested the Parish Councils up the amount of their precept in order to pay for services that the Parish Councils could take on. The LCN can arrange and supervise the services on Highways to the satisfaction of the LCN which would save the Unitary Council money as the charges would be less to the LCN than that for Somerset Council. It is a confusing picture at the moment and no final decisions can be taken at this point in time.

Councillor Nicholson stated that if the contractors who work on the roads spoke to the locals of the Parish then monetary expenditure could be reduced.

The empty Magna dwelling is now back in the possession of Magna.

**23/124 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is to be Tuesday, December 12th 2023 at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall.

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N. Prouse Chair