



BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Brushford Parish Council held at the Parish Hall, Brushford on Tuesday, November 13th., 2018

18/091 PRESENT

The following attended the meeting:

Parish Councillors:	Mr H Albery, Mr D Garth, Mrs J Sandiford, Mrs F Takel, Mrs S Cookson
County & District Councillors in Attendance :	Councillors Thwaites and Heywood
In the Chair:	Mr N Prouse
In Attendance:	Mr. C Knight, Clerk .
Members of the Public :	1

18/092 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Nicholson and Wilson.

18/093 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Councillor Sandiford declared an interest of being a near neighbour to the planning application ref, 3/04/18/009 Erection of car port and store to side elevation and single storey extension to rear elevation plus formation of patio 8 Silverdale Close, Brushford.

18/094 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on October 9th. were approved as a true record, and duly signed by the Chairman.

18/095 DEFERMENT OF BUSINESS

There were no matters in regard to this item.

18/096 PAYMENT AUTHORISATION

The following items were approved for payment and the relevant cheques signed.

PAYEE	INVOICE NO.	EXPENSE	NET	VAT	GROSS	CHEQUE NUMBER
Rob Brown		Jubilee Gardens Gatepost Replacement	£120.00		£120.00	NATWEST 000516
Amherst & Shapland		Staff Wages	£364.94		£364.94	
		Amherst & Shapland monthly fee	£12.50	£2.50	£15.00	
		Staff Wages and Administration	£377.44	£2.50	£379.94	NATWEST 000517
County Play Inspections		CHEQUE CANCELLED				NATWEST 000518
Printing at the Vicarage		Welcome Pack printing	£60.90		£60.90	NATWEST 000519
Printing at the Vicarage		Parish Post printing	£230.00		£230.00	NATWEST 000520
Malcolm Godfrey		Web site services September - November + Domain renewal - Exmoor Web Design	£130.00		£130.00	NATWEST 000521
TOTAL			£918.34	£2.50	£920.84	

18/097 HIGHWAYS

The meeting discussed the recent decision by SCC to reduce the road salting and salt supplies for the coming winter. Salting of the local road network will not be impacted by these budget cuts and roadside dumpy bags will also be unaffected.

The question of the refilling of village salt bins and the supply of small bags of salt is still to be decided.

The meeting noted that the whole question of salting arrangements will again be subject to restrictions in 2019/20 and that the parish council should take this into consideration when discussing next year's budget in December.

18/098 EXEBRIDGE FLOOD DEFENCES

It was noted that the supplies for this project will be ordered next month and the cheque raised.

18/099 PARISH MAINTENANCE : HEDGETRIMMING

The meeting noted that following a complaint, the hedge opposite the parish church has now been trimmed to ease the parking/traffic problem.

18/100 PARISH WELFARE

The meeting discussed the request for funding by West Somerset Advice Bureau. Given the current severe restraints on the parish council's budget it was decided not to provide funding.

18/101 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Councillor Garth reported on his attendance at a CPRE seminar on Affordable Housing which provided good guidance on the matter, and specifically the need to ensure that Affordable Housing *remains* in that status throughout the properties life. It was agreed that this important aspect should be included for consideration as we move towards a Neighbourhood Plan.

It was also noted that Sue Southwell, Coordinator, Exmoor Rural Housing Network will be attending the December meeting to discuss a Housing Needs Survey.

18/102 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

18/102/01 Application Ref 3/04/17/008 Western Power Substation

The meeting noted that there appears to be no work being carried out in the required screen planting as required under the granting of this application. It was agreed that the council should alert the planning authorities as the planting “window” is closing fast (i.e. end of December).

18/103 Reports from Councillors

18/103/01 Councillor Heywood

Councillor Heywood reported that with the imminent “merging” of West Somerset and Taunton Deane Councils, there have been large numbers of people leaving.

18/103/02 Councillor Nicholson

Councillor Nicholson (in absentia) had written to the parish council to confirm that the Dulverton Library has been confirmed to remain in operation following a recent review. This was welcomed by the meeting as it is seen as a vital resource for the community.

18/104 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on December 11th at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall.

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N Prouse, Chairman

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