



BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH 2024

24/085 PRESENT

The following took part in the meeting

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| Parish Councillors: | Councillor N. Prouse, F. Takel, Councillor H. Albery, Councillor S. Cookson |
| In Attendance : | Councillor F. Nicholson, |
| Clerk : | J Aldridge |
| Public : | David Martin, Keith Stone |

24/086 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor S. Pugsley, Councillor J. Sandiford

24/087 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made

24/088 DEFERMENT OF BUSINESS

None

24/089 APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Approved by Councillor Takel and Seconded by Councillor Albery

24/090 FINANCIAL REPORT

24/090/01 Payment Authorisation

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

PAYMENT AUTHORISATION : OCTOBER 8TH. 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 | |
| | | Total Staff Wages and Administration | £638.67 | £2.50 | £641.17 | |
| Mr P Takel | | 1X Grass Cutting JG £75 + 1 X Strimming at Bus Stop £15 | £90.00 | | £90.00 | |
| idverde | | Emptying of Jubilee Gardens dog bin August 2024-25 | £257.40 | £51.48 | £308.88 | |
| Brushford Parish Hall CIO | BPH2023-0431 | Hire of Hall for September meeting | £13.75 | | £13.75 | |
| Kingspan & Water Ltd (Tanks Direct) | TD129977 | 110 litre yellow grit bin inc. delivery | £115.00 | £23.00 | £138.00 | |
| TOTAL | | | £1,114.82 | £76.98 | £1,191.80 | |

24/091 PATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Councillor Albery, using the information from the Councillors regarding the footpaths near their homes, is compiling the data and will let the Clerk know the number of new sign posts required.

24/092 PARISH MAINTENANCE

24/092/01 Station Road Bus Stop Signage

The noticeboard containing the timetable has been put inside the bus shelter, the Clerk has sent an email to the Public Transport Manager for Somerset Council requesting the Bus Stop Flag sign.

24/092/02 Purchase of new grit bin 102

The clerk has placed an order for a new 100 litre grit bin to be delivered to Councillor Albery's address.

24/093 GOOGLE SURVEY REGARDING BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY IN THE PARISH

Sam Murrell the LCN Link Officer sent out a request for Brushford Parish to complete a survey relating to broadband connectivity in the Parish.

The Councillors will speak to their neighbours to ask the residents, via completion of a form that will be distributed, how good their broadband connectivity is and will report back to the Clerk who will collate the information and then forward it on.

24/094 MOREBATH PARISH COUNCIL ADOPTION OF DEFIBRILLATOR AT THE ANCHOR INN

After receiving an email from the Clerk of Morebath Parish Council regarding the Councillors of Morebath's willingness to adopt the defibrillator located at the Anchor Inn Exebridge, Brushford Parish Council Councillors discussed this matter and decided to share the defibrillator with Morebath Parish Council but Morebath Parish Council will, in future, purchased new batteries and pads as necessary. The Brushford Parish Clerk will be the contact for attendees of emergencies and she will inform Morebath Parish Council as and when the batteries and pads need replacing.

24/095 RESIDENT REQUEST RE: HOUSEHOLDERS GARDEN MANAGEMENT

A resident of Brushford requested the Parish Council to discuss the possibility of the Parish Council asking certain householders to maintain their gardens in order to stop vegetation from creeping onto the footpaths that border their gardens as this is making walking these paths very hazardous. The Councillors discussed the matter and will report this to the Parish Councils pathways liaison officer

24/096 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None received

24/097 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Nicholson's report regarding the food bank, someone has been found who is willing to work 5 hours per week for 3 months to deal with the food banks finance. There will be a public meeting in Dulverton regarding securing new trustees and volunteers for the food bank.

There is no news on the closure of the recycling centre.

24/098 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is to be Tuesday, November 12th 2024 at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall.

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N. Prouse Chair