



BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST 2025

25/087 PRESENT

The following took part in the meeting

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

Attendance : Councillor F. Nicholson, Councillor S. Pugsley

Clerk : J Aldridge

Public :

25/088 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor J. Sandiford

25/089 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made

25/090 DEFERMENT OF BUSINESS

None

25/091 APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Approved by Councillor Takel and Seconded by Councillor Cookson

25/092 FINANCIAL REPORT**25/092/01 Payment Authorisation**

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

PAYMENT AUTHORISATION : OCTOBER 21ST. 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	
Mr P Takel		Grass Cutting JG £150 & Strimming at Bus Stop £30	£180.00		£180.00	
Brushford Parish Hall CIO	BPH2025- 0592	Hire of Hall for September meeting	£13.75		£13.75	
G. C. Stanbury & Son	12191	Invoice for new battery for SID	£89.18	£17.83	£107.01	
Exmoor National Park Auth.	1196	Replacement finger post to Nicholas Church & Circular Walk	£80.00	£16.00	£96.00	
TOTAL			£1,039.73	£36.33	£1,076.06	

25/093 PATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Councillor Albery nothing to report.

25/094 PARISH MAINTENANCE

25/094/01 *Basketball Court - Hoop Netting/Backboard renewal*

The Clerk investigated the sound proofing for backboards but could only find information about dense foam corners which are attached to the bottom corners of the backboard to protect the players heads and hands during a game. The Clerk suggested the outer rim of the one of the backboards be removed in order for the depth of space to be assessed to see if there is enough room to accommodate a sheet of dense foam behind the new backboard. Councillor Takel will make enquiries regarding the removal of the rims.

25/094/02 Jubilee Gardens Play Area Acquisition

The Clerk has heard nothing more as yet from the legal team at Somerset Council but appreciates this matter may take some time to complete.

25/094/03 New Bridge for small slide & tower in Jubilee Gardens

The Clerk has received the quote, the Councillors discussed the cost and asked the Clerk to check what warranty is provided after installation and what it includes.

25/094/04 Village Centre Project

The Clerk met with a local builder and has emailed a local carpenter asking for quotes for the new shelter depending on the material used. One quote has been received and is now waiting for the second quote to arrive.

25/094/05 Phone Box

The Clerk will contact the owner of the yard where the phone box is located to arrange for access and then for delivery of it to the Clerks home address.

25/094/06 Hedge at Pounds Close

The Chair will speak to the owner of the hedge to ask if they will cut back the hedge to enable easier vehicle access.

25/095 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3/04/25/001 No Objections

ABD/04/25/002 No Objections

25/096 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Nicholson reported that Ruth McArthur stated Brushford was included in Section 106 and that Exmoor National Park is going to carry out a housing needs survey online and the village of Brushford will be included in the survey.

With regard to highways, the Hulverton Hill work is going to be put off until the next financial year, however before then there will be some patching work at Riphay corner .

Councillor Pugsley told the Councillors there is a sign post meeting going ahead on the coming Friday to include the Riphay Corner sign post and that the highways signage on road between Brushford and Dulverton is still in hand.

Planning department is no further forward with their programme as yet.

25/097 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is to be November 11th 2025 at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall.

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N. Prouse Chair