



BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Brushford Parish Council held at the Parish Hall, Brushford on Tuesday, October 8th., 2019

19/069 PRESENT

The following attended the meeting:

Parish Councillors:	Councillors Mr. H Albery, Mrs S Cookson, Mrs F Takel, Mrs J Sandiford,
County & District Councillors in Attendance :	Councillor Mrs F Nicholson
In the Chair:	Councillor Mr N Prouse
In Attendance:	Mr. C Knight, Clerk .
Members of the Public :	0

19/070 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs J Aldridge and Councillor Mr N Thwaites,

19/071 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

19/072 DEFERMENT OF BUSINESS

19/072 Housing Needs Survey

Ms Jane Birch attended the meeting to discuss the results of the Housing Needs Survey.

This survey was carried out across the parishes of Dulverton, Brompton Regis, Exmoor, Withypool/Hawkridge and Brushford Parishes.

The key points with regard to Brushford were as follows:

- The response rate to the survey was the highest in Brushford at 24% VS 16% for all
- There are currently 27 (9) social rented and (16) sheltered properties in Brushford, owned by Magna and Falcon
- The level of support for affordable housing for local people was high at 72% across the five parishes
- The survey indicated that there were two households in Brushford in need of affordable housing
- Further two households in need of affordable housing were also revealed from the Homefinder database

The meeting discussed the opportunities that might be afforded to the parish from a Community Land Trust and it was subsequently agreed that a member of the Community Council for Somerset would attend a future meeting of the parish council to discuss the opportunities offered by such a trust.

19/073 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on September 10th. were approved as a true record, and duly signed by the Chair.

19/074 FINANCIAL REPORT

19/074/01 Payment Authorisation

The following due payments were approved. and cheques signed:

PAYEE	INVOICE NO.	EXPENSE	NET	VAT	GROSS	CHEQUE NUMBER
Amherst & Shapland		Staff Wages	£412.23		£412.23	
		Amherst & Shapland monthly fee	£12.50	£2.50	£15.00	
		Staff Wages and Administration	£424.73	£2.50	£427.23	NATWEST 000560
Mrs Barbara Wilson		Cake for Mr Takel	£35.00		£35.00	NATWEST 000561

PAYEE	INVOICE NO.	EXPENSE	NET	VAT	GROSS	CHEQUE NUMBER
Mr P Takel		1 x grass cut @ £70, Maintenance @ £30	£100.00		£100.00	NATWEST 000562
C Knight		Expenses July - September	£69.87		£69.87	NATWEST 000563
TOTAL			£629.60	£2.50	£632.10	

19/075 HIGHWAYS

The meeting discussed the purchase options of the 11 grit bins that are required across the parish and it was decided that Tanks Direct should be approached with a view to securing a discount, given the high number required. Clerk is to pursue.

19/076 PARISH WELFARE

19/076/01 Defibrillator for Exebridge

The meeting agreed that the council should attempt to move ahead with the purchase a defibrillator and cabinet for Exebridge. Mr Prouse having kindly offered for the unit to be positioned and powered on his property in Exebridge, there was no need to attempt to use the redundant phone box for this purpose.

Clerk is to contact Morebath Parish Council in an attempt to speed up their response and possible financial support for the project.

19/076/02 Redundant Phone Boxes

It was agreed that the council will apply to adopt the phone box in Brushford, with a view to residing it in the garden opposite the Old Stores. Clerk to pursue.

19/076/03 Speeding in the Village

It has been reported that there appears to be a speeding risk on Brushford New Road and the meeting discussed the possible introduction of a 20mph limit along the length of this road.

Councillor Nicholson is to investigate the options available to the parish council with the highways department.

19/077 PLANNING APPLICATIONS, APPEALS & DECISIONS

19/077/01 Application 3/04/19/004 Sowerhill Farm : Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the existing shed housing the biomass boiler

The meeting discussed this application and had no objections.

19/078 COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

19/078/01 Data Protection

The meeting discussed our current data protection administration and it was agreed that there was currently no need for any change. However, it was also agreed that a new Standards Statement should be drawn up. Clerk to action.

19/078/02 Code of Conduct

Copies of the proposed new Code of Conduct as laid down by the National Association of Local Councils had previously been circulated to councillors. It was agreed to formally adopt the new code.

19/079 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Nicholson reported that the county council was investigating the welfare opportunities presented by the cooperative working of the Primary Care Network with other welfare groups such as Social Services, Village Agents etc.

19/080 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next parish council meeting will take place in the parish hall at 6.30pm on Tuesday, 12th November.

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N PROUSE, CHAIRMAN . 12/11/19