



BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH 2023

23/080 PRESENT

The following took part in the meeting

Parish Councillors:

Councillor N. Prouse, Councillor F. Takel, Councillor H. Albery, Councillor S. Cookson

In Attendance

Councillor F. Nicholson,

Clerk :

J. Aldridge

Public :

23/081 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor J. Sandiford, Councillor S. Pugsley

23/082 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

23/083 DEFERMENT OF BUSINESS

None

23/084 APPROVAL OF AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Approved by Councillor Takel and seconded by Councillor Cookson

23/085 FINANCIAL REPORT**23/085/01 Payment Authorisation**

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

PAYMENT AUTHORISATION : SEPTEMBER 12TH. 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	
		Total Staff Wages and Administration	£540.50	£2.50	£543.00	BACS
Mr P Takel		2X Grass Cutting JG £75 = £150 + 2X Strimming at Bus Stop £15 = £30 +	£180.00		£180.00	BACS
Brushford Parish Hall CIO	BPH2023-0379	Village Hall hire from July 2023 - June 2024 inclusive	£165.00		£165.00	BACS
TOTAL			£885.50	£2.50	£888.00	

23/085/02 Online Banking

The online banking application has been successful, the Chair, Vice Chair and the Clerk are all now able to access the account and make any BACS payments as required.

23/086 PATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Councillor Albery has retrieved the unused, fallen footpath sign from the Church and will relocate it opposite Langridge Farm entrance.

23/087 PARISH MAINTENANCE

23/087/01 Village Centre Project & S106 funding - update

The Clerk has filled in the application form but needed to know how much the Councillors are willing to put toward the project they decided on £1,000 as a contribution.

23/087/02 Jubilee Gardens Play Equipment

The Clerk has sent an email to the representative for Redlynch Leisure asking for a breakdown of what play equipment could be purchased for a cost of £10,000. She is awaiting his reply

23/088 CARNARVON STORES LICENCE REQUEST

Following an email from the owner of the Carnarvon Stores on 29/08/23 requesting the Councillors approval of a Liquor Licence for the Stores the Councillors decided to support this licence.

23/089 SULLYS LANE

Following on from minute number 23/074 the Clerk sent an email to the Councillors, with a photo depicting a wooden sign at the end of the lane which read SULLYS & LOWER SULLYS, asking if she should therefore continue pursuing costings for a new wooden sign.

There is no official name for the lane which is a byway open to all traffic leading to the properties Sully's, Lower Sully's, Sully's End and Ashcombe so the sign should include all the property names.

Any sign must read 'Leading to' then name all of the properties along the lane.

The Parish Council is not responsible for this signage, the Clerk will respond to the resident who requested the sign initially with all of this information.

23/090 SID UPDATE

Having not heard back from her first request for an update on the Speed Indicator Device application the Clerk has sent another email and this time copied in PC Michelle Haines. Once a reply has been received she will inform the Councillors.

23/091 VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

After a discussion the Councillors decided against this as there is already a Volunteer drivers service, namely TA22 Drivers operating in Brushford

23/092 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No planning applications have been received

23/093 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Nicholson reported - Brushford road closure to go until the end of October, OpenReach should have finish their part by the end of this week, they want to come back into the Village in October and wish to shut Brushford New Road with a diversion which means drivers will have to use Ellersdown Lane or Back Lane which are both vey narrow. Councillor Nicholson proposed one lane to be used as one way in and the other lane as the way out of the Village. The Councillors have asked if the closure could be between 9am and 3pm with Back Lane used as the way in and Ellersdown Lane the way out. All this if traffic lights are an impossibility.

Regarding the Nicholas Close sign, Councillor Nicholson has spoken to the appropriate person at Somerset Council about the Nicholas Road sign as the sign is technically the responsibility of Somerset Council and as such they will pay for a new sign.

The Councillors have asked that Somerset Council provide and pay for the sign, providing Brushford Parish Council supply Somerset Council with a mock up drawing/design showing just what information is required on the sign.

Highways are taking over the checking and filling of grit bins also anybody can report an empty bin by using the portal on the Somerset Council website. The problems that could occur might be due to the Councils map of the bins not being accurate. Councillor Nicholson is working on making sure the Council has the correct information.

23/094 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is to be Tuesday, October 10th 2023 at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall.

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N. Prouse Chair