



BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Brushford Parish Council held at the Parish Hall, Brushford on Tuesday, September 10th., 2019

19/056 PRESENT

The following attended the meeting:

Parish Councillors: Councillors Mr. H Albery, Mrs S Cookson, Mrs F Takel, Mrs J Sandiford, Mrs J Aldridge

County & District Councillors in Attendance : Councillors Mr. N Thwaites and Mrs F Nicholson

In the Chair: Councillor Mr N Prouse

In Attendance: Mr. C Knight, Clerk .

Members of the Public : 0

19/057 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mr D Garth,

19/058 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

19/059 DEFERMENT OF BUSINESS

There were no matters under this heading.

19/060 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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

19/061 FINANCIAL REPORT**19/061/01 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 000555
Printing at the Vicarage		Parish Post printing	£230.00	£0.00	£230.00	NATWEST 000556
Mr P Takel		2 x grass cut @ £70, 2 x strip @ £20	£160.00		£160.00	NATWEST 000557
Brushford PCC		Church grant	£500.00		£500.00	NATWEST 000558
C Knight		Expenses July - September	£107.38		£107.38	NATWEST 000559
TOTAL			£1,422.11	£2.50	£1,424.61	

19/062 HIGHWAYS**19/062/01 Winter Salting Arrangements**

The meeting approved the eleven sites in the parish for the deployment of dumpy bags and the Clerk is to advise Highways accordingly

19/062/02 Grit Bins

The meeting approved the move to the purchase of grit bins to be deployed in the current dumpy bag locations.

Pricing will be considered at the next meeting, and orders placed thereafter.

19/063 PARISH MAINTENANCE

19/063/01 Village Centre Project

After discussion, the meeting agreed to put this matter in abeyance until later in the year, when quotations for the site clearance will be reconsidered.

19/064 PARISH WELFARE

19/064/01 Phone Boxes in Brushford and Exebridge

In the light of the decision by BT to remove these two boxes from service, the meeting agreed to consider purchasing the boxes (at a nominal cost of £1.00), provided that meaningful future use can be made of them (e.g. Library, Newspaper distribution etc). Public suggestions have been requested in the latest edition of the Brushford Parish Post in order to gain public commitment.

In the meantime, the owners of adjoining properties are to be contacted to establish their agreement to such purchases.

19/064/02 Defibrillator in Exebridge

The meeting considered a public request for the installation of a defibrillator in Exebridge, following two recent emergencies when defibrillators were required.

It was agreed that this should become a project for development and that contact should be made with Morebath Parish Council to attempt to secure their financial support, given that at least 50% of the homes in Exebridge were within the Morebath parish boundary.

19/064/03 Defibrillator in Brushford

The meeting discussed the current access arrangements for the Brushford defibrillator. It was agreed that this may cause unnecessary delay in deploying the unit and it was therefore agreed that the access code should be included on the adjoining sign. This will obviate the need to contact the designated operators. The clerk is to arrange for a new sign to be drawn up.

19/064/04 Housing Needs Survey

It was noted that Ms Jane Birch will be attending the next parish council meeting to present the findings of the recent Housing Needs Survey.

19/065 COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION**19/065/01 Data Protection**

The meeting considered the tabled advice for NALC on the handling of data protection within the council. Council members are to give their consideration to the points raised in the papers and to consider the matter again at the next meeting.

19/065/02 New Code of Conduct

The clerk advised the meeting that NALC have provided a new Code of Conduct, which should be considered for adoption, given that the current code was adopted in 2012.

Copies of both the current and new code will be circulated to councillors to provide adequate time for individual consideration and for discussion and adoption at the next parish council meeting.

19/066 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**19/066/01 Councillor Nicholson**

Councillor Nicholson reported that the recent request for financial support from Kingsmead School should have been covered by them from the "Pupils' Premium" fund. It was therefore agreed that the parish council will not need to consider the matter further.

19/066/02 Councillor Thwaites

Councillor Thwaites reported that members of the new Somerset West & Taunton Council will be meeting with the Dulverton Town Council. Similar meetings with Brushford could therefore be arranged.

19/067 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that speed restrictions along Brushford New Road would be considered at the next meeting.

19/068 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next parish council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 8th at 6.30pm in the parish hall.

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N Prouse, Chairman

08/10/19