



BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 13TH 2024

24/059 PRESENT

The following took part in the meeting

Parish Councillors:	Councillor N. Prouse, Councillor F. Takel, Councillor J. Sandiford, Councillor H. Albery, Councillor S. Cookson
In Attendance :	Councillor F. Nicholson
Clerk :	J Aldridge
Public :	None

24/060 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor S. Pugsley

24/061 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made

24/062 DEFERMENT OF BUSINESS

None

24/063 APPROVAL OF JULY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Approved by Councillor Takel and Seconded by Councillor Sandiford.

24/064 FINANCIAL REPORT**24/064/01 Payment Authorisation**

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

PAYMENT AUTHORISATION : AUGUST 13TH. 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		Grass Cutting JG Strimming at Bus Stop & Hedge Trimming	£500.00		£500.00	
R Crook		Painting and Repairs to Bus Stop at Station Road	£100.00		£100.00	
TWM Traffic Control Systems Ltd	0000000819	Spare Battery and Charger for SID	194.29	£38.86	£233.15	
Travis Perkins	1004279836	Wood and Paint for Station Road Bus Stop	£76.70	£15.34	£92.04	
Chris Stephens & Sons	SI-4596	Hedge Trimming around Bus Shelter	£60.00	£12.00	£72.00	
TOTAL			£1,569.66	£68.70	£1,638.36	

24/065 PATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Councillor Albery reported Ceri Rapsey sent him an email regarding vehicular use when checking the footpaths and bridleways but as Councillor Albery replied that he does not use his car for this purpose the matter was closed.

Councillor Albery will be emailing the Councillors individually asking them to check the Footpaths and Bridleways nearest to their homes, as this seems to be the most efficient way to keep a check on their condition.

24/066 PARISH MAINTENANCE

24/066/01 Nicholas Road sign

The Clerk contacted Ken White Signs and has ordered the sign for Nicholas Road. As soon as it is manufactured the Clerk will collect it and fix it underneath the existing Nicholas Close sign.

24/066/02 Station Road Bus Stop Repairs and Signage

The Bus Stop has been repainted and repaired as necessary by Andrew Crook to whom the Councillors send their appreciation and thanks for a job well done.

The Clerk made various enquiries regarding the bus timetable, notice board and new Bus Stop Sign and is in the process of obtaining these items from the Public Transport Manager at Somerset Council.

24/067 BUS IT CAMPAIGN

Following the email, sent on the 7th August, from Somerset Council regarding ways in which Parish and Town Councils could assist the BUS IT campaign the Councillors asked the Clerk to get the Campaign Material put on the Parish Councils website and to print out the posters, attached to the email, to display on the Bus Stop noticeboard once acquired.

24/068 SID Spare Battery and Charger

The spare battery and charger were delivered to Councillor Albery without any delivery charge due to the delay from TWM in completing this order.

Councillor Albery along with Councillor Prouse will put the Speed Indicator Device in place in the coming days.

24/069 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

T/04/24/002 No objections were raised

24/070 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Nicholson brought a map of the Brushford Parish grit bins that she would like the Councillors to amend/correct, if necessary, for the Annual Highways Warden winter maintenance meeting preceding the Exmoor LCN meeting on 5th September.

Councillor Nicholson explained that on Somerset Councils Website the public rights of way network can be viewed and any issues can be reported by clicking on the footpath signs.

Councillor Nicholson suggested that the matter relating to the Footpath/Disused Railway line be chased by the Clerk in order to get this section of the Footpath, that forms part of the circular walk, added to Somerset Councils definite map of their footpaths and bridleways rather than continuing with the process of getting a maintenance licence for it.

Councillor Nicholson reported on the following matters, although they come under the responsibility of Dulverton Town Council she considered it prudent for Brushford Parish Councillors to be aware of these matters as they may be able to add their support when/ if required:

The Food Bank , presently located in Dulverton school, is increasingly in use and will, in time, need to vacate the school for a new location. Also that the person in charge of the governance of the food bank person is retiring and a new person will be required to take charge. At present it is uncertain where it will be located and who will run it.

Youth club in Dulverton has folded and the building is being handed back to Somerset Council. There is a line of thought that the building could be used, not only for the Food Bank but also as a Warm Space and/or a Community Cafe.

Barnes Close Business Units that Somerset Council own and wish to sell off should have a covenant on the sale stating that they remain purely for Industrial usage. It could be that the current business owners may want buy them if/when they come up for sale.

24/071 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is to be Tuesday, September 10th 2024 at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall.

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N. Prouse Chair