

BRYMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRYMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2008 AT THE AIRFIELD TAVERN, BLUEBELL ROAD, YEOVIL (7.30 p.m. - 10.40 p.m.)

PRESENT:

Mrs E Glaisher (Chairman)	Mr R Meecham (Vice-Chairman)
Mr P Dutton	Mr A Graham
Mrs D Jagger	Mr C Legg
Mr A Powell	Mr G Pritchard
Mr P Seib	Mrs M Thomas (7.35 p.m. - 10.40 p.m.)

Mr S Crabb, County Councillor	Mr J Richardson, County Councillor
Mrs E James, Clerk	

101/08. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF THE REASONS

An apology for absence, by reason of work commitments, was received from Mr Shutler; this apology was accepted & approved.

102/08. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

Following the resignation of Mrs C Edwards the vacancy had been advertised in accordance with LGA 1972. An application for co-option had been received from Mrs M Thomas. Mrs Glaisher proposed and it was unanimously RESOLVED to co-opt Mrs Thomas to the Council. Mrs Thomas signed the declaration of office and proceeded to take part in the meeting.

103/08. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PARISH COUNCILS (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT) ORDER 2007

Mr Meecham declared a personal interest in items concerning the District Council, as an employee of South Somerset District Council, in particular with agenda item 9(a) - Flood Awareness Workshops/Presentation. Mr Seib declared that as a District Councillor, he may be asked to consider matters at the District tier, which have already been considered by Brympton Parish Council. When this happens he will have to reconsider the matter at the District Council level, taking into account all relevant evidence and representations made at that time. Similarly, as a District Councillor and Portfolio Holder, he declared a Personal Interest in any agenda items affecting the relationship between Brympton Parish and South Somerset District Council.

104/08. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27TH AUGUST 2008

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on 27th August 2008.

105/08. CRIME, DISORDER and COMMUNITY SAFETY

- (a) Mr Powell gave details on Operation Flake, a summer operation to combat antisocial behaviour in the open spaces of Yeovil, which had reduced reports of antisocial behaviour related crime by 40% over the six week school holiday period. PC Hall had advised that the wiggly path was a priority area for the Police.
- (b) Somerset Road Safety Partnership - Driver Awareness Courses - it was AGREED to advertise this in Newslink to gauge interest from parishioners.
- (c) Annual Community Policing Awards - NOTED.
- (d) It was NOTED that the Clerk attended a "Safer, Stronger Neighbourhood" event on 8th September.
- (e) It was NOTED that on 6th September a fire took place in a drum at the far end of the Abbey Industrial Estate with reports of toxic smelling smoke. Mr Seib agreed to raise concerns that the emergency Environmental Health SSDC telephone number was unanswered.

106/08. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

107/08. REPORTS FROM:

(a) SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Mr Crabb gave an update on County Council activities. Mr Crabb attended the opening of the new buildings at Preston Primary School. Mr Crabb advised that he had agreed to purchase crockery and cutlery for the Abbey Community Centre.

(b) DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Mr Seib gave an update on District Council activities, the Regional Spatial Strategy consultation and the Sustainable Community Strategy consultation.

(c) PARISH REPRESENTATIVES - None

108/08. CLERK'S REPORT

- (a) Street naming at Alvington (min. no. 92/08) - the suggestion made by the Parish Council of Golden Acre was forwarded to the developer who decided that they wished to name the road Golden Acres. However an objection has been raised through the Courts, being that Golden Acres was the name of the firm formerly using the land. After researching old field names it was agreed to propose the name "Highmere" as an alternative to Golden Acres.
- (b) Street Lighting (min. no. 88/08(f) - It was NOTED that a request for quotations for the spinal path footpath had only recently been sent out by SCC. SCC are still investigating the possibility of a street light at the Athelney Way sub-station.
- (c) Jointly funded post (min. no. 88/08(b) - It was NOTED that SSDC had advised that two part-time rangers would start work on 22nd September. A meeting of the working party will take place on 6th November at Lufton Depot.
- (d) Construction of a cycleway/footpath and a footbridge for community use (min. no. 91/08) - it was NOTED that the licence to carry out the works had been completed. The two contractors had been advised of this and the project should be completed by 24th October.
- (e) Training of Clerk - advice had been sought from SALC with regard to the possibility of asking Odcombe Parish Council to consider a "clustering" project with regard to training costs of the Clerk. Mr Lacey is currently seeking advice on VAT implications.
- (f) Trees in Western Avenue - it was NOTED that a further request for a copy of the draft scheme has been made.
- (g) Abbey Manor Industrial Park (Min.No. 85/08(c)) - It was NOTED that Mr G Tucker, SSDC, will be investigating this.
- (h) Spring bulb planting (min. no. 44/08) - it was NOTED that planting of 2000 bulbs by SSDC will take place in the parish on 5th November at 11.30 a.m. with the assistance of students from Lufton College
- (i) Lawrence Way - (min. no. 89/008(f)) - it was NOTED that the naming order for Lawrence Way had been sealed and SSDC has ordered nameplates. It is expected that the erection of the nameplates will take approximately two months to complete. SSDC has been asked whether an official opening can be held when the nameplates are installed. It was AGREED that as soon as SSDC advise that the name plates are in position an official naming will be held.

(j) The Forum - it was NOTED that a complaint received about the uneven paving stones at the top of the steps adjacent to the Dr's surgery had been passed on to Debbie Moseley. It was also noted that steps have now been constructed between The Arrow and the car park.

It was RESOLVED to bring forward agenda item 10.

109/08. PLANNING
(a) DECISIONS ON APPLICATIONS

08/00005/FUL - Members were asked to note that the appeal by South Somerset Homes Ltd against refusal had been **DISMISSED**. Members were asked to note the approval, with conditions, of applications nos. **08/02923/FUL, 08/02936/FUL and 08/02961/FUL**.

(b) APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED (UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 79) BEFORE THIS MEETING

In accordance with Standing Order no. 79, Councillors NOTED and APPROVED the recommendation made for the following applications:

08/02736/FUL - relocation of existing Elliott type demountable classroom block from Yeovil College to the small animal management complex at Lufton College (GR 351946/117016)

Lufton Manor College, Lufton

RECOMMENDATION: The Parish Council has reviewed the response from Lufton Manor College to the points raised in the Council's recommendation for refusal. The Council still consider that the application should be refused.

08/03639/FUL - the erection of a conservatory (GR 353690/116790)

3 Shelley Close

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

(c) APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

The meeting was closed to enable public debate.

The meeting was re-opened to consider the applications and it was AGREED to make the following recommendations:

08/03150/FUL - Alterations and the erection of a two storey rear extension to dwellinghouse (GR 352656/116241)

37 Jasmine Close

RECOMMENDATION: Approval, although the Parish Council has concerns over this application, being:

Serious concerns over the loss of amenity to the adjacent property,;

Concerns over flooding, a condition would be required for a French drain to intercept surface drainage;

Window on side would require obscure glazing;

Concerns over car parking and the possibility of increased car parking near to the children's play area.

08/03634/COU - the change of use of premises from Use Class B1 (Light Industrial) to Use Class D2 (Assembly and Leisure as a Dance Studio)(GR 352350/116868)

4, 5 and 6 Artillery Road

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

8/03756/FUL - the erection of a two storey office, development with associated car parking and cycle stores (GR352555/116872)

Wynford House, Lufton Way

RECOMMENDATION: Approval, subject to:

A condition to ensure the protection and safety of the trees on site.

The creation of a pedestrian access at the rear of the site - to give pedestrians easy access to local facilities at lunch time, etc.

(d) PLANNING/DEVELOPMENT UPDATES - None

(e) NOMINATIONS FOR PLANNING WORKING GROUP TO CONSIDER FORTHCOMING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was AGREED that Mrs Jagger and Mr Pritchard would be members of the Planning Working Party for the month.

110/08. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) SSDC - Flood Awareness Workshops/Presentations - NOTED, to be included in Newslink.

- **Community Led Plans - integrating with the planning system** - NOTED.

(b) Somerset Waste Management Partnership - NOTED.

(c) Somerset Playing Fields Association - NOTED.

(d) Mr F Burroughes - proposed naming of Golden Acres - NOTED.

(e) SSDC - Pioneer Somerset: Devolution of Services Survey - to be circulated for discussion at the next meeting.

(f) SSDC - South Somerset Sports Awards 2008 - NOTED.

111/08. THE REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY

It was AGREED that the Clerk would respond, following consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman if considered necessary.

112./08 LOCAL INITIATIVES BUDGET

It was NOTED that the Local Initiatives Budget Working Party visited the Jubilee Hall at Winsham and a further meeting of the Working Party took place on 22nd September. The Working Party had pin-pointed three projects as objectives:

(a) Broadband/Wi-Fi//teaching facilities at the Abbey Community Centre

(b) Street lighting at Athelney Way steps

(c) A Brympton focused bus timetable

After consideration of the projects and the requirements of the Local Initiatives Budget scheme, it was AGREED that no further action would be taken and no grant request submitted.

113/08. OAK TREE PARK

(a) **Replacement youth shelter** - At the meeting of 25th June 2008 (min. no. 36/08(c) it had been agreed to defer consideration of a replacement youth shelter to this meeting. It was AGREED to investigate the costings for a youth shelter which could be considered for funding during 2009-2010. It was further agreed to seek further information on a youth shelter which is sited adjacent to the Morrisons store at Wincanton.

(b) **Football project** - It was NOTED that PCSO Phimister had withdrawn a request that the Council consider offering funding towards a football project for Oak Tree Par.

114/08. HIGHER REAM PLAY AREA

(a) **Painting of play equipment and fencing**

The painting of play equipment and fencing at Higher Ream has been carried out. On a visit to the site damage to the junior swings, which were not part of the contract, was noticed. After consulting with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman it was agreed to pay an additional £30 for the rubbing down & repainting of the frame. Councillors NOTED and APPROVED this action.

(b) **Annual playground inspection and risk assessment**

The annual playground inspection and risk assessment was carried out on 25th June by Mr Barnes, SSDC. It was AGREED that the Clerk would seek quotations as necessary.

(c) **Maintenance of play equipment**

It was NOTED that quarterly maintenance of swings at Higher Ream had been carried out by Mr Meecham. However, the new roundabout will also require maintenance. It was NOTED and approved that, following discussion with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, quotations are being sought for this regular maintenance work to be carried out.

115/08. HIGHWAY MATTERS

(a) Somerset Local Transport Plan 2 - NOTED

(b) SCC Temporary Road Closure - Vagg Lane - closed for 10 days starting from 29th September 2008 - NOTED.

116/08. ABBEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Association had submitted a request that the Council consider acting as guarantor for a loan of £40,000 over 15 years. The Association also requested that the Council consider paying the Association the funding reserved by the Parish Council, in order to improve the cash flow. After discussion Mrs Glaisher proposed and it was RESOLVED to act as a guarantor for the Association for a loan of up to £40,000. Mrs Glaisher proposed and it was RESOLVED to give £19,423.00 to the Association to improve the cash flow. It was AGREED to suggest to the Association that they ask SSDC to consider making a loan to the Association.

117/08. NEW COUNCILLOR TRAINING

It was RESOLVED to approve the attendance by Mr Shutler at a SALC New Councillors training event on 15th October at a cost of £20.

118/08. LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2003.

Recommendations of the South Somerset independent remuneration panel in respect of allowances for parish councillors were NOTED. It was AGREED that no changes would be made to the current allowances and that the mileage allowance would remain at 40p per mile.

119/08. FINANCE

(a) It was NOTED that a satisfactory short audit had been held on 16th October by Mr King, the Internal Auditor and a letter from Mr King was circulated at the meeting. Mr King advised that the interest received on the Bonus Saver account (Clerk's gratuity fund) be included with the interest on the deposit account when summarising receipts and payments. This amendment has now been made. Mr King found no other matters to draw to Council's attention.

(b) To review the budget to date - NOTED.

(c) The bank reconciliation statement circulated at the meeting was NOTED and APPROVED.

(d) It was NOTED that a direct debit of £62.22 was taken by BT from the bank account on 18 September. Councillors NOTED that there was an increased number of mobile telephone calls during this quarter due to "The Noise 2008"

(e) A VAT repayment of £1770.96 for the period 1 March 2008 - 31 July 2008 was NOTED.

(f) The receipt of £44.54 given towards the cost of "The Noise 2008 was NOTED.

(g) It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

BDW Trading Ltd (Barratt Homes)	£1661.25
SSDC - Annual playground inspection & risk assessment	£76.37
SALC - new Councillor training	£20.00
Mr A Powell	£20.00
Mr G Pritchard	£20.00
Mr P Seib	£15.00
Mrs E M James - Corporate Management & Democratic Core	£1028.43 + £66.78
HMRC	£941.37
Abbey Community Association	£19,423.00

120/08. ITEMS DISTRIBUTED

Yeovil District Hospital - News from YDH

CPRE - Fieldwork September 2008

Clerks & Councils Direct - September 2008

Standards Board - Town & Parish Standard Sept 2008

121/08. QUESTIONS AND ITEMS ARISING AFTER THE PREPARATION OF THIS AGENDA, WHICH THE CHAIRMAN AGREES TO TAKE AS URGENT. SUCH MATTERS FOR NOTING OR DEFERRAL TO A FUTURE MEETING

122/08. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Consideration of requests for grants.

Pioneer Somerset: Devolution of Services Survey