

BRYMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRYMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28TH JANUARY 2009 AT THE
FUNCTION ROOM OF THE AIRFIELD TAVERN, BLUEBELL ROAD (7.30 p.m. - 10.10 p.m.)

Mrs E Glaisher (Chairman)
Mr M Amor
Mr A Graham (7.39 p.m. - 10.10 p.m.)
Mr C Legg
Mr P Seib (7.40 p.m. - 10.10 p.m.)
Mrs M Thomas

Mr R Meecham (Vice-Chairman)
Mr P Dutton (7.30 p.m. - 9.50 p.m.)
Mrs D Jagger
Mr G Pritchard (7.35 p.m.-10.10 p.m.)
Mr D Shutler

Mr S Crabb (County Councillor)
PCSO G Phimister

Mr J Richardson (District Councillor)
Mrs E M James (Clerk)

Mr F Sturman, Mrs F Sturman, Mrs B Strong (Abbey Community Association) & Mr K Farmer, Project Manager

211/08. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE REASONS

None

212/08. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PARISH COUNCILS (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT) ORDER 2007

Mr Legg declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 6 as Council representative on the Abbey Community Centre Committee. Mr Meecham declared a personal interest in items concerning the District Council, as an employee of South Somerset District Council.

213/08. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7TH JANUARY 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th January 2009 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Mr Pritchard arrived at the meeting at 7.35 p.m. Mr Graham arrived at 7.38 p.m. & Mr Seib arrived at 7.40 p.m.

214/08. PRESENTATION BY MRS A DIFFEY ON THE SOMERSET RURAL YOUTH PROJECT

Mrs A Diffey of the Somerset Rural Youth Project gave a presentation on the work of the SRYP. It was noted that the SRYP are currently building up a profile of the parish. SYRP will be visiting Oak Tree Park on 9th February to speak with young people and it was agreed to seek permission from SSDC to site the SWRP bus within the park. It was noted that a donation of approximately £300 would be requested on completion of a project within the parish. Mrs Diffey advised that regular progress reports will be made to the Council.

215/08. CRIME, DISORDER and COMMUNITY SAFETY

- (a) Graffiti at Higher Ream - Members were advised that the multi-unit and new roundabout had been vandalized with graffiti. SSDC had ensured that the racist remarks had been obliterated.
- (b) Chief Superintendent Watson, newsletter - NOTED.
- (c) SCC - 'Safe in your Community', booklet on community safety - NOTED.
- (d) Mendip & South Somerset Community Safety Partnership, "PACT, Partners and Communities Together" - NOTED.

It was RESOLVED to bring forward agenda item 6. (Abbey Community Centre)

216/08. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PARISH COUNCILS (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT) ORDER 2007

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.

217/08. ABBEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

At the last meeting (min. no. 205/08) it was AGREED that the Treasurer of the Association, together with Mr K Farmer, project manager, be asked to attend this meeting and also supply additional information to the Council. A report summarizing the information requested from the Abbey Community Association had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. The meeting closed to enable public discussion to take place on the building project and outstanding financial commitments. The meeting was re-opened.

Mr Legg left the meeting.

After consideration of the report given in the agenda Mr Seib proposed and it was RESOLVED to apply for loan sanction approval from the Department for Communities and Local Government, to borrow £28,000. It was further RESOLVED that, providing loan approval is given, an application be made to the Public Works Loan Board for the loan, with a minimum fee payable to the Board of £25 and repayments to be paid half-yearly and authorized by a direct debit mandate. Mr Dutton requested that his vote against the motion be recorded in the minutes. It was also agreed that a letter be sent to the Association advising them that the Council would not expect the Association to apply for further grants during the loan period.

Mr Legg returned to the meeting.

215/08. CRIME, DISORDER and COMMUNITY SAFETY (Cont.)

(e) Concerns were raised that the lights at The Forum were still not working. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Abbey Manor Homes Ltd to request urgent action and also refer this to the SSDC Community Safety Officer.

218/08. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

219/08. REPORTS FROM

(a) DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Mr Seib gave an update on the work of the District Council and it was agreed that an agenda item at the next meeting would be financing and working in partnership with other authorities. He advised that the draft corporate plan had been issued. Mr Richardson gave an update on the sports zone project.

(b) SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Mr Crabb gave an update on the work of the County Council. Concerns were raised that the new Joint Area South Committee meeting dates were difficult for County Councillors to attend due to other Council meetings.

(c) PARISH REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

(i) YEOVIL CREMATORIUM & CEMETERY COMMITTEE - Mrs Thomas had attended a meeting of the Crematorium & Cemetery Committee. It had been agreed that the cemetery wall required replacing and that the cemetery lodge would be repaired and refurbished.

(ii) Abbey Community Association - Mr Legg reported on the last Community Association meeting.

220/08. CLERK'S REPORT

(a) Advice has been received from the South Somerset Association for Voluntary & Community Action Ltd regarding grants available for youth shelters (min. no. 202/08(d)). It was AGREED that no further action would be taken until after SRYP report their findings to the Council.

(b) New Bridge (min. no. 202/08(e)) - it has been agreed that the Open Space Ranger will paint the bridge with stain when the weather is suitable.

(c) Thorne Coffin Jubilee Hall - a letter of thanks has been received for the grant made by the Council.

(d) Abbey Community Association - a letter of thanks has been received for the furnishings supplied to the Parish Room.

(e) Graffiti on multi-unit and new roundabout at Higher Ream - the Chairman & Vice-Chairman have approved the following action taken by the Clerk, after discussion with SSDC, with regard to Higher Ream:

Within one month Mr Boarder, Play Inspector, will attempt to:

remove the paint from the roundabout

remove the paint from the floor of the multi-unit

SSDC will charge out the time spent at an hourly rate.

The multi-unit panels and roundabout will require repainting in the summer. It was agreed to check with the SSDC Graffiti team on whether any further action could be taken.

221/08. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Somerset Art Works - to advise that Somerset Art Weeks 09 will run from 19 September - 4 October 2009. It was AGREED that this would be considered fully at the next meeting.

(b) SSDC - it was NOTED that the next Flood Awareness Event has been arranged on 12th February.

(c) SSDC - Annual Rights of Way Survey - Mr Shutler agreed to carry out the survey and advise the Clerk accordingly.

(d) SCC - Explore Somerset - NOTED.

(e) SCC & Somerset PCT - Somerset Joint Strategic Needs Assessment - NOTED.

(f) SSDC - South Somerset Joint Area Committees - it was noted that the first joint committee would be held on Wednesday 4th February and that Mrs Barbara Strong of Yeovil Without had been appointed as Parish Council representative on the new Committee.

222/08. PLANNING

(a) DECISIONS ON APPLICATIONS

Members were asked to note the refusal of applications 08/04865/FUL and 08/04967/LBC.

(b) APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

09/00013/FUL - the erection of a two storey office development with associated car parking and cycle stores (GR 352555/116872)
Wynford House, Lufton Way

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

09/00263/FUL - the erection of a two storey extension to existing storage unit (GR 352348/116972)

Unit 1, 5 Limber Road

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

Mr Dutton left the meeting at 9.50 p.m.

(c) PLANNING/DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

It was AGREED to advise the Planning Enforcement Officer that the Land of Leather sign is still illuminated at night.

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

It was AGREED that Mrs Jagger and Mrs Thomas would be members of the Planning Working Group for the month.

223/08. RISK ASSESSMENT

Further to Min. no. 185/08 the risks regarding ensuring business continuity had been investigated and additional wording proposed. It was resolved to approve the revised risk assessment.

224/08. YEOVIL IN BLOOM

At the meeting held on 17th December it had been agreed that the Clerk would ascertain whether the Yeovil in Bloom Committee was aware of the Council's involvement in Yeovil in Bloom and also how the Committee membership was decided (min. no. 195/08). Mr Tawse, Yeovil Town Clerk, had requested that should a Councillor be interested in joining the Panel, he would put this to the next meeting of the Yeovil in Bloom Committee. It was agreed to request that Mr Shutler be considered to join the Committee.

225/08. HIGHWAY MATTERS

(a) Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 - it was NOTED that Stiby Road will be closed for 2 days from 16th February 2009.

(b) It was NOTED that the nameplates for Lawrence Way had been installed.

(c) It was AGREED that the Clerk would check whether the Council would be consulted on a planning application for Garador Ltd, which might have highway implications for the parish.

227608. FINANCE

- (a) The bank reconciliation statement, circulated at the meeting, was NOTED and APPROVED.
 (b) The budget for 2008-2009 was reviewed. and approved.
 (c) It was NOTED and APPROVED that the Clerk's salary payment, in the sum of £998.44, was made prior to the meeting.
 (d) It was RESOLVED to approve the schedule of payments, listed below. It was NOTED that the cost of the street light had been reduced.

PAYMENT DETAILS	STAT. AUTHORITY	COST	VAT INCLUDED
St James Scout Group - delivery of Newslink	LGA 1982, s. 142)	£108.85	
Somerset County Council	Parish Councils Act 1957, s.3	£3,234.58	421.9
SLCC - Practitioners Conference	LGA 1972, s. 112(2)	£145.48	18.98
DCK Beavers Ltd	LGA 1972 s.151	£339.25	44.25
RBS Software Solutions	LGA 1972 s.151	£86.25	11.25
Abbey Community Association	LGA 1972, s 134(4)	£75.00	
Mrs E M James	LGA 1972, s. 112(2) + LGA 1972 ss 15(5)	£56.84	0.11

- (e) It was NOTED that a direct debit for a BT bill in the sum of £49.35 was taken on or after 21st Dec 2008.

227/08. ITEMS FOR DISTRIBUTION

SSDC - Tree Talk, January 2009
 Clerks & Councils Direct - January 2009
 Yeovil in Bloom Newsletter - Winter 2008/Spring 2009
 Somerset Community Council - Thatch , Winter 2008

228/08. QUESTIONS AND ITEMS ARISING AFTER THE PREPARATION OF THIS AGENDA, WHICH THE CHAIRMAN AGREES TO TAKE AS URGENT. SUCH MATTERS ARE FOR NOTING OR DEFERRAL TO A FUTURE MEETING.

Mr Meecham advised that Newslink would shortly be going for printing. It was NOTED that the SCC local government elections have been deferred from 7 May 2009 to 4 June 2009, being the European Parliament election day.

229/08. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Financing and working in partnership with other authorities
 Review of internal control
 Somerset Arts Weeks

230/08. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m. on 25th February 2009 at the Parish Room, Abbey Community Centre.