

BRYMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of BRYMPTON PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 25th February 2009 at the Parish Room of the Abbey Community Centre (7.30 p.m. - 9.50 p.m.)

Mrs E Glaisher (Chairman)
Mr M Amor
Mr A Graham
Mr C Legg
Mr P Seib (7.35 p.m. - 9.50 p.m.)
Mrs M Thomas (8.35 p.m. - 9.50 p.m.)

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

Mr S Crabb (County Councillor)
Mrs E M James (Clerk)

Mr J Richardson (District Councillor)

231/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE REASONS

None

232/08 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. Mr Legg declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 16 (f) as a member of the Abbey Community Association.

233/08 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28th JANUARY 2009

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 28th January 2009.

234/08 CRIME, DISORDER and COMMUNITY SAFETY

Concerns were raised over a recent mugging on Abbey Manor Park, it was noted that the police are appealing for information. It was further noted that PCSO Phimister had raised concerns with Savills regarding broken security fencing and open door at the ice-cream factory.

235/08 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

236/08. 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.

237/08 REPORTS FROM:

(a) DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

An update was given on District Council activities. The first Joint Area South Committee had taken place. It was noted that the South Somerset Local Biodiversity Action Plan had been adopted.

(b) PARISH REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES & MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

Mr Legg had attended the meeting of the Abbey Community Association and advised that no final bill had been received from the builders.

238/08 REVIEW OF THE DURATION OF COUNCIL MEETINGS AND DISCUSSION ON HOW THIS MAY BE IMPROVED

It was AGREED that no report from County, District & Parish Representatives would exceed ten minutes, with an extension of time for questions to be given at the Chairman's discretion.

239/08 CLERK'S REPORT

- (a) Highway lighting (min. no. 206/08) - It was NOTED that a works order has been placed with Balfour Beatty Infrastructure Services
- (b) Abbey Community Centre (min. no. 217/08) - It was NOTED that loan sanction approval had been received from the Department for Communities and Local Government and in accordance with min. no. 217/08 Agreement No. 495330 had been set up with the Public Works Loan Board at a fixed rate of 1.88%. The total cost over the 5 year period will be £29467.90, half-yearly payment of £2,946.79 to be made. The first payment will be paid on 24th August and then 24th February 2010. The last payment will be made on 24th Feb 2014 and this payment will differ slightly by a few pence.
- (c) Lights at The Forum, Abbey Manor Park - it was NOTED that the lights have now been repaired.
- (d) Yeovil in Bloom (min. no. 224/08) - It was NOTED that the Committee will meet on 17th March and will consider the request for Mr Shutler to become a member.
- (e) Newslink - It was NOTED that the recent edition had to be printed on 80g paper but future issues will be printed on 120g paper. The Clerk will obtain new quotations for printing of Newslink and bring to the next meeting for consideration.
- (f) Oak Tree Park - with regard to concerns raised regarding the path into Oak Tree Park being slippery during recent bad weather, SSDC had advised that they considered the problem was an occasional event, where due care and attention needed to be taken. Mr Meecham will inspect and monitor the site.
- (g) LOSP - it was NOTED that the new noticeboard had been delivered to SSDC for installing on site. Mr Meecham will prepare the art work required for the board.
- (i) It was NOTED that the Clerk would attend the SLCC Practitioners Conference on 27th & 28th February, followed by one week's leave.

240/08 REPORT FROM SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Mr Crabb gave an update on County Council activities. He advised that he would be meeting with Mr Fry of YTFC to discuss traffic concerns and would request that Mr Seib and Mr Richardson also be invited to attend the meeting. It was considered that the Club should promote on-site and industrial estate car parking. It was agreed that Mr Seib and Mr Richardson would investigate whether it was possible to re-start the Football Liaison Committee. The three main complaints were inconsiderate parking, illegal parking and the length of time taken to clear Stourton Way.

241/08 CORRESPONDENCE

SALC - Promotion of "The Power of Well-Being" - NOTED.

SCC - Somerset Cultural Olympiad Newsletter - NOTED.

Rural Services Network - As membership is free by reason of SSDC being members, it was AGREED to join The Rural Services Network.

It was NOTED that a letter from Mrs Holloway, - regarding the possibility of a bus depot being built on the Bunford site, had been forwarded to SSDC, Yeovil Vision, SSC & SSDC Councillors.

242/08 PLANNING

(a) DECISIONS ON APPLICATION

Members were asked to note the approval, with conditions, of application nos. 08/01555/FUL, 08/05052/FUL, 08/05289/FUL & 08/05328/FUL

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

In accordance with Standing Order no. 79, Councillors NOTED & APPROVED the recommendation for approval of the following application:

09/00115/FUL - the installation of three new loading doors and dock levelers to the rear/south elevation (GR 353222/115563)
Garador Factory, Bunford Lane

(c) 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, subject to a condition/obligation to secure the pedestrian access. On drawing No. 2773-P.04 revision A there is no pedestrian access shown either at the vehicular entrance at the north-west of the site or at the south-west of the site, as mentioned in the Design and Access statement. The Parish Council considers this essential to promote sustainable non-car travel. The Parish Council will continue to take a very strong interest in tree preservation on this historic site.

09/00202/FUL - the erection of a detached garage (GR353064/116662)

4 Sutton Grange

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

Mr Seib declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application 09/00507/ADV as SSDC Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Planning & Transport and left the hall

09/00507/ADV - the display of a non-illuminated "V" shaped freestanding sign (GR 352648/117164)

Land fronting Playing Field, Lufton Way

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

Mr Seib returned to the hall

(c) PLANNING/DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

(i) **08/01555/FUL (Golden Acres)** - A letter from the Planning Officer responsible for this application, detailing why the application was approved, was NOTED.

(ii) **Lighting at Land of Leather** - It was NOTED that the Planning Enforcement was trying to get the sign switched off.

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

It was agreed that Mr Amor and Mrs Glaisher would be members of the planning working group for the month.

243/08 SOMERSET ART WORKS

Using Section 145 of LGA 1972, to assist in furthering the activities of Somerset Art Works it was RESOLVED to approve a grant of £30 to Somerset Art Works .

244/08 FINANCING AND WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER AUTHORITIES

Discussion took place on the benefits gained by parishioners using Yeovil town centre. It was considered that a partnership agreement was not necessary. It was agreed to write to the Clerk of Yeovil Town Council and suggest that letters be written to all Councils adjacent to Yeovil asking for financial support towards the Christmas lighting scheme in the town centre.

245/08 CLERK'S TRAINING

It was RESOLVED to approve expenditure of £40 to enable the Clerk to attend the SALC training package for the Power of Well-Being Module of CILCA (AQA) qualification. It was NOTED that there would be a charge for sitting the module and the cost would be advised at the next meeting.

246/08 PARISH COUNCIL WEB SITE

It was RESOLVED to approve expenditure in the sum of £395 for a new interactive web site through Vision IC. It was NOTED that the basic hosting fee after the first year would be £175. Additional expenditure would be required for the setting up and hosting of forums, questionnaires, etc. It was AGREED to review the site after it had been set up by the Clerk.

247/08 HIGHWAY MATTERS

It was agreed to notify County Highways of the dangerous surface of the zebra crossing on Stourton Way adjacent to The Forum. It was agreed to advise Mr Crabb that the pedestrian refuge on Stourton Way (spinal path) has still not been repaired, although it was originally reported in November 2008.

248/08 FINANCE

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

(b) Payment of the Clerk's salary, made prior to the meeting, in the sum of £998.64 was NOTED and APPROVED.

(c) The direct debit mandate for the Public Works Loan Board, as approved (min. no. 217/08) was signed .

(d) It was NOTED that cheque no. 001353 was cancelled and sent to the Public Works Loan Board for the purpose of proof of identity.

- (e) It was NOTED that an internal audit was carried out by Mr King on 24th February, in accordance with the calendar of checks. There were no matters to draw to the Council's attention.
- (f) It was RESOLVED to approve the following schedule of payments:.

PAYMENT DETAILS	STAT. AUTHORITY	COST	VAT INCLUDED
SSDC - printing of Newslink	LGA 1982, s. 142)	£356.77	46.54
Malcolm Lane & Son Ltd	LGA 1982, s. 142) Min. no. 163/08 refers	£1,178.75	153.75
SALC - training cost	LGA 1972, s. 112(2)	£40.00	
Abbey Community Association	LGA 1972, s. 133	£28,000.00	
Royal Mail	LGA 1982, s. 142)	£74.54	
Mrs E M James	LGA 1972, s. 112(2) + LGA 1982, s. 142	£106.26	0.23
SAW Ltd	LGA 1972, s. 145	£30.00	

249/09 ITEMS TO BE DISTRIBUTED

South Somerset Voluntary & Community Action - January 2009 newsletter
 South Somerset 2009 Countryside Events 2009
 The Playing Field
 Arts Directory - South Somerset

250/09 QUESTIONS AND ITEMS ARISING AFTER THE PREPARATION OF THIS AGENDA, WHICH THE CHAIRMAN AGREED TO TAKE AS URGENT, SUCH MATTERS BEING FOR NOTING OR DEFERRAL TO A FUTURE MEETING.

It was AGREED that there would be an agenda item on all aspects of Newslink at the next meeting, including delivery schedule, costs of delivering to industrial estates and new quotations for printing..

251/09 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Review of crime statistics
 Western Avenue Tree scheme
 Newslink
 Review of internal control
 Consideration of grants under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972

252/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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