

BRYMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRYMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25th JANUARY 2012 AT THE PARISH ROOM, ABBEY COMMUNITY CENTRE (7.30 P.M. – 9.35 P.M.)

Present:

Mrs E Glaisher (Chairman)	Mr R Meecham (Vice-Chairman)
Mr Bond	Mr P Dutton
Mr E Galjaard	Mr G Pritchard (from 7.35 p.m.)
Mr P Seib	Mr J Strong
Mr P Taylor	

218/11 TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence, by reason of ill-health, was received from Mr P Sealey. An apology for absence, by reason of work commitments, was received from Mr D Shutter.

219/11 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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 for Regulatory & Democratic Services he declared a Personal Interest in any agenda items affecting the relationship between Brympton Parish and South Somerset District Council. Mr Meecham declared a personal interest in items concerning the District Council, as an employee of South Somerset District Council. Mr Bond declared a personal interest in items concerning Yarlington Housing Group, as an employee of the Group. Mr Taylor declared a personal interest in items concerning the Brympton Allotments Association, as Chairman of the Association.

220/11 MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 21st DECEMBER 2011

It was RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 21st December 2011 as a true record.

221/11 CRIME, DISORDER and COMMUNITY SAFETY

(a) Report from Crime, Disorder & Community Safety representative.

- (i) Mr Galjaard advised that would be attending a presentation on the Community Justice Panel on 30th January and would report back on its work at the next meeting.
- (ii) It was noted that the Police were appreciative that notices requesting information on the recent graffiti incidents had been placed on Council noticeboards
- (iii) It was noted that a garage had been broken into at Athelney Way.
- (iv) Mr Galjaard advised that in November 2012 elected Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) will replace police authorities in England and Wales. The PCCs' responsibilities will include setting local community safety priorities and funding community safety activity to meet those priorities.

(b) Mr Pritchard requested an update on an incident where cars were vandalised along Stourton Way.

222/11 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman advised that a parish cluster meeting would be held on 1st February.

223/11 REPORTS FROM:

(a) SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCILLOR,

There was no report from Councillor Crabb but members were advised that a petition for a pedestrian crossing on Stourton Way had been presented to County Councillor David Hall. It was AGREED to request an update from Councillor on the adoption of Percivale Road.

(b) DISTRICT COUNCILLORS,

Mr Seib provided an update on the work of the District Council. He advised that the main Council meeting had focused on changes to the benefits system, which is being centralized. Two Community Governance Reviews had taken place. The local development framework was moving towards its second consultation and public consultation will take place in the summer. Mr Seib had chaired a workshop on the community infrastructure levy. A percentage of the levy will be paid to the parish, to be spent within the locality.

(c) PARISH REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES and MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

Written reports received on SCC Bus Service Reductions, the YTFC Parking liaison committee and the Cemetery & Crematorium Committee are attached to the minutes. Mr Pritchard gave a report on the Abbey Community Association. Mr Pritchard advised that the pre-school would leave the hall by September and the hall would need to be promoted to fill the vacant sessions. The association were seeking to employ a person to carry out bookings, website & marketing, had changed fuel suppliers and made a bid for funding to promote fuel efficiency.

224/11 CLERK'S REPORT

- (a) It had been agreed at the meeting held on 23rd November (min. 180/11) to discuss YTFC development proposals at this meeting. It was NOTED that as no planning application for the proposed development by YTFC at Huish Park had been received during the preparation of this agenda the Chairman agreed that this item be deferred until the application is received.
- (b) Consultation on Somerset's Waste Core Strategy (min. no. 209/11) – it was NOTED that a copy of the response made is available from the Clerk.
- (c) Consultation on Somerset's Parking Strategy (min. no. 210/11) - it was NOTED that a copy of the response made is available from the Clerk.
- (d) Footpath Y3/6 (Forum to Stourton Way) (min. no. 204/11(b)) - it was NOTED that this has substantially been cleared of debris and litter.
- (e) it was NOTED that SSDC had advised that the King Arthur Drive name plate should be installed during January 2012.
- (f) Monks Dale/Abbots Way (min. no. 204/11 - it was NOTED that a response was awaited regarding who is responsible for maintenance of the trees in the stream at Monks Dale/Monks Dale
- (g) Annual leave – it was NOTED that the office will close from 6th February, re-opening on 13th February, for the purpose of annual leave.
- (h) Post Office provision – it was NOTED that SSDC had advised that a response is still awaited from the Co-op at Westfield as to whether they will provide a post office counter.
- (i) The Noise 2012 – it was NOTED that Crucial BMX will not be able to attend this event and that a meeting is being arranged between the Urban Warriors and the Clerk to progress the event. A working party will be formed and Mrs Glaisher, Mr Pritchard and Mr Seib agreed to be members.
- (j) Lighting at The Forum (min. no. 212/11(b) – it was NOTED that a response has been received from Mr Williams, Chief Executive, SSDC, and will available for Councillors to read at the meeting.

225/11 CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) SCC - Local Choice Events – Mrs Glaisher will attend the meeting to be held at the Edgar Hall, Somerton on 21st February.
- (b) SSDC – SCC Local Choice Events – NOTED.
- (c) SCC & NHS Somerset – summary of Somerset's joint strategic needs assessment (JSNA) 2011 – NOTED.
- (d) South Somerset Together Assembly – NOTED.
- (e) Environment Agency Interactive River and Sea Level Map - NOTED.
- (f) SSDC – Proposed customer service charter – NOTED.
- (g) Western Gazette Pride Awards – NOTED.
- (h) Preston School –request for sponsorship – NOTED.
- (i) Somerset Strategic Housing Partnership - Interim Tenancy Strategy Consultation – NOTED.
- (j) Green Connect South West - It was AGREED that Mr Bond and Mr Taylor would attend the free event to be held on 25th February at Bridgewater.

226/11 PLANNING

(a) DECISIONS ON APPLICATIONS

Members were asked to note the approval, with conditions, of application no. 11/04322/ADV.

(b) APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED (UNDER STANDING ORDER 3(b)(xvi))BEFORE THIS MEETING

In accordance with Standing Order no. 3(b)(xvi), Councillors NOTED the recommendation made for the following application:

11/05104/S73 – application to vary conditions 3 and 4 (Materials) of planning approval 10/02972/FUL for the erection of a dwelling (GTR352644/115977)

Land rear of Fox Cottage, 14 Alvington Lane

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

(c) PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

10/01875/REM – The erection of 696 dwellings, a local neighbourhood centre incorporating retail/office space with associated highway, drainage and landscaping (Revised Scheme). (GR 351985/116577)

Land at Lufton, BA22 8SX

As no comments had been received from County Highways, consideration of the application was deferred.

11/05120/RD3 – the installation of solar PV modules on roof of premises (GR 352232/116737)

SSSDC Transport Depot, 7 Artillery Road, Lufton Trading estate

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL

11/05133/FUL – the erection of a single storey building for use as a coffee shop/café (Use Class A3), provision of associated plant and waste store, reconfiguration of existing car parking, landscaping, access and provision of new pedestrian crossing (GR 352945/116515)

Car Park, Houndstone Retail Park, Western Avenue

Adjacent to parish

RECOMMENDATION: REFUSAL – on the grounds of public safety. The particular concern of the Parish Council is the flow of traffic. The Parish Council is not against the principal of a coffee shop/café but does not like the proposed location or roundabout. Locations suggested were the far corner (close to the Asda roundabout), the area where the burger van is currently sited or on the side of the Halfords building.

(d) PLANNING/DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

(i) Town & Country Planning Act 1990 – Section 198, Town & Country Planning (Trees) Regulations 1999

The South Somerset District (Brympton No. 1) Tree Preservation Order 2012

The above provisional Order, for an Oak tree and a Turkey Oak Tree located adjacent to the main entrance to Lufton Byre, became effective from 13th January 2012.

(ii) Lufton & Brimsmore Key Sites - Mr Strong proposed that a meeting should be arranged with adjacent parishes to discuss the key sites. After some discussion it was agreed to write to adjacent parishes to ascertain whether there would be any interest in holding a meeting. Mrs Glaisher asked that it be recorded she voted against the proposal.

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

It was AGREED that Mr Bond and Mr Galjaard would be members of the Working Group for the forthcoming month.

227/11 DRAFT CORE STRATEGY

It was AGREED that Mr Foyné, Spatial Policy Manager, SSSDC, would be invited to give a presentation on the draft core strategy at an additional meeting to be held on 1st February.

228/11 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

It was AGREED to take no action on a neighbourhood development plan at this time.

229/11 COMMUNITY ASSETS

It was noted that, using the power of the Localism Act, new community rights will ensure that community organisations may nominate an asset for inclusion on a list of assets maintained by the local authority. It was AGREED that the Parish Council would nominate land to the north of the Yeovil Town Football Stadium as an asset for inclusion on the list.

230/11 STANDARDS BOARD

Members noted the expected timetable for changes to the Standards Board Regime as put forward in the Localism Act 2011.

231/11 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES

(a) South Somerset Together – It was AGREED that Mr Seib would be the representative to South Somerset Together.

(b) Staffing Committee – It was AGREED that Mr Taylor and Mr Bond would become members of the Staffing Committee to replace Mr Appleby, who had resigned, and Mr Shuttler, who has stood down from the Committee.

(c) Grievance Working Party – it was AGREED that Mr Sealey would be asked to replace Mr Hanson, who had resigned..

232/11 NEW COUNCILLOR TRAINING

It was NOTED that SALC had been asked whether they would be offering a training event for new Councillors. It was AGREED that should training not be available an induction session will be arranged for Mr Bond & Mr Taylor, in accordance with the Council's Training Plan.

233/11 HIGHER REAM PLAY AREA

(a) It was RESOLVED to approve expenditure of £46.20 for an annual playground inspection at Higher Ream Play Area, to be carried out by SSSDC during June/July 2012. As the equipment had not changed for some time it was AGREED that a risk assessment is not required at this time.

(b) It was RESOLVED to accept the quotation of GB Sport & Leisure for the supply and installation of four seat chains in the sum of £136.00 + VAT.

234/11 THORNE COFFIN JUBILEE HALL

In accordance with its powers under section 133 of the Local Government Act 1972, it was RESOLVED to award a grant of £250 to the Trustees of the Jubilee Hall, Thorne Coffin, to assist in internal and external works.

235/11 BRYMPTON LITERARY FESTIVAL

In accordance with its powers under section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972, It was RESOLVED to award a grant of £50 to The Friends of Brympton House. The grant will assist with the costs of a literature, music & art festival from 20 – 26 April 2012. It was RESOLVED to make a condition that should the event be cancelled that the grant is returned.. Mrs Glaisher asked that it be recorded she had voted against the proposal.

236/11 YOUTH PROVISION

It was AGREED to accept the invitation of Yeovil Town Council join in discussions to explore the merits of adopting a structured approach to the possible joint future delivery of identified youth and community services in the Yeovil area.

237/11 HIGHWAYS

(a) It was NOTED that a report had been sent to County Highways regarding insulation blocks falling onto the road from the building site for the new KFC site at Houndstone Retail Park. County Highways will monitor the site and if necessary contact South Somerset District Council, should further problems occur.

(b) Lighting at The Forum & Spinal Path – it was AGREED that the Clerk would request a PCSO to accompany her on an evening tour of the lighting, to enable faults to be reported.

238/11 FINANCE

(a) Precept 2012-2013 – It was NOTED that at its meeting of 18th January, the Yeovil Crematorium & Cemetery Committee approved an increase of £48.47 in the deficit to be charged to the Parish Council, the total amount chargeable for 2012-2013 being £4066.60. The increase in the total precept from £53,916 in 2011/12 to £54,567 for 2012/13 is 1.21%. It was further NOTED that taking into account the increase in 'Band D' dwelling numbers from 2542 to 2572 (as notified by SSSDC), the net % increase per Band D dwelling would be 0.03%, a 0.55p increase.

(b) Bank Signatories – It was RESOLVED to approve amendments to signatories to the NatWest Bank accounts, being the removal of Mr Appleby and Mr Hanson and the addition of Mr Bond and Mr Taylor.

(c) Bank Reconciliation - The bank reconciliation, as at 31st December 2011, was APPROVED after the addition of "Business Reserve" to the account name.

(d) Interest - The receipt of £11.34 interest from NatWest Bank Plc was NOTED.

(e) Direct Debit - It was NOTED and APPROVED that a direct debit of £60.55 was taken by BT on 17th January for telephone services.

(f) Schedule of Payments – It was RESOLVED to approve the following schedule of payments:

Payee Name	Cheque No.		
BT	DD	60.55	Telephone calls
SLCC Enterprises Ltd	1645	154.8	Conference fee
South Somerset District Council	1646	600	Tree works at Western Avenue
Vision ICT Ltd	1647	271.2	Web site hosting
Mrs E James	1649	38.28	Office expenses
ACA	SO	108.33	Office rent
Democratic Services	SO	1,043.44	Democratic Services
	Total	2,276.60	

(g) Internal Audit – It was NOTED that an internal audit was carried out by Mr Dutton on 18th January 2012 who advised that no report need be made to Council.

239/11 ITEMS TO BE DISTRIBUTED

Localism in Action – circulated electronically prior to the meeting.
 Clerks & Councils Direct – January 2012
 Discover South Somerset
 CPRE/NALC – A Guide to Neighbourhood Planning

240/11 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.

Mr Pritchard asked who owned the fencing on the industrial estate side of footpath Y3/6. It was NOTED that this belongs to the owner of the industrial estate and that it is up to the owner if he wishes to replace the broken fencing.
 Concerns were raised regarding smells from a woodworking unit as occasion reports had been made to Environmental Health. It was noted that woodsmoke is not a health hazard so no action to be taken.
 It was NOTED that the street name plate for King Arthur Drive had not been replaced.
 It was AGREED that the Clerk would send a circulation list to all Councillors.
 It was NOTED that Newslink would be published by the end of February/early March.
 Comments were invited on the duration of meetings.

241/11 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Draft Core Strategy

242/11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 1st February 2012 at 7.0 p.m. at the Parish Room, Abbey Manor Park at which an update will be given on the draft core strategy. A full Council meeting will take place on 22nd February 2012 at 7.30 p.m. at the Parish Room, Abbey Manor Park.