

BRYMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRYMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 22ND AUGUST 2007 AT THE JUBILEE HALL, THORNE COFFIN (7.30 P.M. – 10.20 P.M.)

PRESENT:

Mrs E Glaisher (Chairman) Mr R Meecham (Vice-Chairman)
Mr P Dutton Mr A Graham
Mrs D Jagger Mr C Lawrence
Mr C Legg Mr G Pritchard (7.38 p.m. – 10.20 p.m.)
Mr P Seib Mrs M Thomas

Mrs E M James (Clerk) PCSO C Helyar

Mr P Lowndes, Group Manager Transport Development, County Highways
Ms V Storey, Technical Support and Project Officer, County Highways

82/07. TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE REASONS

An apology for absence by reason of family commitments was received from Mr Powell and this apology was accepted & approved.

83/07. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr Meecham declared a personal interest in items concerning the District Council, as an employee of South Somerset District Council. Mrs Thomas declared a personal interest in items concerning the District Council, as an employee of South Somerset District Council and a personal interest in items concerning the County Council, due to her secondment from District to County. 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.

84/07. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25TH July 2007

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th July 2007 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

85/07. CRIME, DISORDER and COMMUNITY SAFETY

It was **AGREED** to advise SCC Highways that there were serious concerns for the safety of pedestrians due to the overgrown hedge at the corner of Stourton Way/Western Avenue, adjacent to the roundabout.

Mr Pritchard arrived at 7.38 p.m.

86/07. PRESENTATION - MR P LOWNDES, GROUP MANAGER, TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT, SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr Lowndes presented a verbal update on progress made with various planning agreements within the area and subsequent identification of funding availabilities from them. Mr Lowndes **AGREED** that he would attend the November meeting, if possible, to give further updates. It was **AGREED** to forward Mr Lowndes the applications made to the Local Area Working Panel for the Larkhill Open Space project, proposed crossing at Western Avenue and completion of the footpath link.

87/07. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman gave details on the actual voting by Parish Councils for the recent unitary bid.

88/07. CLERK'S REPORT

(a) Min. 65/07(b) – It was **NOTED** that should the Parish Council wish, letters may be written to parishioners advising them of overhanging branches/overgrown hedges. The Clerk advised that any such letter would have no legal authority. A draft letter was approved and it was **AGREED** that any such letter would only be sent after approval at a Parish Council meeting. It was **NOTED** that Mr Greaves, SCC had advised that the hedge on the corner of Western Avenue/Thorne Lane has been cut. Mr Greaves & Mr Holmes (SCC Development Control) are investigating ownership of the hedge along Thorne Lane.
(b) Min. 72/07 - Larkhill Open Space Project - it was **NOTED** that Mr Fox, SSDC has advised that money is available to appoint the Officer in the autumn and providing the management board approve Mr Fox would envisage a lead in period of 2-3 months before appointment.
(c) <http://forum.communities.gov.uk/forum> - **NOTED**
(d) It was **NOTED** that a site meeting is to be held on 18th September with Mr Scriven, County Arborist, to discuss trees along Western Avenue.
(e) It was **AGREED** that the Quality Parish Status application would be made following the January 2008 meeting
(f) Alvington green space skip - It was **NOTED** that a complaint has been received regarding the skip sited by the play area and forwarded to SSDC. Mr Fox, SSDC, has **AGREED** to look at suitable replacement & siting of gates/bollards.

(g) Standing Orders – it was **NOTED** that SALC had received a Legal Briefing from NALC on the effects of the new Code on Standing Orders which will be circulated shortly. A review of the existing Standing Orders should be made later this year.

(h) Higher Ream Multi-unit - The Clerk had been advised on 21st August that a side panel had been completely removed. For health & safety reasons the unit had been roped off. It was **NOTED** and APPROVED that using the power of Standing Order 3.4 delegated powers the Clerk had ordered, & received, a replacement panel from Record, to be installed by Mr Meecham. A daily check is being made on the security of the unit until the panel is replaced.

(i) Emergency Plan – it was **AGREED** that the Working Party will meet on 4th September at 8.00 pm.

89/07. REPORTS FROM SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCILLOR, DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

District Council – Mr Seib advised that SSDC are working towards the installation of public conveniences in Yeovil town centre.

90/07. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) SALC – Items of interest to Councillors & Clerks – July 2007 - **NOTED**

(b) South West Regional Assembly – public consultation – review of additional pitch requirements for Gypsies and Travellers in the South West - **NOTED**

(c) Somerset County Council – One Council for Somerset - **NOTED**.

(d) SSDC - Yeovil Sport Zone: Public Consultation – it was **AGREED** that no corporate response would be sent

(e) South Somerset Together - Sustainable Community Strategy for South Somerset –**NOTED**

(f) Tour of Britain - Stage 2: Somerset, Tuesday 11 Sept 2007 – **NOTED**.

(g) Tree Warden – A parishioner, has expressed an interest in becoming a Tree Warden for the parish and has been supplied with details. The official appointment of Tree Wardens will be made at the next meeting

91/07. PLANNING

(a) DECISIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members were asked to note the approval, with conditions, of planning applications 07/02409/FUL and 07/02503/FUL

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

In accordance with Standing Order no. 79, members **NOTED** and APPROVED the recommendations made for the following applications:

07/03442/FUL – the erection of a detached garage/garden store to serve barn conversion (renewal)
(GR351337/117351)

Lufton Byre, Balls Hill

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

07/03456/FUL – erection of conservatory to rear of property (GR 352628/116134)

10 Wisteria Close

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

07/03537/FUL – erection of 1 bedroom annexe (GR 353898/116910)

140 Monks Dale

RECOMMENDATION: The Parish Council is concerned that this could be sold as a separate dwelling in the future. It is prepared to recommend **APPROVAL** subject to a legal agreement that the annexe **MUST** be tied to 140 Monks Dale. If no legal agreement can be made then the Parish Council recommend **REFUSAL**.

07/03556/FUL – alterations and erection of covered pergola on north elevation (GR 352606/118540) – adjacent to parish

Carpenters Arms, Vagg Lane, Chilthorne Domer

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

(c) CONSIDERATION OF AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW OR AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

07/03447/FUL – erection of PVCU conservatory (GR 353522/117051)

20 ACER DRIVE

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

07/03550/FUL – erection of detached garage and self-contained annexe (GR352608/117683)

Thorne Lodge, Thorne

RECOMMENDATION: Refusal –

(a) Inappropriate materials – Proposed weather boarding is less acceptable than the waney edge boarding previously approved. Natural stone should be used here as this site is within a Conservation Area.

(b) There must be a legal tie to the house so that it cannot be sold as a separate dwelling.

07/03610/FUL – use of land as a car park to separate vehicular traffic from pedestrians (retrospective application)(GR351946/117016)

Lufton Manor College, Lufton

RECOMMENDATION: Refusal - The Parish Council notes the reasons for refusal of the previous application, this retrospective application does not address these. Should it be decided to approve the application any surfacing materials would have to be in keeping with a listed building.

07/03794/FUL – the erection of a replacement conservatory (GR353464/117513)

99 Thorne Lane

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

07/03760/FUL –erection of two-storey side extension to dwellinghouse comprising dining room and bedroom (GR352528/116551)

44 Buckle Place

RECOMMENDATION: Approval, but query the need for two front doors

07/03826/FUL – the erection of a conservatory (GR 353023/116706)

2 Great Corner

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

(d) PLANNING/DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

(i) South Somerset Local Development Framework - Adoption of the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) – it was **NOTED** that the District Council formally adopted the Statement on 19th July 2007.

(ii) Planning White Paper “ Planning for a sustainable future” – It was **NOTED** that a response was sent to the Secretary of State taking into account advice from SALC, the Chairman & Vice-Chairman. Copies were also sent to David Laws, MP & SALC.

(iii) 07/02769/TPO – application to fell 7 no. trees and carry out tree surgery works to 7 no. trees all within Group 1 of South Somerset District Council (Brympton 4) Tree Preservation Order 1997 at 8/9/10 Brigadier Close – further information on the work to be carried out was **NOTED**.

(iv) Works by David Wilson Homes Ltd. It was **NOTED** that Mr Fox, SSDC, had advised that works to the French drain and steps had been completed. Vandals ripped the new railings at the top of the path out before the concrete had set and these will be re-installed when replacement parts have been sourced.

(v) Car park at Lufton Manor (min.no.70/7(c)(v) – it was **NOTED** that no enforcement action will be taken at this time as a retrospective planning application had been made.

(vi) Landscaping at Motivo House (min. no. 70/07(c)(iv) – Liz Arnold, SSDC, had advised that the structure on the corner at the front is to be a sign and had advised the company this will require advert consent. The company is in breach of a planning condition regarding the landscaping and further information from the company is awaited.

(vii) Mr Seib advised that the SSDC Planning web site had been amended and that weekly lists could be requested.

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

It was **AGREED** that Mr Meecham and Mr Graham would be members of the Working Party for the month.

92/07. ALVINGTON YOUTH FACILITIES

At the meeting held on 27th June 2007 (min. no. 52/07) it was **AGREED** to seek funding for youth provision at Alvington and that public consultation should take place. Copies of letters/e-mails received had been circulated prior to the meeting. After discussion it was **AGREED** that more consultation was needed and possibly a small Planning for Real© exercise. It was **AGREED** to defer this to the next meeting.

93/07. HIGHER REAM PLAY AREA

(a) The Clerk gave details of three quotations received for the painting of the junior swings and three quotations for remedial works to the safety surface. It was **NOTED** that all contractors had stated that they would do the best job possible but that it was possible for vandalism to take place immediately. It was further **NOTED** that the Clerk had obtained a price for mastic but had not been able to source the additional materials required. Mr Meecham proposed and it was **RESOLVED** to:

(i) Painting of Swings

Approve the quotation in the sum of £144.83 + VAT from Mr Sturman for the painting of the swings. It was further **RESOLVED** that the Clerk be delegated to approve the paints used, which may be sourced from Mr Sturman direct.

(ii) Safety Surfaces

Approve the quotation in the sum of £425.00 + VAT from Mr D Allen for the repairs to the safety surfaces, which will include the supply of all materials required.

(b) Further to minute 73/07 (vii) it was **RESOLVED** that in view of the reduced anti-social behaviour the removal of the roof of the multi-play unit would be made permanent. Mr Graham **AGREED** to dispose of the roof.

94/07. CONSIDERATION OF YOUTH EVENT TO BE HELD AT OAK TREE PARK IN 2008

At the last meeting (min. no. 67/07[c]) it had been **AGREED** to consider an event, similar to The Noise, to take place at Oak Tree Park in 2008. It was **NOTED** that approval for an event had been given by SSDC, subject to

confirmation of roles and responsibilities. Discussions had taken place with Miss Hollamby of the Urban Warriors. It was **AGREED** to ascertain whether the proposed event could be used to raise funds for the refurbishment of the Community Centre and also whether the Association and other youth groups, such as the Scouts, would assist in the organisation of an event. Mrs Glaisher, Mr Lawrence & Mr Legg **AGREED** to assist in a Working Party.

95/07. NOTICEBOARD – OAK TREE PARK

Within the street furniture budget of £2,000 for 2007-2008, provision was included for a noticeboard to be erected at Oak Tree Park. SSDC has no objections to a noticeboard being sited by the northern entrance of the park. Quotations for noticeboards in a range of sizes have been sought, as the Council's preferred supplier (Filcris) no longer supply noticeboards. After consideration of three quotations Mrs Glaisher proposed and it was **RESOLVED** to purchase a 12 x A4 sheet noticeboard from Malcolm LANE & Son Ltd, Nottingham at a cost of £753.00 + £75 + delivery. Installation by a local contractor will also be required and quotations will be obtained.

96/07. DOG WASTE BIN SPONSORSHIP

It was **AGREED** that 13 bins purchased by the Parish Council could be used by SSDC for the Bayer Animal Health dog waste bin sponsorship scheme.

97/07. HIGHWAY MATTERS

It was **NOTED** that graffiti painted in the Alvington underpass would be removed by SSDC.

98/07. FINANCE

(a) The bank reconciliation statement was APPROVED & bank statements initialled.

(b) It was **NOTED** that the interest rate on the Reserve Account has been increased to 3.03% as from 24th May 2007.

(c) Budget 2007-2008 to date was **NOTED**.

(d) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments:

Transfer to Clerk's Gratuity Fund (1 March 2001 - 31 March 2008)	£1020.00
Jubilee Hall, Thorne Coffin (meeting expenses)	£25.00
SSDC – routine playground inspections	£207.28
Mrs E M James – Corporate Management & Democratic Core	£885.10 + £42.75

99/07. ITEMS TO BE DISTRIBUTED

SSDC – South Somerset News August 07

Yeovil Town Centre Partnership Newsletter – Summer 2007

CPRE – Countryside Voice & Fieldwork

SPFA - The Playing Field – Summer 2007

100/07. 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 ONLY

101/07. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Alvington youth facilities

Possible event at Oak Tree Park

Appointment of Tree Wardens

102/07. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 26th September 2007 at 8.00 p.m. at the Community Centre, Abbey Manor Park