

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH OF BRYMPTON HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021 ONLINE AT ZOOM U.S (7.00 P.M. – 7.20P.M.)**

**PRESENT:**

Mr K Weston (Chairman of the Parish Council)  
Mrs M Attrill (Clerk to the Parish Council)  
Mr A Willey (Chairman of the Yeovil Freewheelers)  
5 residents of the parish  
1 member of the public

**1. APOLOGIES**

**2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

**3. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Mr Weston presented the annual report of the Parish Council, which is attached to the minutes. A member of the public requested that the Parish Council continue to press for the small improvement scheme to be completed on Stourton Way and also to pursue the opening of the Kingfisher Community Centre.

**4. TALK BY ANDREW WILLEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE YEOVIL FREEWHEELERS**

Mr Willey gave a presentation on the work of the Yeovil Freewheelers. Mr Weston thanked Mr Willey and an invite will be offered to attend a face to face meeting in the coming future.

**5. OPEN SESSION**

No questions were raised.

**6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was NOTED that the next annual Meeting of the Parish would be held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

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**3. Annual Report of The Brympton Parish Council**

**With the COVID19 pandemic, the last year has been challenging for everyone in one way or another. However, I am warmed to see how communities have pulled together to support each other. Residents picking up prescriptions and essentials for those that were unable to leave the house. Donations to food banks and support for the more vulnerable. And seeing so many people taking to their doorsteps to clap for carers fills me with joy.**

**For some, we have learnt new skills and embraced new technology. Apparently the most common phrase used in 2020 was “you’re on mute”.**

**I would like to pass thanks to several people.**

**Barbara Appleby who stood down this year from the role of Chair to the Parish Council. And our outgoing Clerk, Liz James who retired after 20 years' service in February. Their commitment to the parish was second to none.**

**Our District Councillors, who have kept us informed of the work of South Somerset District Council and how that impacts on the Parish.**

**County Councillor Josh Williams, who has kept us up to date from a county perspective including regular updates on the work against the pandemic.**

**Our Ranger Darren Lashbrook who has worked hard to keep our open spaces so lovely. These open spaces used more now than ever.**

**The Brympton Speedwatch Team, who not so active this year but remain advocates for road safety in our community.**

**And all of those who have supported the Brympton Litter picks. Unfortunately, the group were unable to go out on mass as before, but this has not stopped volunteers going it alone to ensure our open spaces remain litter free.**

**Finally, I would like to thank all councillors for their attendance, representation, and all that they do to make this parish council an effective council serving the community.**

**With regards to Council business, The small improvements scheme on Stourton way was completed. This route is now much safer for pedestrians and children walking to school. There are also improved cycle routes through Abbey Manor.**

**We have worked closely with Kingfisher School in relation to the community hall. We have now formed a committee to finally move on with opening this much-needed facility. It will be valuable resource which will be available for use by the community.**

**This year saw the return of the Brympton Christmas lights competition. It was tough to judge with so many households lighting up their properties. A fantastic effort across the Parish.**

**Planning applications have increased this year - this year we have considered 37 planning applications, compared with 32 the previous year.**

**Grant funding has been awarded to a number of local groups. Some recipients of this funding include.**

**South Somerset Citizens Advice**

**South Somerset Mind**

**Thorne Coffin Jubilee Hall**

**Yeovil Freewheelers**

**Yeovil Rivers Trust**

**Finally, it has been a privilege to serve as Chairman of the Parish Council and to present to you this report.**