

Minutes of the Meeting of Brewham Parish Council held at Brewham Village Hall on Tuesday, 13th September 2022

Present: Robert Jackson (Chair), Richard Hiscock, Christopher Saxton & Patricia Stainton.

In attendance: Sue Price (Clerk) & five members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and the meeting opened with a minute's silence in memory of the Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II who sadly died on the 8th September.

1. **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence had been received from Eddie Harper, County Councillors Lucy Trimnell and Tom Power and District Councillor Robin Bastable.

2. **Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th July 2022:**

The minutes of the 12th July 2022 meeting were unanimously approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

4. **Matters Arising:**

There were no matters arising that would not be dealt with elsewhere.

5. **Financial Business:**

i. **Financial transactions:**

The Clerk reported that interest of 0.06p had been received on the HSBC Savings account together with £120 for the purchase of three cremated remains plots and £12 for a memorial inscription. The payments agreed at the July meeting had all been made.

The financial transactions for the period 12th July-12th September 2022 were as follows:

Bank balances brought forward at 12 th July 2022	£5,802.30
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Income

Interest on HSBC Money Manager Account	0.06
Cremated remains plots for Mr & Mrs Castle, Mr Clutterbuck and Mr Jefferies	120.00
Forsey & Sons – memorial inscription for the late Mrs Bastin	12.00

Expenditure

Graham Kimber – 2 nd mowing of Burial Ground	500.00
Brewham Village Hall Committee – meeting room hire July 22-March 23	52.50
Bank charges for July, August & September	25.00

The Fund balances at 12th September 2022 were therefore:

General Fund	£3,589.12
Burial Ground Fund	267.74
Reserve Fund	1,500.00

<u>Represented by Bank a/cs:</u>	
National Savings Bank Investment a/c	£851.64
HSBC Savings a/c	241.49
HSBC Community a/c	3,589.12
<u>Total</u>	£5,356.86
Bank balances carried forward at 12 th September 2022	£5,356.86

The Clerk requested approval for payment of the following:

Graham Kimber – 3rd payment for the mowing of the Burial Ground - £500.00
David Dabinett – payment for mowing the Common Land - £300,00

The Clerk also requested permission to pay the annual subscription to Somerset Association of Local Council which is expected very shortly (c. £125.00).

It was unanimously agreed that these payments be made.

Changing bank accounts from HSBC is still ongoing but will hopefully be completed in the near future.

6. **Planning Applications:**

i. **Decisions on applications already considered by the Parish Council:**

- a. 22/01460/FUL The Bull Inn Hardway Brewham, BA10 0LN – Extension to the kitchen, insertion of roof lights and a roof lantern. Application approved.
- b. 22/01688/FUL - Land OS 0006, Gladwill Farm, North Brewham, BA10 0JS – Application for change of use of agricultural hard standing to allow for siting of mobile showman’s wagon trailer conversion for holiday let accommodation. Decision awaited.
- c. 22/01953/HOS& 22/01954/LBC at Canwood House, Canwood Lane Brewham - erection of a conservatory and pergola, construction of a courtyard. (Revised Application). Application approved.

ii. **Applications to be considered by the Parish Council:**

No new applications had been received.

The Clerk reported that Chris Kelly, a consultant to SSDC Planning Department, had been in touch to say that in due course the owners of Swanton Farm will be making an application to change the use of the land to enable them to continue to run it as a livery yard.

7. **Burial Ground & Churchyard:**

The Clerk reported that Zena Dabinett had asked Jonathan Baker, who did a report on the trees in 2005, to inspect the two yew trees and write a report. His initial opinion was that one tree is in reasonable condition and presents no immediate problem. The tree from which the branch fell is very compromised and so he was trying to arrange to meet the County Tree Officer as he did not want to get the same response as he did before saying that only minor works could be carried out. We have yet to hear anything further.

Patricia Stainton suggested that there might be grants available to pay for whatever work needs to be done. The Clerk will look into this.

David Nye reported that he and a party of volunteers including Cath & James Coward, Christine Cottrell, Jocelyn & Chas Blacker and Helen Deeming have begun to cut the grass in the closed

Churchyard and this has been taken away by Neil Taylor. He intends leaving some of the grass in the middle and hopes that the remainder will be cut and removed later this week.

8. **Roads:**

i. **Outstanding matters:**

The Highways Department continue to mark and fill in a number of potholes throughout the village and others are marked and awaiting repair. The hedge at the top of Hassocks Lane has been cut back.

ii. **New matters:**

Richard Hiscock and Avril Jackson have both reported the recent water leak on Barrow Water Lane.

Patricia Stainton advised that the residents of Border are concerned about the cross-roads at the top of their lane. There is an increasing amount of heavy and fast traffic along the main road. Vehicles tend to speed up once past the 30mph limit and it is particularly dangerous when turning right out of Border. It would help if the 30mph sign could be moved further along the road. Although the Parish Council had asked the Highways Department about this a few years ago it was agreed that the Clerk would write again as there is now considerably more traffic a lot of which is travelling at high speed by the time it gets to the crossroads.

9. **Footpaths & Bridleways:**

i. **Outstanding matters:**

Despite emails to her, the Clerk has heard nothing further from Eve Wynn regarding the blocked footpath at Swanton Farm and nor has there been any progress on the broken stiles on footpaths in the parish or the rails on the bridge across the river on Cards Farm which are rotting. She will continue to press for the works to be done.

ii. **New matters:**

The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from Robin Carr & Associates who are assisting SSDC in processing applications for path diversions one of which affects Dreamers Farm, Brewham. Councillors looked at the proposed changes and agreed that they were happy to support this as the current footpath is now covered by a building and the start and finish of the footpath across the land remains the same. The Clerk will write to Robin Carr & Associates.

There were no other new matters to report.

10. **Update on the Village Hall & Parish Plan**

Patricia Stainton reported that Cath Coward had worked extremely hard to try and get funding for the installation of a sewage treatment plant and the associated work and had successfully raised all the money needed by obtaining a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund. It is understood that the work will be able to start once all the legal documents have been agreed and signed by the relevant parties.

11. **Report from Wincanton Police:**

PCSO Tim Russell retired at the end of August and PCSO Daniel Humphrey sent a report. In August 2022 there were no crimes report in the Brewham area. The policy is to keep a presence in the area. Any drug related incidents should be reported to 101 or 999 respectively

He also encouraged everyone to be part of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme which has the benefit of showing that members of the community are looking out for each other, keeping everyone up to date on what is going on in the area, working closely with the police helps to prevent and tackle crime and could possibly mean a saving on home insurance.

12. **Correspondence Received:**

- a. Somerset Waste Partnership July Briefing.
- b. Somerset Day 2023 information.
- c. New Council's Council Tax Reduction Scheme Consultation Exercise.
- d. Get SuSSed from South Somerset District Council August 2022.
- e. August 2022 Chase & Chalke Newsletter.
- f. SSDC August briefing.

13. **Dates of future meetings:**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 8th November 2022

Dates for the remainder of the financial year are Tuesdays, 10th January & 14th March 2023.

14. **Open Forum:**

David Nye advised that the Coffee & Chat will be cancelled next Monday due to HM The Queen's funeral.

He also reported that there are brambles growing over the letterbox in the middle of the village making it difficult to post any letters. It was noted that unless letters are posted just before the collection time, they are eaten by snails inside the box and that this has happened for many years. There is another box near the Old Red Lion but this is very small and will not take bigger items. The Clerk will contact the Royal Mail again as they had previously said they would not replace the letterbox opposite the Village Hall although she had explained about the snail problem in the other one.

Following the meeting the Clerk received an email from Councillor Trimnell to say that having gone to the Pitcombe meeting first, she arrived in Brewham too late for the meeting. She wanted to say that the County are continuing as usual in terms of meetings and training through this period of mourning and that work is very much underway to prepare for the Unitary vesting day on 1st April.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.00pm.

These minutes were unanimously approved at the 8th November 2022 meeting of Brewham Parish Council and duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record