

BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Public Session

A member of the public asked about the sinkhole in Lodes Lane and it was suggested that they report the issue at <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem-on-the-road/>

The Minutes

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting of Broomfield Parish Council held at Broomfield Village Hall on Tuesday, 31st January 2023 at 7 pm when the following business was conducted.

Present: Councillors Steve Hughes, Ali Aras, Jessica Osman and Doug Wilson

In Attendance: Clare Winter (Clerk), District Councillor Alan Bradford and 3 members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence**

Councillor Garland, County Councillor Bill Revans

2. **Declaration of interest**

None

3. **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council held on Tuesday, 6th December 2022 were circulated with the agenda of this meeting and unanimously approved.

4. **Chair's Report**

The Chair updated the meeting on the Local Community Networks. Broomfield Parish Council will fall into Hestercombe LCN group. There will be a representative from Broomfield who will attend LCN group meetings. LCN meetings are expected to start in June/July.

The Local Government Reorganisation have now appointed Tier 2 staff and will be appointing Tier 3 staff in March 2023. All other staff will then be appointed.

Six people took part in a Harvest Mice Nest Survey at the weekend and it was confirmed that there weren't any Harvest Mice in the area.

Councillor Hughes and Councillor Wilson will meet to produce a Parish Statement that will be presented to the Parish Council.

It was suggested that an informal meeting should be arranged with the Parish Council and Village Hall Committee to discuss the future of the Village Hall Car Park.

Councillor Hughes has agreed to organise the next Quiz Night to help raise funds for the defibrillator.

5. **Defibrillator**

Councillor Osman has managed to get £405 in donations so far.

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There was a suggestion of asking local companies to donate and then their business could be advertised on the board that the defibrillator sits on. Councillor Osman will check with Sedgemoor to see if we need permission to advertise companies without permission.

Another fundraising idea is to run a Race Night at the Village Hall. They are open to ideas on food. The proposed date for running this event is the 15th April 2023.

Each defibrillator installed will need a defibrillator guardian who checks on the defibrillator every week to ensure it is working properly and batteries are in good order.

Other fundraising ideas are a Cream Tea event in the summer and to do a Soup and Sweet event after the Village Spring Clean.

Councillor Alan Bradford was asked to look into possible funding from District/County.

6. **Village Hall Update**

Great news, there is a new treasurer for the Village Hall Committee – Helen White. Works on the Village Hall are due to start within a month.

The Clerk has asked if there could be a lockable storage area for the Parish Council within the Village Hall – Councillor Aras to look into.

7. **Canadian Airmen Memorial Bench**

It was agreed at a previous meeting that a budget of £600 be earmarked for a memorial bench for the Canadian Airmen. Councillor Hughes will meet with Stephen Tierney to discuss the Memorial Event due to take place in September 2023 in further detail.

It was decided that the Parish Council would purchase a recycled plastic bench and would plant a maple tree next to it.

Clerk to ask the National Trust for permission to place the bench and tree on the Village Green in front of the National Trust cottages.

8. **Broomfield Common**

A member of the public reported that a further 200 trees had been planted on the Common.

Councillor Hughes will contact Open Reach again regarding the mess on the Common.

Shooting on the Common is an issue. There has been reporting of shooting across the Common. Clerk and Councillor Wilson to contact the organiser of the shoot.

9. **Electrical Problem**

There was a recent electrical surge in the village that has had an impact on a few residents and the church and it is believed that this has been caused by a hedge cutter hitting the pole.

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10. Finance

10.1 Receipts and Payments

The Council unanimously approved the Receipts and Payments.

10.2 Code of Conduct

The Council unanimously approved to adopt the recommended LGA Code of Conduct Policy.

The meeting closed at 2025.

Signed _____ (Chairman) 21st March 2023