

BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Public Session

Council putting signs up regarding road closures but signs being removed before work is completed. New contractors undertaking these so we should be patient and grateful. Information regarding highways work should now be on the Parish Council website.

Reports from Somerset Councillors

Alan Bradford addressed the meeting.

The Minutes

Present: Councillors Ali Aras, Doug Wilson and Jess Osman.

In Attendance: Donna Durham (Assistant Clerk) and 5 members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence**

Councillors Hughes and Garland

2. **Declaration of interest**

None

3. **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 16th July 2024 were circulated with the agenda of this meeting and unanimously approved.

4. **Chair's Report**

Circulated ahead of meeting with no comments from the Parish Councillors.

5. **Village Hall Update**

Film night 15.11.2024 – 36 tickets sold. Race night at end of November 2024 – 38 bookings.

Few private Christmas events.

Enquiries asking if Broomfield are doing anything for Christmas, so Helen will take that to the Village Hall Committee.

New chairs in the hall with more to come!

Hall to be redecorated in the New Year and hoping to get a grant to replace the heating and lighting.

6. **Footpaths/Bridleways**

Progress on bridleway at 4/10. Landowner hasn't maintained the bridleway. British Horse Society to get Council, Bridleways Representation and Landowner together to open the bridleway – Clerk to write to Council to update on progress.

7. **LCN**

There is a need to understand how the process can help Parish Councils. Hopefully the LCN will be helpful if they act as a bridge between Parish Councils and Somerset Council and Town Councils.

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8. Highways

Covered in questions from members of the public.

9. Quantock Hills National Landscape Partnership

Councillor Wilson attending a meeting tomorrow to understand more about the QHNLP. Will report back to a future meeting regarding biodiversity improvements.

10. Ash Tree and Commons

Common with no known owner – don't action ash trees as it would eventually be an issue for Highways.

No registered ownership for the commons. Sedgemoor District Council wanted to take no responsibility for either common.

Ash Tree on corner – options:

1. Do nothing
2. Quantock Hills NLP could take off dead and dying branches or take it back to main stem and large branches. QHNLP could do this at no charge. Suggested take it back to main stem and limit number of larger branches.

Unanimously agreed to take it back to main stem, which would give it the best chance of survival.

QHNLP due to end 31.03.2025 but team will be here until October 2025. Keen to get a management plan for the 'bottom' common, which will include care and maintenance. Glade needs mowing in June and end of the year.

Thanks to Bill at QHNLP for all their work.

There will be an update on the Broomfield Dig at some point in the New Year.

11. Link Up

Link Up now has 3 new editors, new treasurer and secretary.

12. Finance

12.1 Receipts and Payments

The Council unanimously approved the receipts and payments.

12.2 Invoices

The Council unanimously approved the Topping at Broomfield Hill invoice of £325.20.

12.3 Precept

The Council unanimously approved to increase the Precept by 10% in line with inflation.

The meeting closed at 20:56

Signed _____ (Chairman) 21st January 2025