

BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Public Session

A member of the public commented on the road markings at The Avenue. Suggested they speak to Highways directly.

The Minutes

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting of Broomfield Parish Council held at Broomfield Village Hall on Tuesday, 6th December 2022 at 7 pm when the following business was conducted.

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

In Attendance: Clare Winter (Clerk) and 5 members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence**

County Councillor Bill Revans

2. **Declaration of interest**

None

3. **Minutes**

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

4. **Planning**

4.1 **For Parish Council Comment**

- **Planning application number: 10/22/00012**

Proposal: Erection of agricultural yard roof cover extension to the Southeast elevation including resurfacing

Location: Land South of Rookscastle Road, Broomfield

The Council agreed to unanimously approve the application but would like Sedgemoor to ask the applicant for more information regarding the management of the clean and dirty water runoff, given the area in question is already prone to flooding, and that lighting is kept to a minimum.

5. **Chair's Report**

The Chair thanked Highways for doing a good job in clearing the drains near the Village Hall.

The Glade seems to be developing and doing well and we will see how it comes back in Spring.

Local Government reorganisation is focused on 1st April 2023. The big challenge is financial. There is a significant budget gap.

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Taunton Town Council will be formed on the 1st April 2023.

Local Community Networks are being organised and will be rolled out next year to look at combining services.

The Chair is currently discussing the memorial for the Canadian Airmen with Mary from the Church and a budget of £600 towards a bench and potentially a Maple tree was approved at a previous meeting.

6. Defibrillator

There is one defibrillator in the village, currently located at Fyne Court. The defibrillator is for a cardiac arrest. It can happen to anyone, at any age. 7 – 10 % survive a cardiac arrest. This goes up to 70 % with a defibrillator.

It was suggested that the village need two or possibly three more defibrillators. They cost £1,700 for a defibrillator and a cabinet. They are guaranteed for 10 years, and the pads need to be replaced each year, about £50 a year.

The cabinet needs power as it needs to be heated.

It has been suggested that we look at fundraising initiatives.

It was suggested that we follow up the connections with EE and Open Reach.

It was agreed that the Village Hall is an obvious location for a defib. It was suggested that we talk to the Village Hall Committee regarding funding a defibrillator and about holding training courses.

It was suggested that Councillor Osman looks into fundraising initiatives and reports back to the Council at the January meeting.

7. Village Hall Update

The Village Hall have been given a £50,000 grant from Sedgemoor District Council. Money will be spent on various improvements including roofing, some new windows and ventilation. The next project will be looking at the heating.

Two people have put themselves forward as treasurer.

Bill Jenman will renew the fencing and lay new hedging in the Village Hall car park. That will start within the next few months.

Bookings are picking up.

8. Parish Plan Update

Councillor Wilson updated the meeting on the Parish Plan. It was discussed that our Parish Plan should be unique and not like Parish Plans for other villages as Broomfield is quite a unique parish.

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It was suggested that our Parish Plan should be focused on what we would like to do in the village, like the defibrillators as an example, and focused on things that other people, such as the AONB and National Trust, are not already doing.

It was suggested that we put together a Parish Statement that is based on a period of five years and that we put together a group of headlines in readiness for the next meeting based on the survey results.

9. Finance

9.1 Receipts and Payments

The Council unanimously approved the Receipts and Payments.

9.2 Donation

The Council unanimously approved the donation of £200.00 to Broomfield Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 2025.

Signed _____ (Chairman) 31st January 2023