

BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Public Session

Council cutting in the area – when will Lodes Lane be cut? Suggested reporting to Highways.

Potholes – keep on reporting. Unlikely to get any resurfacing this year.

Reports from Somerset Councillors

None present.

The Minutes

Present: Councillors Steve Hughes, Ali Aras and Lucinda Garland.

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

1. Apologies for absence

Councillors Wilson and Osman

2. Declaration of interest

None

3. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council AGM held on Tuesday, 22nd May 2024 were circulated with the agenda of this meeting and unanimously approved.

4. Chair's Report

The fence between the Village Hall Car Park and the National Trust field has been 'repaired' by the National Trust following animals getting into the car park – thanks again to Edwin for clearing up!!

The paths on the 'top common' have been cut in part and will be finished once the wildflowers have set seed in certain patches.

The lack of a beacon for the 80th Anniversary of D-Day was a pity and I was considering asking whether the NT would allow us to site on there for certain events and whether to ask the Pophams to construct a basket to be used for the flammable materials – thoughts?

The trees on the village hall car park land has been inspected and this is reported separately.

The large ash tree on the lower common has also been inspected (thanks to Bill Jenman – QLP) and whilst it has no internal rot there is a risk of branch shed and a decision needs to be made whether to do nothing, remove some or perhaps all branches.

Potholes repaired on the junction to Goathurst and noted Church Lane is improved (outside the Parish) but Volis Hill remains a disgrace despite numerous reports. Sink hole opposite Owls Barton remains an issue and the traffic cone is now a permanent fixture.

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5. Village Hall Update

Bookings are good.

5-year electrical check done. Veranda being cleaned tomorrow.

Old planning consent for Parish Council car park. Deeds also include part of the property next door and get rent for schoolhouse.

Village Hall would take on payment of grass cutting. Chair stated that the Village Hall would be responsible, and councillors unanimously accepted the offer.

A contract had been signed with the National Theatre for future screenings.

6. Tree Inspection

Trees inspected as had a couple of trees fall in recent months. All Tree Services Ltd did the inspections and can see no internal rot (5 oak trees). The report included the risks and concluded that they were low and acceptable. There was too much ivy to inspect the base of the trees and it was suggested that the ivy be severed to preserve the trees in the future. Also end loading off one of the trees.

The report included an action plan which will be circulate to all parish councillors.

7. Finance

7.1 Receipts and Payments

The Council unanimously approved the receipts and payments.

7.2 Invoices

The Council unanimously approved the Tree Inspection invoice of £375.00 + VAT.

The meeting closed at 20:00

Signed _____ (Chairman) 19th November 2024