

BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Public Session

David Stripp (Councillor – Kingston St Mary Parish Council) gave an update on ‘Youth Provision’. Each parish pays an amount per child to support this. SALC gave £35,000 (summarised in presentation distributed to Parish Councillors). Research was carried out to ask young people what they wanted, and the scheme is in the process of delivering RAP and a dance tutor. North Petherton, Creech St Michael and West Monkton are the three bases. A poster was provided and Helen will check with Village Hall Committee to see if it can be put up in the Village Hall. Chair will provide her contact details so activities can be shared and to see who is interested. Helen has offered to put poster up on her property wall if Village Hall decline. There are currently 25 young people in the Broomfield Area. Request for £200.00 from this year’s budget to support (supported by all Parish Councillors).

Reports from Somerset Councillors

None

The Minutes

Present: Councillors Ali Aras, Doug Wilson, Jess Osman, Lucinda Garland and Tina Searle.

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

1. Apologies for absence

Somerset Councillors Bill Revans and Alan Bradford

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 22nd July 2025 were circulated with the agenda of this meeting and unanimously approved.

4. Chair’s Report

- no planning issues
- £5,000 from Rosehill to be spent in the community
- couple of trees down, but were dealt with by members of the public

5. Clerk’s Report

Clerk has contacted SCC regarding speed of vehicles in the lanes but is yet to receive a response. Chair email will be sent. Clerk has suggested that someone from Highways comes out to walk the lanes in Broomfield with a representative of the PC to discuss and highlight issues with potholes and where tarmac is breaking away from the edges of the lanes. Quiet Lanes is an agenda item and will be discussed later in this meeting.

Clerk has taken on writing a report for Link-Up after each PC meeting.

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PC has received a CIL payment of £5,146.61 due to the development of Rosehill. The PC has 5 years to spend this money and proposes that it is used to create a Wilder Broomfield.

6. Wilder Broomfield

- Councillors Aras and Wilson had a presentation by Enmore Parish Council about how they had started some projects in Enmore to encourage wildlife
- 5 areas: peoples gardens, school, churchyard, farms and, a particular field
- Fiona will come and talk to Parish Council, if required, about grants and suggestions – maybe something around Andrew Cross's grave and encouraging people with their own gardens
- need volunteers to help them do work
- suggest asking National Trust if they can support a Wilder Broomfield, but they have an agenda and will do things their own way

7. Quiet Lanes

- recent innovation that rural lanes are designated as quiet lanes – can have advisory signs, but they're not legally binding
- vehicles expected to show respect to other road users
- need to go through a consultation process
- quiet would be less than 1,000 vehicles per day
- well received in Essex and Suffolk
- National Landscape are opposed to additional signage
- email will be sent to Highways to see what further information is available

8. Landscape Partnership Scheme

- Management Plan received. Chair will distribute to Parish Councillors
- suggest a leaflet be distributed to all residents asking for volunteers. Councillor Searle will put together and circulate for approval before distributing
- consider increasing precept so work can be done rather than asking for volunteers

9. LCN

- no update

10. Village Hall Update

- new heaters installed
- new lampshades fitted
- events – church service mulled wine, storytelling and coffee morning
- Village Hall website is being updated
- hoping to put new kitchen in next year
- suggested Helen and Councillor Searle have a conversation regarding the website and ensuring the community are aware of what's going on

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11. Finance

11.1 Receipts and Payments

The Council unanimously approved the receipts and payments.

The meeting closed at 20.52

Signed _____ (Chairman), 20th January 2025

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