

Minutes of the Meeting of Brewham Parish Council held at Brewham Village Hall on Tuesday, 10th September 2024

Present: Robert Jackson (Chair), Christopher Saxton & Patricia Stainton.

In attendance: Sue Price (Clerk) and seven members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence had been received from Eddie Harper, Richard Hiscock and Councillors Lucy Trimnell & Tom Power.

2. **Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th July 2024:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th July 2024 were unanimously approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. **Matters Arising:**

There were no matters arising that would not be dealt with elsewhere.

5. **Financial Business:**

i. **Financial transactions:**

The Clerk advised that since the last meeting there had been income of £1,000.00, being an extremely generous donation from a parishioner towards the cost of repairing the Burial Ground wall and expenditure of £500.00 for the second mowing of the Burial Ground.

The interim payment of £750, made in June, towards the repair of the wall had been paid from the General Fund and so the Clerk has repaid this sum to the General Fund and put the remaining £250 into the new Burial Ground Wall Fund.

The financial transactions for the period 9th July-9th September 2024 were as follows:

Bank balances brought forward on 9 th July 2024	£5,567.28
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Income

Donation to the Burial Ground Wall repair fund	£1,000.00
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Expenditure

Second mowing of the Burial Ground – N Payne	500.00
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The Fund balances on 9th September 2024 were therefore:

General Fund	£3,412.85
Burial Ground Fund	904.43
Burial Ground Wall Repair Fund	250.00
Reserve Fund	1,500.00

Represented by Bank a/cs:

National Savings Bank Investment a/c	£859.03
Lloyds Bank Treasurers a/c	5,208.25

Bank balances carried forward on 9 th September 2024	£6,067.28
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- ii. **Payment of invoices:**
The Clerk requested authorisation to pay the invoices from Nigel Payne in the sum of £500.00 for the third mowing of the Burial Ground; David Dabinett £300 for mowing the Common Land in the 2024 season and Somerset Association of Local Councils £130.82 for the annual subscription. **It was unanimously agreed** that these invoices be paid.

In addition, the Clerk requested approval to pay £40 for the annual fee to the Information Commissioner's Office when the invoice for the annual fee is received. **It was unanimously agreed** that this invoice should be paid when received.

6. **Planning Applications**

i. **Decisions on applications already considered by the Parish Council:**

- a. 22/01688/FUL - Land OS 0006, Gladwill Farm, North Brewham, BA10 0JS –Application for change of use of agricultural hard standing to allow for siting of a mobile showman's wagon trailer conversion for holiday let accommodation. Decision awaited.
- b. 3/00864/FUL - Lindum Farm, Bruton Road, Brewham, BA10 0JF - The erection of steel framed agricultural machinery storage shed. Decision awaited.
- c. 23/01518/COL – Lavender Bank, Street Lane, Brewham, BA10 0JS - Application for a Lawful Certificate for the proposed erection of a garden room workshop within the boundary of Lavender Bank. Decision awaited.
- d. 23/01410/FUL – Land opposite Jerrards Farm, Hammer Street, North Brewham. - the erection of a new dwelling for agricultural occupancy for a family member. Decision awaited.
- e. 24/00724/LBC - Canwood House, Canwood Lane, Brewham BA10 0JN - Formation of window in rear elevation. Application approved.
- f. 24/01299/HOU - 2 Fair View, Tile Hill, South Brewham BA10 0JT - Erection of a small extension on the first floor to the rear of the property to accommodate shower in upstairs W/C room. Application approved.

ii. **Applications received since last meeting and considered by email:**

- a. 24/01687/HOU – Border Lodge, Hammer Street, Brewham BA10 0JQ – New plant room to house utility services and new greenhouse. Change in design to previously consented replacement windows. Decision awaited.
- b. 24/01707/COL – The Old Smithy, Street Lane, South Brewham, BA10 0JZ – application for a lawful development certificate for the proposed stationing of an ancillary Shepherd's Hunt within the residential garden. (For notification only).
- c. 24/01677/HOU – Stoneleigh House, Hardway, Brewham, BA10 0LN – Conversion of triple garage and external store into two storey extension with single story link to the main house and addition of new bathroom window in the main house. Application approved.

iii. **Any new applications received:**

24/01830/LBC – The Old Smithy, Street Lane, South Brewham, BA10 0JZ – erection of stone wall, repairs to stone walls, erection of estate fencing on walls and on boundary to replace existing timber fencing, erection of two sheds and repointing of the façade (For notification only).

7. **Burial Ground, Churchyard, Common Land and Village Amenities:**

The final payment of the season is now due to Nigel Payne for mowing the Burial Ground and to David Dabinett for mowing the Common during the 2024 season. It was agreed that arrangements for the 2025 season would be discussed at the November meeting.

On 7th September a concert by the Aber Valley Male Voice Choir was held in the Church and their repertoire ranged from opera to musicals and classic pop and ended with resounding

renditions of the National Anthem and Land of my Fathers. The Harvest Festival service and lunch will be held on 15th September.

8. **Roads:**

a. **Outstanding matters:**

The Highways Department continue to repair potholes but new ones soon appear. The Clerk has recently reported a very deep one on Pinkwood Lane together with further fly tipping there by the gate to the railway line and the bridge in the centre of the village which was hit by a vehicle causing minor damage.

b. **New matters:**

There were reports of some new potholes and very uneven road surfaces and the Clerk will report the problems throughout the Parish that were mentioned in the meeting.

The Clerk had been approached by several parishioners about the seemingly incorrect address for the newly opened Osip and she has been in touch with Somerset Council who are looking into the matter.

9. **Footpaths & Bridleways:**

Outstanding matters:

The Clerk has still had no response from either the Rights of Way office or the Footpath Officer about the blocked footpath at Swanton Farm. Nicola Loud was present at the meeting and confirmed that someone had been out to look at it and that she had said she was happy for necessary work to be carried out.

Repairs needed on other footpaths in the parish are also outstanding.

10. **Report from County Councillors:**

The County Councillors were not able to attend the meeting and the Clerk circulated copies of their September report, highlighting the main points.

11. **Report from the Police:**

The Clerk had not received a report from the police.

12. **Dates of future meetings:**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 12th November 2024 thereafter on Tuesdays 14th January and 11th March 2025.

13. **Open Forum:**

The Clerk had received a letter from Alex Lane who is planning to run an independent family focussed music festival at Gilcombe Farm from 21-25 May 2026 and yearly thereafter. Initially there will be a maximum of 2,500 attendees. Councillors had no objection to this proposal and the Clerk will reply to Mr Lane.

Nicola Loud, Simon Barber, Matt Caines and Oliver Hugh Jones wished to raise the matter of the increasing number of thefts in the parish. A long discussion took place and it was agreed that the Parish Council would encourage as many people as possible to be vigilant and report any issues to the police, however, small and to join the WhatsApp group set up by Claire Tatum. Any thefts should be reported to the police and any information from ring doorbells or security cameras should be forwarded to the police as soon as possible

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.13pm.

These minutes were unanimously approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman at the meeting of Brewham Parish Council on Tuesday, 12th November 2024.