

Minutes for the meeting of Brympton Parish Council held at The Parish Room, Abbey Community Centre, Yeovil on Wednesday 23 April 2025 at 19:30hrs.

Present – Cllrs Joe Conway, Alan Flint, Lynn Goodby, Paul Herbert, Graham Pritchard (Chair), Ian Schafer, Peter Seib, Jeny Snell, Lynda Simonite (9).

In attendance – Julie Ferguson (Clerk).

Public Session – 1 member of the public was present.

Cllr Flint read out an email from a resident (present) regarding a number of incidents involving dangerous driving and incidents that had occurred on Montacute Road. The PCSOs in attendance offered advice.

Police Crime Report (Clerk) – The Yeovil Rural crime figures for March 25 were available on the link provided. PCSOs John Winfield and Amy Douch were in attendance and gave advice regarding reporting speeding and dangerous driving. They further advised that vehicles were actively being ticketed for irresponsible parking outside of schools at busy times.

Somerset Councillor (SCllr) Report – None.

19:55 – Meeting Opened

24/252 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – To receive apologies for absence (LGA 1972 s85(1)).

Cllr R Simonite – Personal. Accepted.

Cllr A Wilkes – Work commitments. Accepted.

24/253 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Seib – Item 263. Director of SALC.

24/254 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the minutes of the parish council meeting on 19 Mar 25.

24/255 TO CO-OPT A MEMBER TO THE PARISH COUNCIL.

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the co-option of Sarah Martin to Brympton Parish Council. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed and Cllr Martin joined the meeting.

24/256 ACTION LIST UPDATE. Appendix 1. NOTED.

24/257 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Attended a recent ACA meeting, agreed a storage solution for litter picking equipment.
- Attended the Kingfisher School Art Exhibition. Excellent standard of work and a well supported event held at the LCH.
- Attended a recent Lufton Youth Group evening, routinely attended by 50+ youths from the area and highly commend the work that Rev Sarah Sanderson and her team of youth workers and volunteers are achieving with the group. Discussing options with Kingfisher School to increase capacity as numbers are currently limited by size of the hall.

24/258 CLERK'S REPORT

- a. Ranger report. **NOTED.**
- b. LCH March 25 outstanding invoice report. All outstanding invoices had been chased and payment was expected imminently.
- c. 2025-26 PC meeting dates. It was agreed that 6 meetings would be held at the ACA on the 3rd Wednesday of the month and 5 meetings would be held at the LCH on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Dates and locations TBC post meeting.

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24/259 CORRESPONDENCE. NOTED.

- a. [Somerset Council Business News Updates](#)
- b. [Somerset Council News Roundup](#)
- c. [Somerset Rivers Authority Administration Officer Vacancy](#)
- d. SALC – Background info for SALC 2025/26 affiliation fees
- e. [Message from the Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset – VE Day 80](#)
- f. Flood Warden Newsletter – April 2025

24/260 PLANNING – Decisions for **REPORT**. None. **NOTED**.

24/261 PLANNING – Applications for **COMMENT**.

- a. **RESOLVED:** To **SUPPORT** [25/00729/HOU](#). 2 Campion Drive Yeovil BA22 8QS. First floor extension above existing garage/utility room.
- b. **RESOLVED:** To **SUPPORT** [25/00842/HOU](#). Alvington Farmhouse 1 Alvington Lane Brympton BA22 8TH. Provision of access, parking and turning area and landscaping.
- c. **RESOLVED:** To **SUPPORT** [25/00822/HOU](#). 27 Fennel Way Brympton BA22 8SA. Proposed First Floor Side Extension to Dwelling

24/262 FINANCE – To **NOTE** March 25 receipts. **NOTED**.

MARCH 25 Receipts		
Payee	Particulars	Amount
VARIOUS	LCH HIRE FEES MAR (LESS DEPOSIT RETURNS)	£ 1,030.92
UNITY TRUST BANK	INTEREST MAR25	£ 302.30
NATIONWIDE	INTEREST MAR25	£ 135.63
TOTAL		£ 1,468.85

24/263 FINANCE – Payment Schedule

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** April 25 Payment Schedule.

APRIL 25 Payment Schedule				
Inv	Payee	Particulars	Invoice Number	Amount
1	SOMERSET COUNCIL	RANGER (MAR)	30107191	£ 2,664.00
2	KARMA CLEANING	LCH CLEANING MAR/APR	249	£ 140.00
3	TIMEBACK ACCOUNTS	PAYROLL MAR25	7007	£ 6.00
4	STAFF	EMOLUMENTS APR25	N/A	£ 1,265.50
5	G PRITCHARD	EXPENSES	N/A	£ 23.40
6	HILLSIDE BUSINESS SERVICES	INTERNAL AUDIT FEE	168	£ 407.00
7	SALC	NALC & SALC ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	1766	£ 2,014.50
8	L SIMONITE	REIMBURSE LITTER PICKING EQUIP	N/A	£ 56.62
9	R SIMONITE	REIMBURSE POSTS	N/A	£ 106.65
10	BRITANNIA GAS HEATING	LCH PLUMBING REPAIR	7714	£ 90.00
11	PARISH ONLINE	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	40UD014-0007	£ 180.00
	TOTAL			£ 6,953.67

24/264 FINANCE – Q4 Summary.

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the 2024-25 Q4 year end Cashbook/Bank Reconciliation and **NOTE** Budget summary and Bank Balances c/fwd. **Appendix 2**.

24/265 FINANCE – To **NOTE** BPC 25-26 Reserves Statement and 24-25 EoY Reserve Transfers. **Appendix 3. NOTED**.

24/266 FINANCE – To **NOTE** the Annual Internal Audit Report, consider any recommendations and responses provided by the Clerk. **Appendix 4. NOTED**.

24/267 FINANCE – Internal Auditor Appointment.

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the appointment of Hillside Business Services for carrying out the Internal Audit 25-26.

24/268 FINANCE – AGAR Section 1.

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** AGAR Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement.

24/269 FINANCE – AGAR Section 2.

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** AGAR Section 2 – Accounting Statements.

24/270 FINANCE – To ANNOUNCE and NOTE the period for the [Exercise of Public Rights](#) – Tuesday 3rd June 25 to Monday 14th July 25 and publication on BPC website on 24th April 25. **NOTED.**

24/271 FINANCE – Lufton Youth Group Grant Application. Appendix 5.

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** a grant request from Lufton Youth Group for £1500.

24/272 FINANCE – Lost Lady Society. Appendix 6.

Cllrs felt that the application did not demonstrate the benefit to Brympton Residents from the information supplied, therefore could not support at this time.

RESOLVED: To **NOT APPROVE** a grant request from the Lost Lady Society for £500.

24/273 HIGHWAYS

- a. To consider options for mobility scooter access through Thorne Lane gate.
This was discussed and agreed that it was not for BPC to take forward any changes to the current restricted access arrangement between Chilthorne Domer and Thorne Coffin. Cllr Seib would take it to SC Highways for their consideration.
- b. Any Highways issues¹
Cllr Martin raised the issue of speeding vehicles on the Old Preston Road and through Hawks Rise. Cllrs suggested that reports should be logged as previously advised by PCSOs to build up statistics helping to raise the priority of the issue with the authorities.
Cllr Conway raised the issue of vehicles parking irresponsibly on Alvington Lane, thought to be Abri personnel and local residents.

24/274 OPEN SPACES WORKING PARTY – To REPORT on progress to date. A report had been circulated by Cllr R Simonite.

24/275 REPORTS – To receive any reports:¹

- a. Committees. None.
- b. Working Parties. None.
- c. Parish Councillors. Cllr L Simonite reported that litter picking was being supported by a church group and additional equipment purchased was being stored at the ACA.
- d. Crime and disorder. None.

24/276 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- APCM

¹ The agenda specifies the business that it is proposed to transact (Local Government Act 1972 Sch.12 para 10 (2)(b)) and the Council cannot lawfully decide any matter which is not specified in the agenda (Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119)

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24/277 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Wed 21 May 2025 at 7.30pm, the Parish Room, Abbey Community Centre, BA22 3TL. All agenda items to be notified to the clerk by Fri 9 May 2025.

24/278 CLOSED SESSION – Exclusion of the Press and Public

The Council is recommended to resolve that under section 1, paragraph 2 of The Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business because publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

- a. HR Committee staff appraisal report to include recommendation for annual salary award.

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the clerks annual salary award as recommended by the Staffing Committee.

21:35 – Meeting Closed.

APPENDIX 1 – ACTION LIST

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION OWNER	ACTION	BY	COMMENTS	STATUS
24/70	L Simonite & Clerk	Defibrillators in the Parish - Obtain necessary permissions for preferred sites (Persimmon and Abri)	ASAP	2 Units delivered and progress being made on installation (JF). Budget on Jan25 meeting. - Made contact with Electrician for Abbey Manor Group and agreeing supply & location near <u>Tescos</u>. - Free-standing frames delivered and arranging installation with Persimmon for unit by traffic lights opposite LCH - Tesco Defib location under discussion with all parties, being progressed by Cllr L Simonite (Mar25)	Ongoing
24/73 24/74 24/75	OSWP	Quotes for purchase and installation of 2 benches in Oak Tree Park (RS/IS/JF)	ASAP	- Budget of £2000 agreed for benches - Awaiting quotes for all work from Q Coleman (SC). - Chased quotes with SC for installation (Feb25)	Ongoing
24/137	G Pritchard & Clerk	LCH User Agreement update	ASAP	- Draft User Agreement with PPAT for legal advice. - Chased PPAT for progress (Feb25)	Ongoing
LCH Cttee	OSWP	Proposed sites for Augusta Park noticeboards (2)	ASAP	LCH Cttee requested OSWP to look into suitable sites	Ongoing
24/169 d	Clerk	Request to Landlord for bollards to be installed preventing footpath to ACA from being obstructed	ASAP	- Email sent to <u>Twoleaf</u> Management Company requesting work to be done - No response to request (Mar25)	Ongoing
24 176	OSWP	- Request additional SID sites on Western Avenue - Discuss SID sites on <u>Montacute</u> Road with Persimmon	ASAP	- Email sent to SC Highways requesting additional sites on Western Avenue, including a map showing suggested locations. Response received and further sites to be agreed. - Persimmon agreed to consider SID sites. BPC to discuss sites with Persimmon at next meeting in March 25 (date tbc) - Sites being discussed and progressed by OSWP (Mar25)	Ongoing
24 176 c	Clerk	Request adjustment of white lines between <u>Houndstone</u> Retail Park and Asda to permit 2 lanes of traffic down to roundabout	ASAP	Email sent to SC Highways and response received agreeing to take measurements	Ongoing
24 221	R Simonite, G Pritchard J Conway	Market Square adoption into BPC Ownership	ASAP	- To be discussed at next meeting with Persimmon Homes end Mar25 - Persimmon to check S106 prior to transfer. (Mar25)	Ongoing
24 224	OSWP & G Pritchard	Leaky Dam Project to be presented to Yeovil Town Council for consideration	ASAP	Project plans being drawn up. (Mar25)	Ongoing

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APPENDIX 2 – 24-25 Q4 Summary

BRYMPTON PARISH COUNCIL Q4 SUMMARY						
Receipts and Payments Summary for the year ending 31st March 2025						
		Last Year	This Year	This Year	This Year	This Year
				Budget	Budget	Budget
	RECEIPTS	2023-24	2024-25	2024-25	remaining	remaining
					2024-25 (£)	2024-25 (%)
	Precept	£ 74,319.00	£ 80,565.00	£ 64,890.00		
	Interest	£ 2,458.70	£ 2,703.68	£ 10.00		
	LCH Income	£ 6,872.10	£ 12,635.84	£ 1,296.00		
	VAT Refund	£ 5,475.41	£ 3,214.57	£ 4,369.24		
	Grants & Donations	£ -	£ -	£ -		
	CIL	£ -	£ 2,087.44	£ -		
TOTAL RECEIPTS		£ 89,125.21	£ 101,206.53	£ 70,565.24		
	PAYMENTS					
STAFF	Salaries	£ 25,982.38	£ 31,066.37	£ 29,000.00	-£ 2,066.37	-7%
	Allowances/expenses	£ -	£ 702.02	£ 200.00	-£ 502.02	-251%
	Locum services	£ -	£ -	£ 11,500.00	£ 11,500.00	100%
ADMIN	Office - meetings/website/payroll	£ 1,041.83	£ 2,622.63	£ 1,650.00	-£ 972.63	-59%
	Insurances	£ 821.29	£ 886.82	£ 1,000.00	£ 113.18	11%
	Audit	£ 658.00	£ 711.00	£ 800.00	£ 89.00	11%
	Training	£ 190.00	£ 95.00	£ 500.00	£ 405.00	81%
	Subscriptions	£ 1,936.01	£ 1,684.51	£ 1,800.00	£ 115.49	6%
	Communications (Newslink/Website)	£ -	£ -	£ 600.00	£ 600.00	100%
	Election	£ -	£ -	£ 3,500.00	£ 3,500.00	100%
	Lufton Community Centre	£ 8,463.76	£ 8,213.01	£ 8,000.00	-£ 213.01	-3%
CIVIC	Cllrs allowances	£ 400.00	£ 240.00	£ 700.00	£ 460.00	66%
	Cllrs PAYE	£ -	£ -	£ 140.00	£ 140.00	100%
	Cllrs expenses	£ 10.00	£ 69.75	£ 100.00	£ 30.25	30%
	Chairman's Allowance	£ 72.50	£ 185.00	£ 350.00	£ 165.00	47%
GRANTS	Monthly coffee morning	£ -	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	£ -	0%
S137	Thorne Jubilee Hall	£ -	£ -	£ 125.00	£ 125.00	100%
	Other	£ 10,634.42	£ 11,946.00	£ 17,000.00	£ 5,054.00	30%
PARISH	General maintenance - all areas	£ 10,801.90	£ 3,745.21	£ 31,000.00	£ 27,254.79	88%
SVCS	Ranger	£ 23,123.21	£ 24,071.46	£ 27,000.00	£ 2,928.54	11%
	Play area inspections		£ 956.64			
	Allotments	£ -	£ -	£ 600.00	£ 600.00	100%
	Parish assets - bins/noticeboards	£ 2,247.90	£ 8,811.39	£ 7,000.00	-£ 1,811.39	-26%
	Litter picking	£ -	£ -	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	100%
	Youth services	£ -	£ -	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	100%
	Awards - REMOVE	£ 50.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	0%
	Events	£ 1,140.00	£ 150.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 850.00	85%
	VAT incurred on payments in year	£ 5,297.20	£ 7,115.96			
TOTAL PAYMENTS		£ 87,573.20	£ 104,272.77	£ 146,565.00	£ 42,292.23	
	Excess of Receipts over Payments		-£ 3,066.24			
	plus balances b/fwd		£ 125,746.75			
	Balances c/fwd	£ 125,746.75	£ 122,680.51	CASHBOOK TOTAL		
RECONCILIATION DATE: 31 MAR 2025						
	Unity Trust Current Account		£ 865.88			
	Unity Trust Savings Account		£ 39,786.64			
	Nationwide Business Saver		£ 82,027.99			
	Total balances at bank	-	£ 122,680.51	BANK TOTAL FROM STATEMENTS		

APPENDIX 3 – 25-26 Reserves Statement

BRYMPTON PARISH COUNCIL 25-26 RESERVES STATEMENT					
£	122,680.51	Brought fwd			
	Total at 31/3/2025	Budget additions FY2025-26	Xfer to cashbook	Projected Total Reserves at 31/3/2026	Notes
TOTALS					
projects with ring fenced reserves:					
Lufton Community Hall	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Election	£ 3,500.00	£ -	£ -	£ 3,500.00	
Public safety/Highway improvements	£ 10,000.00	£ -	£ -	£ 10,000.00	Budget to £15k over 2 yrs
Play and Public Areas Maintenance	£ 15,000.00	£ -	£ -	£ 15,000.00	
Parish Assets - Noticeboards/Seats/bins	£ 2,000.00	£ -	£ -	£ 2,000.00	
Youth Work	£ 1,000.00	£ -	£ -	£ 1,000.00	
Allotments (NEW)	£ 600.00	£ -	£ -	£ 600.00	
Defibrillator (NEW)	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Market Square (NEW)	£ 10,000.00	£ -	£ -	£ 10,000.00	
Play Equipment (NEW)	£ -	£ 5,000.00	£ -	£ 5,000.00	Budget to ?? over ?? Yrs
Grants	£ 4,422.83	£ -	£ -	£ 4,422.83	24-25 LCH surplus (income less payments)
CIL (NEW)	£ 2,087.44	£ -	£ -	£ 2,087.44	
Admin - 7 to 12 mths running costs	£ 77,136.48	£ -	£ -	£ 68,140.73	Bring down to ~ £75K @ EoY
TOTAL RESERVES	£ 125,746.75	£ 5,000.00		£ 121,751.00	
24-25 Projected Total Reserves = £125,746 (b/f) + £80,565 (Precept)+ £24,000(Receipts)- £108,560 (Total Spend) = £121751					
APPROVED PRECEPT = £149,450 (Budget) - 19K (Receipts less LCH PROFIT & CIL - £5K) - £10K (from Admin Reserve) = £120,450. MINUTE 24/201					
PROPOSAL 1: Transfer 10K from Admin Reserve to Market Square Reserve @ EoY (April25) - APPROVED MINUTE 24/200					
PROPOSAL 2: Transfer in-yr 'profit' from LCH (Income less payments) to GRANT Budget line 2025-26 - APPROVED MINUTE 24/200					

APPENDIX 4 – Responses to 24-25 Internal Audit Report

Internal Audit Finding	Risk level	Internal Audit Recommendation for Improvement	RFO Response
Quotes and estimates were provided for the purchases of SIDs and AED, but quotes were not obtained for the cleaning service. An explanation has been given that at the time of instruction, they could not find a cleaner to take it on. It has now been added to the next LCH Committee agenda to review the contract and seek quotes for 2025-26.	Medium	The Parish Council must ensure that it reviews all contracts on a regular basis, seeking the appropriate number of quotes/estimates as detailed within their Financial Regulations. For specialist services, the contract(s) should still be reviewed to ensure that they are being delivered in the best way, for example, consideration as to whether it is better to appoint a contractor or to employ directly.	Quotes for the annual LCH cleaning contract are currently being sought and will be considered later this year by the LCH committee and reported back at a Full Council (FC) meeting. The play park inspection contract has been decided with quotes from 3 suppliers considered. The auditor was provided with details regarding the Ranger contract and accepted that this could not be put out to tender due to the restrictions working on SC property. However an email train was provided to demonstrate that the PC were negotiating the best cost for the service. Currently no other quotable contracts are awarded by BPC.
The draft budget for 2024/25 did not detail income or cover the full amount of reserves being held by the council. In addition, although the budget was approved at the December 2023 meeting, there is no detail within the minutes about the amount of precept they were approving to request.	Medium	The council must ensure that all relevant information is provided and taken into account at budget setting. This includes detailing expected income and reserves held. If the full amount of reserves are not earmarked for approved future projects, this must be taken into account and used to offset the precept being requested. The agreed precept amount must be <u>minuted</u> .	The draft budget for 2025/26 did contain details of income and also full reserves breakdown held by the council. Extract from the Jan25 minutes detailing the precept request. 24/201 FINANCE – Precept RESOLVED: To APPROVE the 2025-25 Precept Request for £120,450.00.
LCH Income records were queried with the Clerk as they were not easy to reconcile, due to missing information. This was queried and discussed in length via email with the Clerk and it is understood that the newly installed <u>Hallmaster</u> system will now be used more effectively; users will be asked to make payments through the STRIPE system to automatically record payment of invoices. Reporting functionality within the system will be used for the monitoring/chasing of income and reporting to committee.	Medium	The council should ensure that full use of the <u>Hallmaster</u> functionality is implemented immediately. The new process and system reports should be reviewed at the end of Quarter 1 to ensure that sufficient information is provided to allow for easy reconciliation and debt monitoring.	All hall hirers have been asked to ensure payment is made via the STRIPE facility offered by <u>Hallmaster</u> and most now pay in this way. The report generated by <u>Hallmaster</u> is being used to monitor income and report outstanding payment of invoices to FC monthly. The LCH Committee will review the process and reports at the end of Q1 (Apr-Jun) and report back to FC

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APPENDIX 5 – Grant Application Lufton Youth Club

Name of the organisation	Lufton Youth Group
Address of website, if available	St James' Church
Bank account details	PCC Preston Plucknett [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Name of person(s) submitting the application	Sarah Sanderson
What is your position in the organisation?	Leader
Contact address, including phone number & email address	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Geographical area covered (delete as appropriate)	Agusta Park (and beyond)
Aims, objectives or activities of the organisation	To provide a safe, fun space for young people to hang out with their friends and make new friends. Currently we have over 100 young people on our books with about 50 young people coming each week (therefore one of the largest youth groups in Yeovil). Agusta Park currently has no other facilities for young people and so any young people moving into the area may struggle to make new friends and so this group is an ideal place for them to do this.
Do you target a specific age range? If so what is it?	Age Range 11-16____
Do you target disabled groups?	No, but we are able to cater for disabled young people
How much funding are you applying for?	£1500
What is the funding to be used for?	Covering costs of buying new and replacing equipment. The funding will also go towards funding a paid youth worker to help run the youth group. The group is also transitioning from a parent led group to one run by the church. Although this incurs an increase in cost, it also means the group can continue to run (it would otherwise have closed) with better safeguarding, health and safety, risk assessment and financial management.
Please clearly state how the funding you are applying for will benefit residents of Brympton?	The youth group will provide a place off the streets in a supervised environment to reduce the number of young people on the streets. It also endeavors to encourage young people to make healthy and good life choices.
	With this provision it means Agusta Park is a better place for families with teenagers to move to. The youth worker, helping run the group will be bringing their experience and expertise from their work on the Westfield Estate which has contributed to a significant drop in antisocial behaviour in the area. (Other local councils have contributed to her wage to help enable this change)
Do you currently receive funding from other sources and, if so, from where and how much?	We have received £3000 from Abri, and £750 from CAB food resilience fund.
Are you applying to other funding organisations for support and, if yes, who are they?	Currently there are no other outstanding bids.

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APPENDIX 6 – Grant Application Lost Lady Society

Name of the organisation	Lost Lady Society
Address of website, if available	https://lostladysociety.wordpress.com/
Bank account details	[REDACTED]
Name of person(s) submitting the application	Georgia House & Sarah Setter
What is your position in the organisation?	Administration & Director
Contact address, including phone number & email address	[REDACTED]
Geographical area covered (delete as appropriate)	South Somerset
Aims, objectives or activities of the organisation	Lost Lady Society is a Yeovil-based collective of theatre makers, founded in 2019 with the goal of empowering women and creating professional opportunities for South Somerset creatives. As a community arts organisation, our mission is to inspire and engage local people while ensuring paid work opportunities remain within our region. We are in the process of transitioning into a registered charity in 2025, further solidifying our commitment to community-driven arts initiatives. Our initiative includes free, intergenerational community workshops led by movement and verbatim drama specialists. These workshops support mental well-being, combat isolation, and give community members a voice in shaping the narrative of our play. Participants are then invited to attend the performance, ensuring their contributions are heard and valued. <i>The Saviour</i> is a play inspired by community consultations held over the past 24 months. Using the metaphor of a struggling family-run chip shop with no potatoes, the play explores the broader theme of local marginalisation within the UK. It highlights the resilience of small communities, particularly in rural areas where 48% of Somerset's population resides, and where nearly one in four residents are over 65.
Do you target a specific age range? If so what is it?	Age Range 18-100
Do you target disabled groups?	Not directly but all workshops and performers are inclusive
How much funding are you applying for?	£500
What is the funding to be used for?	Subsidised tickets for parish members to attend the performances and the attend the workshops.
Please clearly state how the funding you are applying for will benefit residents of Brympton?	Using evidence from the grant kindly given by Yeovil Without Parish to enable us to tour <i>The Saviour</i> in November 2024. This allowed us to provide an invaluable service to local residents, which was seen by a total of 312 audience members across all shows. Additionally, their contribution enabled us to run a series of workshops with 20 attendees at Ilchester Town Hall and 67 participants across two workshops at Stoke-sub-Hamdon, the Prince of Wales pub, and Yeovil Marsh. We were especially pleased that 180 members of Yeovil Without Parish were able to attend the performances, making the experience even more meaningful for our community. Thanks to the collective support of parish councils like Yeovil Without, we were able to create a memorable cultural event, and we are deeply grateful for their commitment to the arts and community well-being.
Do you currently receive funding from other sources and, if so, from where and how much?	Arts Council England £ Abri £3695
Are you applying to other funding organisations for support and, if yes, who are they?	South Petherton PC, Ilchester PC, Wincanton Town PC, Charlton Musgrove PC.