
Brympton Parish Council

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Minutes for the meeting of Brympton Parish Council held at The Parish Room, Abbey Community Centre, Yeovil on Tuesday 17th June 2025 at 19:30hrs.

Present – Cllrs Alan Flint, Lynn Goodby, Paul Herbert, Graham Pritchard, Ian Schafer, Adrian Wilkes (6).

In attendance – Julie Ferguson (Clerk).

Public Session – no members of the public were present.

19:30 – Meeting opened

25/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr L Simonite – Personal. Accepted.
Cllr R Simonite – Personal. Accepted
Cllr Martin – Personal. Accepted.
Cllr Snell – Personal. Accepted.

25/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Herbert – Item 34 – Pecuniary.

25/25 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 21 May 25.

25/26 MATTERS TO REPORT FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

a. Defibrillator report. Due to problems with obtaining permission from Tesco Estates, alternative locations were being considered for the Abbey Manor unit, to be discussed further with Cllr L Simonite. The Augusta Park unit was waiting for the electric supply to be installed by Persimmon Homes engineers.

25/27 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Nominations for the Chair's award. Representatives from the Golden Oldies were agreed to be put forward for the award.
b. Invitation to attend Golden Oldies 5th Anniversary celebrations. Cllr R Simonite was planning on attending.
c. Meeting tba with SC Streetscene regarding ownership of refuse collections. Noted.
d. Cllr Pritchard gave a report regarding the continuing work at OTP Pond 1 where drains are being installed to manage high water levels in the winter months.

25/28 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE. Noted.

a. [Yeovil LCN Correspondence](#)
b. [SC News and Bulletins](#)
c. ACA Meeting Agendas and Minutes.
d. [LGBC Consultation](#). To consider any PC response.
e. Wessex Flood Resilience Engagement Team drop-in sessions.
f. [Planning enforcement in Somerset](#)
g. SALC/LCN Loneliness project.
h. [Somerset Bus Partnership – representative for bus issues parish contact](#)
i. Somerset Festival of Remembrance.
j. Ranger report.
k. Play area inspection reports.

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25/29 PLANNING – Decisions for REPORT. Noted.

- a. [25/00835/HOU](#). 77 Bond Street Brympton Yeovil Somerset BA22 8SP. Proposed 2 Storey Side Extension. Approved.

25/30 PLANNING – Applications for COMMENT.

- a. [25/01370/HOU](#). 128 Ritchie Road Brympton Yeovil Somerset BA22 8SH. Erection of single storey side extension with projecting weather canopy to front of property and internal alterations.

RESOLVED: To **SUPPORT** the application.

- b. [25/01323/FUL](#). Land At High Leaze Farm Brympton Yeovil Somerset. Erection of one new bespoke commercial building with associated accesses, hardstanding, landscaping and infrastructure.

RESOLVED: To **SUPPORT** the application.

25/31 FINANCE – To NOTE May 25 receipts. Noted.

MAY 25 Receipts			
Payee	Particulars		Amount
VARIOUS	LCH HIRE FEES MAY (LESS DEPOSIT RETURNS)	£	836.47
NATIONWIDE	INTEREST MAY25	£	122.10
TOTAL		£	958.57

25/32 FINANCE – Payment Schedule.

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

JUNE 25 Payment Schedule				
Inv	Payee	Particulars	Invoice Number	Amount
1	SOMERSET COUNCIL	RANGER (MAY)	30113673	£ 2,457.54
2	KARMA CLEANING	LCH CLEANING MAY/JUN	tba	tba
3	TIMEBACK ACCOUNTS	PAYROLL MAY	7092	£ 6.00
4	STAFF	EMOLUMENTS JUN25	N/A	£ 1,706.60
5	LLOYDS MULTIPAY CARD	OFFICE & SUPPLIES	MAY REPORT	£ 354.10
6	SALC	TRAINING	2098	£ 30.00
	TOTAL			£ 4,554.24

25/33 RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** a letter to the CEO of Somerset Foundation Trust regarding the closure of YDH Maternity Unit (**Appendix 1**).

25/34 REPORTS – To receive reports:

- a. Committees. None.
b. Working Parties. None.
c. Parish Councillors. None.

25/35 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA. Nothing identified at this time.

25/36 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 16 July 2025 at 7.30pm, Abbey Manor Community Centre, The Forum, BA21 3TL. All agenda items to be notified to the clerk by Friday 6 June 2025.

20:40 – Meeting closed.

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To: Peter Lewis, CEO of Somerset Foundation Trust (SFT)

Brympton Parish Council are concerned about the closure of the maternity services and Special Care Baby Unit (SCBU) at Yeovil Women's Hospital. We would like to express our disappointment at the lack of communication from the SFT, with regard to a forward plan that will re-open these services in our town.

We would like to convey the general frustration from those within our Parish and make a formal request for you to provide evidence of a plan to re-open all the maternity services currently suspended, including detail of interim arrangements for displaced families, specifically:

- A detailed timeline for the re-opening of the maternity unit and SCBU. This is not a timeline of meetings to discuss the issue, we request evidence of steps to overcome the current shortfalls in resource and address safety concerns. This includes detail on how the shortages within the Paediatric team will be resolved.
- Evidence the alternative provisions (Musgrove Park Hospital (MPH) and Dorchester County Hospital) earmarked to receive patients during the closure are resourced and able to sustain the increase in inpatients safely, particularly given that the Care Quality Commission (CQC) rated MPH as 'inadequate' at their last assessment.
- Evidence that SFT understand why the CQCs notices which impacted the decision to close the services were not addressed with an explanation of why they now believe they can be resolved within a closed department. We understand staffing was a key decision, how are SFT going to recruit staff to a closed unit?

Brympton Parish Council are concerned that Musgrove Park Hospital in Taunton will struggle to cope with the additional capacity, being now the only hospital to provide maternity services in Somerset. Where is the resilience in this service model being that Somerset has an ever expanding population of over 610,000 permanent residents?

Brympton Parish Council do not believe the impact on hospital staff or our parishioners has been assessed adequately, leaving staff and residents stressed and anxious. Our main concern now, given the time lapsed since the closure, is the lack of any clear plan to re-open our maternity services in Yeovil.

We look forward to hearing back from you with answers to our questions.

Yours faithfully

Brympton Parish Council