

# *Bridestowe Parish Council*

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## **Bridestowe Parish Council Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting held** – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7.30 pm The Ark, Bridestowe

**In attendance:** Clerk, Parish Cllrs Young, Hodgson, Thirtle, Proctor, Burder and Bickle,  
District Cllr Mott, members of the public (1).

**1. Apologies.**

District Cllr Southcott, Cllr Pritchard.

**2. Possible Declarations of interest.**

None.

**3. Public Open Question Time.**

None.

**4. Approval of minutes of meeting held November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

Cllr Thirtle proposed the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting, this was seconded by Cllr Hodgson and agreed by all. The chair signed a copy.

**5. Matters arising.**

**5.1 Natwest – discuss progress of additional signatories.**

The clerk reported that she had submitted a mandate update to remove signatories that were no longer members of the parish council. A date of birth is required to remove the late Mr Porter however this has not yet been obtained. Cllrs suggested the clerk obtain a death certificate to provide to the bank.

**5.2. Cleaning of multiplay equipment in the Sporting Green – update from Cllrs.**

Cllr Proctor confirmed they would visit again in the next week or two to do another clean and it would be an ongoing project. Cllrs agreed the need to prioritise the renovation.

**5.3 Allotments – discuss interest received and possible locations.**

Cllrs agreed to run another notice in the BaSE magazine and to approach the two main landowners to see if they have any suitable locations.

**5.4 Warm spaces grant – discuss and agree event details.**

Cllrs discussed ideas and agreed the first option would be to see if the pub would like to host the event offering free refreshments to parishioners (funded by the grant). Cllr Thirtle will speak to Mike. Cllrs agreed the second option to be a coffee morning in The Ark. Cllr Hodgson will speak to Brian about that.

**5.5 Management of cemetery hedge.**

Cllr Young reported that the inside of the hedge was encroaching on the area and needed some attention, possibly by a handheld trimmer. Cllr Mott agreed to approach the volunteer group to see if they could carry out the work.

**5.6 Station Road surface water issue.**

Cllrs discussed the work undertaken and agreed it had made no difference to the issue. The clerk was asked to contact Highways with concerns.

**5.7 Register of keys.**

Cllrs agreed to create a register of keys for the noticeboards and cemetery shed. The clerk holds keys to the noticeboards and Cllr Thirtle has a key for the cemetery shed. Cllr Thirtle will investigate who else holds a key and add it to the register held by the clerk.

**5.8 Cllrs thanked Cllr Proctor for the Christmas tree and base.**

**6. Grants – to discuss and agree award applications received.**

**6.1 Citizens Advice**

Cllrs agreed that with their small budget it was important to concentrate on more local applications and would therefore not award a grant.

**6.2 Bridestowe Scout Group**

Cllrs awarded a grant of £300.

**6.3 Bridestowe Volunteer Group**

Cllrs awarded a grant of £100 and suggested plugs were planted in the memorial garden, the splay on entrance to the village and possibly near Princess Elizabeth Road.

The two grants were proposed by Cllr Hodgson, seconded by Cllr Bickle and agreed by all.

**7. Budget and precept – discuss and agree budget for next financial year and the amount of precept to request.**

Cllrs discussed potential costings for the coming year and agreed a 5% increase taking the sum to £9265.00. Proposed by Cllr Proctor, seconded by Cllr Bickle and agreed by all.

**8. Planning - discuss and agree comments of support/objection.**

**8.1 3828/2024/FUL Development Site at Sx511893 Town Meadow**

Cllrs agreed as there were no fundamental changes to the application since the previous application, they would object to the proposal. The clerk, Cllr Thirtle and Cllr Young agreed to put together a comment. Proposed by Cllr Proctor, seconded by Cllr Hodgson and agreed by all.

**9. Accounts for payment:**

**9.1** Hall hire for meetings - £59.00

**9.2** Clerks expenses ink - £53.38

**9.3** Grass Cutting Martin Ashley - £609.60

**9.4** Electricity connection for defib J Browning - £152.97

Current account statement balance as of December 17, 2024: £18183.51. Cashbook circulated to all Cllrs.

Accounts proposed for payment by Cllr Thirtle, seconded by Cllr Burder and agreed by all.

**10. Correspondence: Mostly circulated to councillors.**

**10.1 DALC, WDBC; DCC: Newsletters, District Cllrs Report, County Cllrs Report.**

Acknowledged. No further action.

**10.2 Parish Council Budget Summaries.**

Acknowledged. No further action.

**10.3 Council launches innovative thermal imaging camera scheme.**

Acknowledged. No further action.

**11. Agree date of next meeting (proposed date Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025).**

Proposed date of Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025 agreed. Cllr Bickle submitted his apologies.

**\*\* Part II\*\*** (Closed to public & press)

**12. Cemetery**

Cllrs discussed the cemetery regulations.

Meeting closed at approximately 9:10pm.