

# BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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## Public Session

Congratulate Edwin and Karen on the work done outside the Village Hall.

## Reports from Somerset Councillors

Somerset Councillors Bill Revans and Alan Bradford addressed the meeting.

## The Minutes

**Present:** Councillors Steve Hughes, Ali Aras, Doug Wilson and Lucinda Garland

**In Attendance:** Donna Durham (Assistant Clerk), Somerset Councillors Bill Revans and Alan Bradford and 5 members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence**

Councillor Jess Osman

2. **Declaration of interest**

None

3. **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council held on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and the planning meeting held on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were circulated with the agenda of this meeting and unanimously approved.

4. **Planning**

- **Planning application number: 10/24/00003/STP**

**Proposal:** Upgrade of an existing 11kv overhead line to add a 3<sup>rd</sup> wire (phase) and 1No. supporting stay. Ref: 4825252

**Location:** Land to the North and South of, Road Through Broomfield to Lydeard Cross, and to the East and West of, Broomfield Road, Broomfield, Bridgwater, Somerset

The Parish Council decided to not comment on this planning application.

5. **Chair's Report**

Somerset Councillors Bill Revans and Alan Bradford and Parish Councillor Steve Hughes checked on state of roads locally. Where things are dangerous, they must be reported. Hoping some pressure has been applied.

Water at Rooks Castle is causing problems.

Tree surveys need to be completed (Chair to contact Bill Jenman), as a number of trees have come down locally.

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## 6. Footpaths (led by Karen Hughes)

Chair to speak to Karen Hughes to see if individuals can repair any issues they find or whether they need to be reported to the Rights of Way Officer.

## 7. Village Hall Update

- Thank you to Edwin, Helen and Karen for planting the front of the Village Hall.
- New railings have been ordered.
- 27/04/2024 – bench dedication for Bez Purdy.
- Heating and lighting grant being progressed.
- Bookings increasing.
- Losing one member of the Village Hall Committee.

## 8. LCN

- Roads and flooding – highways group being formed. Councillor Doug Wilson will be the representative.
- Example of Lengthsman on Dartmoor approximately £50,000 but can be done jointly between communities.

It was reported that most damage to verges is done by lorries and tractors. Consider writing to farms in the area to see if they would provide a man and a machine to help maintain the roads – it was agreed that the Chair should do this.

- LCN still doing a lot of talking and not doing.
- More issues rurally than in urban areas.

## 9. Roads and Flooding

Covered under Chair's report.

## 10. Finance

### 10.1 Receipts and Payments

The Council unanimously approved the receipts and payments.

The meeting closed at 20:27.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman) 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024