

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4th MARCH 2025

Present: Cllr J Hodgson (Chairman) Cllr M Mossman (Vice Chairman), Cllr J Mann, Cllr J Morrison, Cllr J Dumper, Cllr Mrs. K McAllister, Cllr A Taylor, Cllr C Brookes & Cllr S Dunn.

In attendance: Heather Bourner-Clerk

HCC David Drew

1 Member of public

Apologies for Absence

1. Apologies for absence had been received from TVBC A Johnston & TVBC S MacDonald.

Co-Option of New Councillor

2) Steven Dunn had expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor and gave details to those present of his knowledge, skills and experience. After a short discussion Cllr Mossman proposed he was co-opted. This was seconded by Cllr Hodgson. All agreed. Steven accepted the appointment and the Clerk provided the necessary paperwork to be signed.

It was also noted that Brian Keane had resigned as a Parish Councillor. The Clerk has arranged for the statutory notice to be published advertising this vacancy. It is hoped this can be filled by co-option at the April meeting. Thanks were expressed to Brian for his years of service to the Council.

Public Participation

3) None

Declarations of Interest

4) There were no declarations of interest, All Cllrs present confirmed no amendments were required to register of interest documents.

Minutes

4) **Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2025 were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Morrison, seconded Cllr Brooks. All agreed.

Planning

6) **The following decisions by TVBC were noted:**

24/02651/FULLS- extension 6 Downs Close- agreed at committee, Parish Council not notified of meeting but TVBC have sent an explanation with an apology.

Resolved: that the planning decisions on the following applications were endorsed:

25/00340/VARS- variation of condition-alterations to windows, Hyde Farm-no objections

25/00378/FULLS- erect conservatory, 27 Downs Close-No objection

25/00484/TREES- tree works, Quorn Cottage, Paynes Lane- no objections

7) County and Borough Councillors' Report

HCC David Drew had sent a report which can be seen at appendix 1.

TVBC Cllr S MacDonald, Councillor for the Mid Test had sent his apologies as had Cllr Mrs A Johnston. The latest Mid Test Matters had been circulated to all Parish Councillors

Amended Cemetery Regulations

8) Following two requests not covered by the current regulations the Clerk had amended the current document which had been circulated to all Councillors for consideration. The amended document was discussed and agreed. The Clerk will publish this on the Parish Council website.

Sports Field Pavilion Update

9) Cllr Mann reported the build process is progressing well and an up-to-date target finish date has been requested from the builder. He apologised that other commitments had

prevented him from preparing a line-item breakdown of the current status of the works together with the associated costs. It is his intention to prepare this in time for the next meeting. Cllr Hodgson reminded the meeting that under the terms of the contract the costs of each item are capped and that as such the risk of cost overruns lies with the contractor not the council.

Cllr Mann highlighted a £10000.00 grant from the Village Shop which has been paid direct to the sports committee bank account. The Clerk will ask for this grant to be passed to the Parish Council.

The Clerk confirmed she has requested CIL funds to pay the recent invoice from the builder. Funds should be available by 10th March. Cllr Mann has confirmed this invoice should be paid. Invoices for further electrical work have also been paid.

A member of the sports committee has asked for a committee room to be included in the new build which is a change to the plan. Concerns were raised about changes to the contract and the associated costs which are not part of the current plan. Given the contract for the build is between the Parish Council and the builder they need to be aware of any proposed changes. Cllr Dumper will speak to the Sports Committee and express the reservations of the Parish Council. It was suggested changes could happen after the build is complete.

The Sports Committee have also suggested water mains be fitted to each of the pitches. It was agreed the water mains was not part of the pavilion rebuild and the sports committee should deal with this as a separate item.

Cllr Dunn suggested some plans regarding the build be displayed at either the shop or the Village Hall in order that the whole village are aware of the plans. Cllr Dumper said there are plans for fundraising which will be circulated around the village

Broughton Community Energy

10) Cllr Hodgson reported the grant agreed in principle will not arrive until the new financial year. Discussions are taking place with SSE regarding connection and the working group are asking those in the community with any experience of solar and heat pump energy to share this to help move the project forward.

Allotments

11) Cllr Hodgson said that following the resignation of Councillor Robson a new Councillor was required to take on the responsibility for this matter. The Clerk said rents were now due and all tenants need to be contacted to make payment. She will start with requesting payments while Councillors consider who might take this responsibility. The alternative was to form an allotment association made up of tenants, which will also be considered.

School Lane Transfer

12) The Clerk reported that she continues to be in regular touch with Patrick Hunter of Shenton's and Mark Iveson of Gately's who represent Lindens. In a telephone call last Saturday with Shenton's the Clerk had discussed what items were outstanding and what was required to settle the matter. An approximate value for the land was required for Land Registry purposes and having obtained some guidance the Clerk proposed a value of £125,000.00 to be used for registration purposes.

It is still not clear if Lindens have signed the correct transfer documents as the plan attached to the transfer document has been changed several times. Patrick Hunter believes the correct plan has been signed by the Parish Council and he is awaiting confirmation that Gately's agree.

Shenton's have asked Lindens to pay the £7000.00 agreed for fees direct to the Parish Council with the agreed MUGA sum. The invoice for fees will then be sent direct to the Parish Council for payment.

Finally, Karen Dunn head of TVBC legal team has agreed to contact Gately's to establish what else is required to complete this transfer given the length of time this has taken and the possibility of enforcement action.

Neighbourhood Plan

13) Cllr Mann reported data analysis of the returned surveys is progressing and it is hoped a meeting with TVBC will be held shortly this will be followed by a public consultation meeting

Thanks were expressed to the team working on this project.

Clerks Report

14) The Clerk reported the expenditure for the Warm Hub Cinema which is being shared with Mottisfont Parish Council is likely to be more than the £70 contribution agreed caused by the additional miles travelled by the Broughton Bus because of road closures. This is currently a further £12.50 but could be more as there are still four further journeys to be paid for. Final details will be provided once invoices arrive.

She shared the grass cutting quotation she had received from Grass & Grounds for the 2025 season. The price had been increased by 3.3% in view of inflation. After a short discussion it was agreed the quote should be accepted. The quotation will be signed by the clerk and returned to the contractor with a copy of the minutes agreeing the contract. This quotation includes the cutting of the sports field.

Footpaths.

15) Cllr Morrison reported he had met with the lengthsman to discuss the cutting of the hedge which runs alongside the allotment and footpath 4. Given the time of year this work will be carried out in the autumn.

He had also circulated a schedule of items required to be purchased from the HCC grant to provide equipment and training for volunteers to help maintain footpaths in the parish. Details were discussed and Cllr Brooks proposed this expenditure be met, this was seconded by Cllr McAllister. All agreed. Cllr Morrison will liaise with the Clerk regarding these purchases.

Outdoor Adult Gym Equipment.

16) Cllr Taylor had provided a schedule of the quotes obtained for the equipment proposed and had also visited two local installations. He proposed the purchase of equipment from Sunshine Gym, this was seconded by Cllr Dunn, all agreed. The full costs can be met by S106 funds due. Cllr Taylor will place an order for the equipment ensuring the invoices are sent to the Clerk. He will also arrange to meet with a representative from the Sports Committee to finalise location for the machines and to meet the contractor fitting the equipment once a delivery date is known.

Flooding

17) Cllr Mossman said while the Parish Council agree in principle with the actions of Southern Water to prevent pollution entering the chalk stream, there is a problem with the continual road closure to accommodate the tankers currently pumping water from overloaded sewers. Not only can motorists not pass there is no access for pedestrians or cyclists. Cllr Taylor said the legal act gives permission to contractors such as Southern Water to close roads when works are required to a carriageway, it does not refer to health & safety and should not apply to pavements and footpaths. There does not appear to be any reason why there cannot be access to cyclists and pedestrians.

HCC David Drew asked for full details so he can speak to HCC officers but suggested the local MP be contacted.

Community Bus

18) Cllr Morrison said the committee were gathering details of types of vehicles along with customer reviews of the practicalities of using an electric vehicle. He hopes that details of the likely new bus will be available at the next meeting.

Finance

19) To note the bank balances -
25/02/2025

TSB Charity account £236,923.01

TSB Business Instant £74187.02

United Trust £32525.26

ii) To approve the following payments and authorise on line transactions: -

H Bournier sal £727.26

H Bournier exp £30.90

HMRC £11.60

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| Barry Wells | £1322.40 |
| Ace Liftaway | £312.00 |
| Haygarth Ross | £31561.68 |
| Kew Electrical | £2292.46 |
| Awbridge PC | £307.98 |

Retrospective

Broughton Village Hall £3000.00

20) Items to carry forward

Container/storage at Village Hall-Cllr McAllister will speak to the Village Hall Committee
Well House roof repair

21) Correspondence

The Clerk highlighted a letter of thanks from Broughton Village Hall regarding the grant of £3000 toward the community hub set up.

22) New items for next meeting

Clerk new laptop
Unitary Councils and the impact on Parish Councils

Community news

23) A meeting for villagers will be held in the Village Hall regarding the proposed works to the Greyhound public house.

Date of next meeting

24) 7.30 pm on Tuesday April 1st 2025

Appendix 1

Hampshire County Council approves Council Tax increase to sustain essential services

At the meeting of the full County Council, a 4.995% increase in Hampshire's portion of the council tax was approved from April this year alongside further savings proposals needed to help move the Authority towards delivering its core purpose and help address ongoing budget pressures in the years to come. With costs and demand rising in key areas such as social care, 2% of the council tax increase will go specifically towards adults' social care and supporting the county's higher numbers of older people and adults with complex needs and disabilities - in line with Government policy. This equates to an annual charge of £1,609.83 for a Band D property from 1 April 2025 – an increase of £1.47 per week.

The increase will generate an extra £50 million of vital revenue income towards the delivery of crucial services to the people of Hampshire in 2025/26, and still means that Hampshire has one of the lowest council tax precepts of any county in England.

Alongside revenue spending plans for the next financial year, the County Council also approved the capital budget for the next three years, with building and infrastructure projects totalling £1.167 billion - providing a major boost to the local economy through jobs, skills and construction, as well as ensuring necessary assets are in place to provide services to the people of Hampshire now and in the future. Under local government finance rules, the Council's capital resources cannot be used to shore up the running costs of the revenue budget.

The capital programme includes:

- £188m investment in new and extended school buildings to provide more school places for children in Hampshire
- £166m for structural maintenance and improvement of roads and bridges
- £245m for Integrated Transport Plan schemes
- £107m to address condition-based enhancements to schools
- £50m for waste recycling infrastructure to meet legislative requirements

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20250213Budgetdecision>

Devolution for Hampshire – have your say in the Government’s consultation

Hampshire residents are invited to have their say on once-in-a-generation devolution proposals for Hampshire and the Solent region in the eight-week public consultation launched today by central Government

The consultation invites residents' views on the proposal to form a Mayoral Combined County Authority for Hampshire, Portsmouth, the Isle of Wight, and Southampton.

The consultation runs for eight weeks from 10am, 17 February 2025 to 11:59pm on 13 April 2025.

It can be found here: [Hampshire and the Solent devolution consultation - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/devolution-hampshire-solent)

Devolution will shift more powers and flexibilities from Westminster to Hampshire and the Solent region, along with additional funding and investment. This transition will empower local authorities to make vital decisions closer to where residents live and work, driving economic growth, innovation, and productivity.

Further dedicated information about devolution in Hampshire, including Q&As, can be found on the County Council’s webpages, www.hants.gov.uk/devolution.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20250217DevoConsultation>

More than 90 per cent of Year 6 pupils in Hampshire offered first preference secondary school

More than 97 per cent of parents in Hampshire (13,903) have been offered a place for their child at one of their three preferences for a secondary school in September 2025

Of those who applied for a Year 7 place (for September 2025) by the application deadline, 90.8 per cent have been offered a place at their first preference school. The County Council received 14,230 on-time applications this year – a decrease of 357 applications compared to the number received for places in September 2024 (14,587).

Pupils who did not secure a place at one of their three preferences have been allocated a place at their catchment school or the next nearest available school. Parents have the right to appeal in these situations and their child’s name will be added to the waiting list for any schools for which they receive a refusal. Places can become available via the waiting list for various reasons including parents changing their mind, or families moving home.

Parents who applied online have been notified of their offers by email. They can also view their offer by logging into the secure, online portal using the same log-in details provided when making their online application. Those parents who applied on paper, and did not provide an email address, have been notified by post and should receive their letters in two to three days.

A video and a set of Frequently Asked Questions to help with parents’ queries has been published on the [Admissions webpages](#). This includes information on school transport assistance which may be available in certain circumstances, where the national eligibility criteria are met (application deadline 31 May).

The Admissions Team is now busy processing primary school applications with school place offers due to go out to parents on 16 April 2025.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20250303nationalofferday>

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