

Minutes of the Meeting of Broadhempston Parish Council
Thursday 13 November 2025

Present: Cllrs Wright (Chair), Widger, White, Goddard, and Bamford, Stevens, and Clarke.

Also present: County Cllr Stuart Rogers
District Cllr Paul Parker
2 members of public
Cathy Aubertin (Clerk)

No	Subject	
2025/26/111	The Chair will open the meeting and receive apologies.	Cllr Wright opened the meeting at 7.31 pm. Apologies received from District Councillor Richard Daws.
2025/26/112	To declare any interests at this meeting.	None.
2025/26/113	Approval to consider, amend as agreed by the Council, and approve the minutes of the following meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 October 2025. 	<i>It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes.</i>
2025/26/114	Public question time: a period of 10 minutes will be allowed for members of the public to ask questions or make comments regarding the work of the Council or other items that affect Broadhempston. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Councillor report. • County Councillor report 	<p>District Cllr Parker reported that Teignbridge District Council's (TDC's) Executive has approved a plan for the future of Newton Abbot.</p> <p>He further advised that, in respect of devolution, it may be that all council elections are postponed for a year, including parish and town councillors.</p> <p>District Cllr Parker advised that planning approval has been granted for 23 apartments at Sherbourne and that Homes England have given TDC £300,000 for a new care centre.</p> <p>County Cllr Rogers advised that he is preparing for meeting of all parish and town councils in his division, which will be held in Broadhempston on 28 November. All three larger authorities' CEOs (Devon County Council (DCC), TDC and Dartmoor National Park (DNP)) and have confirmed their attendance, and relevant district councillors have been invited.</p> <p>County Cllr Rogers congratulated the village on play park redevelopment, which proves what a community pulling together can achieve.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Councillor reports • Grounds maintenance work. • Parish Lengths-man work. 	<p>Local Government Review briefings are taking place at both TDC and DCC and a few submissions will be going in to central government from Devon by the deadline of 28 November. He further advised that he is determined that the 417 town and parish councils in Devon won't be forgotten.</p> <p>County Cllr Rogers is meeting Scott Riddell, our local highways officer, in the morning of 28 November to look at all the villages in his division. The clerk will highlight any concerns to be considered beforehand.</p> <p>County Cllr Rogers congratulated Broadhempston primary school on their excellent OFSTED score and this was echoed by parish councillors.</p> <p>It was noted that the Loams Farm grit bin has been damaged and the lid has been ripped off. The clerk to report to DCC.</p> <p>All councillors will check which bins need grit in them and report them to the clerk for action by DCC.</p> <p>It was noted that all the drains through Beaston need to be cleared. The clerk will report to DCC.</p> <p>Councillors to let clerk know of any other drains that need clearing.</p> <p>It was noted that there is a flooding issue in the Woodlands parish area. Cllr Clarke will provide a What Three Words location to allow the clerk to report the matter to Woodlands Parish.</p> <p>It was noted that the flooding issue, previously reported by Staverton Parish Council, has still not been addressed by the footpath owner. Clerk will contact the landowner to ask that the path be cleared.</p>
2025/26/115	To receive an update in respect of phase 2 of the play area refurbishment.	<p>The clerk reminded councillors that two invoices were paid under delegated powers to ensure that contract continues in line with the timetable.</p> <p>It was further noted that work will likely be completed by Tuesday 18 November and that the ROSPA inspection will take place on Friday 21. However, the play area cannot reopen until the ROSPA report has been received.</p> <p>Councillors agreed that they would like County Cllr Rogers to formally re-open the area as a thank you for his support and it is hoped that this can be done on 28 November. Cllr Wright will check on timings and invite County Cllr Rogers.</p> <p>It was noted that £80 income has been received from the sale of the grip strips from the old fort, plus £200 for the sale of the tower.</p>

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2025/ 26/116	To consider next steps in respect of the village square project now that planning permission has been received to create new parking bays in Kings Close Field.	<p>It was agreed that the clerk should post an update on Facebook, explaining the work that has been going on behind the scenes, and that new members of the working group will be needed.</p> <p>The clerk will ask County Cllr Rogers to chase the electric vehicle charging point project so that we know whether we will receive funding for EV charging points.</p> <p>The clerk will obtain quotes for creating the new parking bays.</p>
2025/ 26/117	To consider the purchase of financial software for the parish council, based on a recommendation from the clerk.	<p>Following consideration of the clerk's report, it was RESOLVED that the council should proceed with Scribe software.</p> <p>The clerk will action.</p>
2025/ 26/118	To consider steps that the parish council can take to encourage dog walkers and owners to pick up after their dogs, including the feasibility of offering refuse bin stickers to residents who are willing to have dog waste left in their bins.	<p>The suggestion, posted on Facebook by the clerk, that residents offer their bins for others to put bagged dog poo in, was received positively.</p> <p>Therefore, it was RESOLVED that Cllr Wright should purchase 50 stickers for residents to collect from the community shop if they are happy to be involved in the initiative.</p> <p>It was further resolved that Cllr Wright should produce dog bag dispensers, using his 3-D printer at a cost of approximately £15.00, which will be put up throughout the village.</p> <p>The clerk will ask, on Facebook, where parishioners would like to see a dispenser.</p> <p>The clerk will Chase TDC regarding the requested signs about the fines that can be issued to anyone who does not pick up after their dog.</p> <p>The clerk will order dog waste bags for the dispensers.</p>
2025/ 26/119	Councillor training.	<p>Following consideration, it was RESOLVED that all councillors should attend councillor training, which has been arranged through DALC by the clerk.</p> <p>The first two training sessions will take place at 7.30pm on 14 January and 25 February with a further session in March.</p> <p>All councillors and the clerk will attend, and the clerk will make the arrangements with DALC.</p>
2025/ 26/120	To consider concerns raised by parishioners in respect of traffic issues at Stoop Cross.	<p>Following comments to Cllr Clarke about this matter, she emailed the information for all councillors to consider.</p> <p>Cllr White advised that the proposed solution was tried previously and proved to be more dangerous.</p> <p>The clerk will add this to the items to be considered by County Cllr Rogers during his visit with the highways officer.</p> <p>Cllr Clarke agreed to meet with County Cllr Rogers on 28 November to explain further.</p>

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		<p>Following inconsiderate parking in this area, the Clerk will send out the council parking signs to all councillors for use as and when needed.</p>
2025/26/121	<p>To consider arrangements for purchasing and erecting this year's Christmas tree and whether to purchase a lit star for the top of the tree.</p>	<p>Cllr White confirmed that he has arranged for tree to be delivered. <i>It was RESOLVED that the parish council will pay for the tree for the voluntary parishioner group to put up, as in previous years.</i></p> <p>Cllr Wright will investigate the cost of purchasing a star for the top of the tree.</p>
2025/26/122	<p>To consider hedge cutting.</p>	<p><i>It was agreed that the clerk should remind parishioners again that they have a responsibility to keep any hedges that overhang the highway cut back and maintained, with a Facebook post advising that DCC will be inspecting the area on 28 November.</i></p> <p>Cllr White advised that he is happy to deliver a standard letter to households where hedge or tree work is required to keep the highway clear in the new year.</p> <p><i>The clerk will draft such a letter and include information about when hedges can be maintained so as not to interfere with the nesting season.</i></p>
2025/26/123	<p>Climate change emergency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bee Square. • Tree planting. 	<p><i>Following consideration of the report from the clerk, it was RESOLVED that the clerk will purchase 50 bee saver kits from Friends of the Earth.</i></p> <p>Cllr Clarke will ask whether the community shop is happy to give the kits to residents who request them and confirm to the clerk.</p> <p>Cllr Wright has not yet managed to talk to the owner of the community woodland about tree planting but will do so.</p>
2025/26/124	<p>Open spaces update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small playing field. Consider the quote for a tree survey. • Easterways play area. • Headlands. • Kings Close Field. • Community Orchard. • Allotments. Consider joining the National Allotments Society at a cost of £70.00. 	<p><i>Following consideration of the quote it was RESOLVED that Cllr White will contact a local parishioner to ask whether he would be willing to become our volunteer tree warden and, if so, he will be directed to Cllr Stevens for details about the work that is required in the small playing field.</i></p> <p>The clerk will check that the PC insurance will cover the swing which has been moved to Easterways from the small playing field.</p> <p><i>Following the recommendation from the clerk, it was RESOLVED that the clerk should arrange for the council join the National Allotments Society.</i></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car Park. 	<p>It was noted that all allotment plots now have tenants.</p> <p>It was noted that the self-seeded cherry tree in the allotments has outgrown its space. Cllr Wright will inspect and fell if necessary.</p> <p>It was noted that the bollards required to protect the neighbour's fence have been purchased and delivered to a local contractor for installation, together with reflective tape.</p>
2025/26/125	<p>Finance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider the 2026/27 budget and precept, based on the recommendations from the budget working party. • To agree payment of accounts. 	<p><i>It was RESOLVED that the recommendations of the budget working party should be accepted and that there be no change to the precept for 2026/ 27.</i></p> <p>The clerk will advise TDC.</p> <p><i>It was RESOLVED that payments should be approved.</i></p> <p>Clerk to make payments.</p>
2025/26/126	<p>Clerk's report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of actions in previous minutes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Wright will sell the grip strips from the old fort – now sold. • Cllr Stevens will trim the recently let allotment plot. • Cllr Wright agreed to discuss rainwater storage with a parishioner who might be able to advise further on such a project for the allotments. • Cllr White has talked to the landowner in respect of a recent complaint received about the state of a path in the village. • Cllr Wright has arranged for the welding to be done to the mesh at the base of the basketball hoops, and it will be done shortly.
2025/26/127	<p><u>Public question time.</u></p>	
2025/26/128	<p>To note the date of the next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 11 December 2025. 	<p>This was noted and the meeting closed at 9.35pm</p>

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