

Minutes of the Meeting of Broadhempston Parish Council
Thursday 9 April 2026

Present: Cllrs Goddard (chair), Clarke, Bamford, Stevens, and Widger.

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

No	Subject	
2026/ 27/001	The Chair will open the meeting and receive apologies.	Cllr Goddard opened the meeting at 7.33 pm. Apologies had been received from Cllrs Wright and White, due to both being away. <i>It was RESOVLED to accept the apologies.</i>
2026/ 27/002	To declare any interests at this meeting.	
2026/ 27/003	Approval to consider, amend as agreed by the Council, and approve the minutes of the following meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 March 2026. 	<i>It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes.</i>
2026/ 27/004	<p><u>Public question time:</u> 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Councillor report. 	<p>District Cllr Parker reported that the recycling centre is being upgraded to deal with additional recyclable items and it is looking likely that it will be completed under budget.</p> <p>Teignbridge District Council (TDC) is continuing with work to strengthen entrances to local parks to reduce the risk of illegal encampments.</p> <p>The Sherborne Road housing project is progressing, and construction is expected to start in the spring. These will be affordable homes.</p> <p>Work to the roads near Denbury is ongoing and access will be continually monitored so that concerns can be addressed.</p> <p>The TDC Local Plan has been found safe by the inspector and will be adopted in May. However, due to change in planning policy, it will need to be updated within 30 months. In addition, TDC has agreed to take on the housing allocation from other districts where there is no capacity to build.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grounds maintenance work. • Parish Lengths-man work. 	It was noted that a local contractor is willing take on Parish Lengths-man work and councillors accepted that this would need to fit in around his other work commitments.
2026/27/005	To consider the following planning application: 26/00410/TPO T1 Beech : Crown reduction in height and spread of up to 4m to previous or suitable pruning points Pippins Road From Post Office To Stoop Cross Broadhempston Devon TQ9 6BJ	It was RESOLVED to support this application. The clerk will advise TDC.
2026/27/006	To consider the annual RoSPA play area inspection reports.	It was noted that Broadhempston Community Land Trust (CLT) had already committed to deal with the concern raised in respect of the chains on the swings at Easterways. The clerk will produce a summary of all actions required following the inspection.
2026/27/007	For councillors to consider whether each councillor is willing to sign a statement of assurance in respect of the Civility and Respect Pledge.	It was agreed to postpone this issue until we have a full complement of councillors, and for the clerk to provide context around the issue. Clerk will produce a briefing note and add to the agenda when a new councillor joins the council.
2026/27/008	To consider an update in respect of the Village Square project.	It was noted that we are still awaiting the revised valuation from Teign Housing.
2026/27/009	To consider an update in respect of the format and when to hold the annual parish meeting.	It was agreed to proceed with 21 May, now that Martin Wrigley is available again. Clerk to make arrangements, including booking the main hall.
2026/27/010	To consider the opportunity that the Teignbridge District Council's match funding CIL grant scheme will offer for council projects, and whether the council should apply for funding.	Two projects had been put forward as candidates for this funding by Cllr Wright – the village square project and the purchase of a battery to store energy at the village hall, giving the village an area to be used in an emergency or in the event of a large loss of power. In respect of the village square, it was RESOLVED that the clerk should submit a funding application. Councillors felt that more consideration was required in respect of the battery, due to the need for the battery to be stored securely and not in the immediate vicinity of the village hall. It was also noted that the village hall committee might consider selling energy back to the grid to generate income. It was RESOLVED that, as an initial step, Cllr Goddard should raise the matter at the next meeting of the village hall committee.

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2026/ 27/011	Climate change emergency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree planting. 	<p>Councillors RESOLVED to visit the site in June, ahead of the parish council meeting at 7.30pm.</p> <p>Parishioners will be consulted in respect of the planting of the trees at the annual parish meeting in May.</p>
2026/ 27/012	Open spaces update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small playing field: Proposal to plant a tree in memory of a parishioner. <p>To consider the report following the assessment of trees in the SPF.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easterways play area. • Headlands. • Kings Close Field. • Community Orchard. • Allotments. • Car Park. 	<p>It was RESOLVED that Cllr Stevens will assess the best place to plant the tree, either in the play area or as part of the work to move the hedge to accommodate new parking bays.</p> <p>Following consideration of the report, it was resolved that the inspection should be repeated in June 2027 and that the clerk should make the arrangements for the inspection to take place at that time.</p> <p>It was noted that all should keep an eye on the poplar stump to ensure that it doesn't start growing again!</p> <p>Cllr Bamford advised that the directors of the CLT have requested that a document is completed each time an inspection of the play area takes place, and that he will complete this when he undertakes the inspection.</p> <p>It was noted that the mower is currently only limping along and that it is time to look into options for purchasing a new mower. Cllr Wright is asked to present options at the next meeting, and the clerk will provide an update in respect of the reserve fund for the orchard.</p> <p>It was noted that 'Dogs on leads' signs have been replaced by Cllr Wright.</p>
2026/ 27/013	Finance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To agree payment of accounts. 	<p>It was RESOLVED that payments should be approved.</p> <p>Clerk to make payments.</p>
2026/ 27/014	Clerk's report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of actions in previous minutes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Bamford volunteered to add the allotment plots, with plot numbers, to the council's mapping system and Cllr Wright agreed to provide the plans to facilitate this. In progress. • Headlands – access to defib improvements - Cllr Wright will clarify what is planned and whether help will be required from the council.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider the invite from Totnes Town Council to join the Totnes Parish Cluster group and the meeting to be held on 30 June 2026 at 5.30pm. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Clarke will talk to the local open water swimmers' group to see if anyone would like to become an ambassador. <p>Councillors are interested in attending but felt that the time of day would make it difficult for most. The clerk will attend and will remind councillors of the meeting nearer the time.</p>
2026/27/015	<u>Public question time.</u>	
	CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS – Public and press left the meeting room.	
2026/27/016	To discuss councillor training.	It was resolved that the next training session should be postpone until September, when it is hoped we will have a full complement of councillors. Clerk to add to a future agenda.
2026/27/017	To note the date of the next meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday 14 May 2026. 	This was noted and the meeting closed at 9.10pm. NOTE: Annual Parish Council meeting to take place at 7pm on 14 May 2026, with the monthly meeting to follow upon closing of that meeting.

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