

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

Present: Cllrs Wright (chair), Clarke, Bamford, Widger, White, T Goddard and E Goddard.

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

No	Subject	
2026/27/053	The Chair will open the meeting and receive apologies.	Cllr Wright opened the meeting at 7.30pm. An apology was received from Cllr Stevens due to being away. <i>It was RESOLVED to accept the apology.</i> Cllr Wright welcomed Cllr E Goddard to her first meeting following her recent appointment.
2026/27/054	To declare any interests at this meeting.	None declared.
2026/27/055	Approval to consider, amend as agreed by the Council, and approve the minutes of the following meeting: 11 June 2026.	<i>It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes, with an amendment to show that the top gate at the community orchard would be repaired by Cllr Wright rather than Cllr White.</i>
2026/27/056	<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. - District Councillor report. - County Councillor report - Parish Councillor reports - Parish Lengths-man work. - Grounds maintenance work. - Road wardens.	A member of public mentioned that a seat in the small playing field is in need of repair. The clerk will look into this. County Cllr Rogers advised that the decision on Local Government Review should be announced by 24 July. Cllr White has not yet cleared the drain at Stoop but will do so. The volunteer road wardens are ready to start filling potholes! The clerk will order pothole filling material to be delivered in early September.

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2026/ 27/057	To consider the advice from the Friends of the Dart representative in respect of the previous resolution to write to Southwest Water with regard to concerns about the Broadhempston Sewage Treatment Works.	A member of Friends of the Dart attended the meeting to expand on the advice given previously, ie that a two track approach be taken in working with Southwest Water. It was RESOLVED that the clerk should contact SWW and ask that members and parishioners be given a tour of the treatment works and that, whilst visiting, councillors should ask what the council can do to help SWW. It was further RESOLVED, that once these actions had been taken, Friends of the Dart will submit an environmental information request which will allow them to assess if the treatment works are at capacity. It was noted that the Friends of the Dart group is also preparing a response to the next set of measures that the Environment Agency is putting in and which SWW will need to comply with.
2026/ 27/058	Village Square - To consider an update in respect of making use of the village square as a seating area during the school summer holiday. - To consider an update following the meeting with County Cllr Rogers and Devon County Council officers on 2 July 2026.	Cllr T Goddard and the clerk attended a meeting with County Cllr Rogers and three Highways officers on 2 July. All officers were really supportive of the initiative. However, it was clear that they are unlikely to support a temporary square due to causing confusion and the lack of formal alternative parking. Cllr Rogers is organising a Safe Mark meeting with the clerk to sort out the health and safety aspects. Cllr Rogers and Martin Wrigley MP are actively encouraging members of the Teign Housing board to visit the village to see the plans for the village square, in the hope that the pavement required to build the new parking pays will be passed over to the council at a reduced rate.
T F	To consider setting up a community emergency hub in partnership with the village hall. Community Emergency Hubs - Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly Local Resilience Forum	It was RESOLVED that the council will proceed in working in partnership with the Village Hall to set up a community emergency hub. Cllr T Goddard will confirm this with the Village Hall Community Interest Group at the next meeting in August 2026.
2026/ 27/060	To consider having a corporate credit card through Unity Trust bank at a cost of £3 per month.	It was RESOLVED that the clerk should proceed with obtaining a corporate credit card through the Unity Trust Bank.
2026/ 27/061	To receive an update in respect of the Totnes Cluster meeting.	Cllr Bamford attended the recent cluster meeting. He advised that, if LGR proceeds other parishes have assets that they will need to consider taking on from current district or county councils. He further advised that the market towns (including Totnes) are realising that they need to consider accommodating services used by parishioners in outlying villages as well as their own residents. As a result, there will be a survey undertaken to establish which services are accessed in which town by Broadhempston residents. It is likely that the cluster will be made more formal, along with other cluster groups throughout Devon.

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2026/ 27/062	Climate change emergency: Tree planting. Moor Trees Woodland Creation – what do you need to consider?	It is not possible to proceed with tree planting until a lease of the land is in place. It was noted that Be Wild members are interested in helping with tree planting.
2026/ 27/063	Open spaces update: Small playing field: - To receive an update from the clerk in respect of the need to undertake work to the basketball posts. - To consider the future maintenance of the planted beds. - To consider rubber matting for the area below the walnut tree: 2 x Hollow Rubber Mat Grass Protection 150cm x 100cm - 11kg Each - Playground Safety Flooring - Pool Decking Non-Slip : Amazon.co.uk: Sports & Outdoors Easterways: - To receive an update from the Community Land Trust in respect of the need to replace the chains on the swings. Headlands. Kings Close Field. Community orchard.	<i>Following the update from the clerk, it was RESOLVED that the work should proceed.</i> The clerk will talk to the council's grounds maintenance contractor about grass creep. A working group of councillors and volunteers will carry out weeding on 18 July at 8am. The clerk will put a post on Shout Out Broadhempston about this and will invite the play area working group. Cllr Wright volunteered to build a small compost enclosure so that weeds can go in there. A box will be set up with gloves so that people can pull out weeds whilst their children are playing (a poster will go up to advise of this). It was noted that it would be helpful to have a small water-butt located next to the shed. <i>It was RESOLVED that rubber matting should be purchased and placed below the walnut tree, and that councillors will establish how much will be needed on 18 July.</i> Cllr Bamford will chase the Community Land Trust in respect of the need for this work to be undertaken. It was noted that the gate at the bottom is now getting stuck and Cllr White volunteered to sort this out.

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	Allotments. Car park.	There is a need to water the new trees so Cllr Wright has asked the working group to help with this. The clerk will add a 'Best Kept Allotment' competition to September's agenda for consideration. Cllr White volunteered to talk to the householder where a plant often obscures the car park sign.
2026/ 27/064	Finance: - To agree payment of accounts. - To complete the Unity Trust forms for the change of address of the clerk.	<i>It was RESOLVED that payments should be approved.</i> Clerk to make payments.
2026/ 27/065	Clerk's report: Review of actions in previous minutes.	It was noted that the Stoop Cellars drain is blocked with silt and Cllr White offered to clear this. Re tree planting, Cllr Wright will produce a land survey of the area.
2026/ 27/066	<u>Public question time.</u>	
2026/ 27/067	To note the date of the next meeting: Thursday 10 September 2026.	This was noted and the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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