

**Minutes of the Meeting of Broadhempston Parish Council**  
**Thursday 19 March 2026**

Present: Cllrs Wright, Clarke, Goddard, Widger, Bamford, Stevens

Also present: County Cllr Stuart Rogers  
 Cathy Aubertin (Clerk)

No	Subject	
2025/26/195	The Chair will open the meeting and receive apologies.	Cllr Wright opened the meeting at 7.32pm. Apologies received from Cllr White.
2025/26/196	To declare any interests at this meeting.	
2025/26/197	Approval to consider, amend as agreed by the Council, and approve the minutes of the following meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 March 2026.</li> </ul>	<b><i>It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes.</i></b>
2025/26/198	<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"> <li>• District Councillor report.</li> <li>• County Councillor report</li> <li>• Parish Councillor reports</li> <li>• Grounds maintenance work.</li> <li>• Parish Lengths-man work.</li> </ul>	<p>Parishioners have reported To Cllr Widger that buses are frequently having difficulties getting past the village square due to parked vehicles parked next to the wall opposite.</p> <p><b>The clerk will put a post on Shout Out asking people to park more considerately.</b></p>
2025/26/199	<p>To consider the following planning applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">26/00325/FUL   Conversion of outbuilding into annex</a></li> </ul>	It was noted that parking in the vicinity is limited and already causes issues. Although councillors have no issues with proposal, there is a

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	<p><a href="#">accommodation, to provide a living space, WC and mezzanine bed space   Wheelwrights Broadhempston Devon TQ9 6BD</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">26/00326/LBC   Conversion of outbuilding into annex accommodation, to provide a living space, WC and mezzanine bed space   Wheelwrights Broadhempston Devon TQ9 6BD</a></li> </ul>	<p>concern about the additional parking that could be required for the dwelling.  <b>It was RESOLVED to neither support nor object to the application but raise a concern about the possible additional parking requirement. The clerk will advise TDC.</b></p> <p><b>As above, it was RESOLVED to neither support nor object to the application but raise a concern about the possible additional parking requirement. The clerk will advise TDC.</b></p>
2025/26/200	To consider the Parish Council's response to the Local Government Review.	<p>Cllr Rogers advised that he feels that 911 gives the best option for vulnerable people, where Devon County Council (DCC) becomes a unitary authority with Torbay and Plymouth remaining as they are currently. He noted that DCC already has responsibility for adult and childrens' care, as this makes up 79% of the budget. He stated that transitioning to any other proposal puts vulnerable people at risk, and that the middle east crisis has amplified this concern. It is felt by all involved that the Local Government Review (LGR) is going to present challenges in rural counties. However, it was noted that rural communities are more likely to slip through the cracks with the loss of Teignbridge District Council (TDC) and will be very remote from DCC, although Neighbourhood committees will be formed to support parish councils. Responses need to be with the government by 27 March. It was noted that the success of any proposal is very dependent on how well the neighbourhood committees function, regardless of the option. Councillors felt that is a struggle know which option is the best option in respect of financial viability. They noted that the 451 option is potentially more balanced between achieving economies of scale and having a local focus. 911 should theoretically achieve economies of scale, will result in fewer changes to the current situation, which may protect vulnerable people. All councillors have grave concerns about how smaller parish councils will cope with additional responsibilities.  <b>It was RESOLVED that the clerk should respond to the consultation with the comments above.</b></p>
2025/26/201	<u>Public question time.</u>	
2025/26/202	To note the date of the next meeting:	This was noted and the meeting closed at 8.22pm.

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