

Minutes of the Meeting of Broadhempston Parish Council
Thursday 14 May 2026

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

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

No	Subject	
2026/ 27/022	The Chair will open the meeting and receive apologies.	Cllr Wright opened the meeting at 7.24 pm. Apologies had been received from Cllr Goddard, due to being away. <i>It was RESOLVED to accept the apology.</i>
2026/ 27/023	To declare any interests at this meeting.	
2026/ 27/024	Approval to consider, amend as agreed by the Council, and approve the minutes of the following meeting: 9 April 2026.	<i>It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes.</i>
2026/ 27/025	<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	A member of public asked what the parish council has resolved to do with the phone box and it was confirmed that the defib will be moved into the box once the repair works have been completed and it has been decorated. Cllr Rogers reminded councillors that grant funding is available from Teignbridge District Council (TDC) although all funding must be matched. He advised that the first review of bids will be in September and that £800,000 has been allocated, to be used over four years. Cllr Rogers reminded the council that Devon County Council (DCC) councillors have locality funds available to communities and that he has allocated £1,000 to Broadhempston. The clerk will complete the application form. Cllr Rogers offered to organise a meeting between TDC, DCC and parish council officers in respect of the village square project. The clerk will contact Cllr Rogers in this respect. It was noted that Defra grant funding may also be available and Cllr Rogers will update after a meeting he is attending next week. A resilience fund is now open for applications and Cllr Rogers has joined the strategic board for this. Councillors were asked to contact Cllr Rogers in respect of any parishioner who may be digitally vulnerable in need of help.

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	- Parish Councillor reports - Grounds maintenance work. - Parish Lengths-man work.	Cllr Widger raised a concern about picnic benches being left on the road outside the small playing field. It seems that pub customers may be moving the benches from outside the pub in order to sit in the sun. Cllr Bamford will raise the concern with the landlord. In respect of the camper van parked on the road to Headlands, Cllr Bamford will investigate further. It was noted that poor parking in the village, particularly at Lower Well has resulted in delivery vehicles being unable to get to their destinations. The clerk will include a reminder about considerate parking in the Parish News.
2026/27/026	To consider the following planning application: 26/00167/FUL New equestrian stable building The Old Vicarage Broadhempston Devon TQ9 6AX 26/00497/HOU Addition of an open sided corrugated metal roofed lean-to canopy to existing stone workshop with provision of solar PV panels Chapel Cottage Broadhempston Devon TQ9 6BN	Councillors were concerned about the height of the building and questioned the need for a double pitched roof as they would usually expect to see single pitch on a stable. It was RESOLVED that, due to the concerns, to NOT support the application. The clerk will advise TDC the applicant attended the meeting and explained the expert advice he had received in respect of the number of solar panels required. It was noted that the construction is fairly out of the way visually, and councillors noted the applicant's point about not being able to put solar panels on his house due to it being listed. It was RESOLVED to support the application. The clerk will advise TDC.
2026/27/027	Village Square - To consider the purchase of the land from Teign Housing to facilitate alternative parking, at a cost of £5,000 plus legal fees of £1,500 plus disbursements. - To consider making use of the village square as a seating	It was RESOLVED to continue with the purchase of the land in line with the terms received from Teign Housing. It was further RESOLVED to hold a meeting of the working group. The clerk will arrange the meeting on Zoom It was RESOLVED that the council will work to use the square as a seating area for at least four weeks of the six week school holiday, so long as the following actions are completed.

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	area for the six weeks of the school summer holiday.	The clerk will discuss with DCC (County Cllr Rogers asked to be kept informed in this respect) There is a need to inform the Church, community shop and residents of the square. Cllr Clarke will contact the shop. Alternative parking has been agreed at the village hall. Cllr Bamford will talk to the landlord of the Monks Retreat to ask if they can spread their current picnic tables across the area. The clerk will investigate the cost of additional picnic tables/benches. The clerk will ask a local contractor about providing a barrier around the area – whether this can be achieved in time and the cost.
2026/27/028	To consider an update in respect of the annual parish meeting.	Cllr Clarke will arrange to purchase refreshments, on a use or return basis, from the community shop. Cllr Wright will show the video he made for the meeting between Dartmoor National Park, TDC and DCC.
2026/27/029	To consider the Keep Britain Tidy Spring campaign, and the purchase of their 'There's no such thing as the Dog Poo Fairy' pack.	<i>It was RESOLVED that, with the actions already taken, complaints have reduced and the domestic bins with stickers are being used so there is currently no need for further action.</i>
2026/27/030	To consider professional support in respect of submitting a grant funding claim to Teignbridge District Council at a cost of £300.	<i>It was RESOLVED that the clerk should appoint professional support in respect of the grant funding application.</i>
2026/27/031	Climate change emergency: • Tree planting.	<i>Councillors RESOLVED to visit the site in June, together with the owner, ahead of the parish council meeting at 7.30pm.</i> Parishioners will be consulted in respect of the planting of the trees at the annual parish meeting in May.
2026/27/032	Open spaces update: • Small playing field: Proposal to plant a tree in memory of a parishioner. To consider the actions required following the RoSPA inspection of the play area. • Easterways play area:	<i>It was RESOLVED that the tree will be included in the planting scheme that will be completed after the car parking bays have been constructed.</i> <i>In respect of the concerns raised about the basketball posts, it was RESOLVED that the clerk should discuss the matter with a local contractor to assess the cost of undertaking the required work.</i> Cllr Wright noted that the grass is doing well under the beech tree, where matting is in place, so it may be worth considering doing the same beneath the cherry. The clerk will add to June's agenda.

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	To consider the actions required following the RoSPA inspection of the play area. • Headlands. • Kings Close Field. • Community Orchard. • Allotments. • Car Park.	<i>It was RESOLVED that Cllr Bamford will discuss the need for the chains to be replaced with the Community Land Trust.</i> Cllr White advised that work to improve the access to the defib is hand, the tennis court is now bookable on-line and that there are new signs at both entrances advising that a maximum of four dogs applies to anyone walking dogs in the area. Cllr Wright will look at mower options, for consideration by the council. Cllr Wright has now installed taps throughout the allotment site, with some help from volunteers. This work will provide a much-needed improvement for plot holders. Cllr Bamford has now added allotments to the council's mapping system. Cllr Stevens will look at whether the height of the car park signs need adjusting.
2026/27/033	Finance: • To consider the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2025/ 26 following the internal audit of accounts. • To agree payment of accounts.	<i>It was RESOLVED to accept the internal audit report. The clerk to proceed with external audit requirements.</i> <i>It was RESOLVED that payments should be approved. Clerk to make payments.</i>
2026/27/034	Clerk's report: • TEC • Review of actions in previous minutes.	<i>It was RESOLVED to vote in favour of the recommendations included in the email.</i> • Cllr Clarke will talk to the local open water swimmers' group to see if anyone would like to become an ambassador for Friends of the Dart. Cllr Clarke requested further information so the clerk will provide her with contact details for Friends of the Dart.
2026/27/035	Public question time.	
2026/27/036	To note the date of the next meeting: • Thursday 11 June 2026.	This was noted and the meeting closed at 9.21pm. NOTE: The Annual Parish Meeting to take place at 6.30pm on 21 May 2026.

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