

Minutes of the Meeting of Broadhempston Parish Council
Thursday 8 October 2026

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

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

No	Subject	
2026/27/085	The Chair will open the meeting and receive apologies. Councillors will resolve whether to accept apologies.	Cllr Wright opened the meeting at 7.32pm. An apology was received from Cllr White, due to being unwell. <i>It was RESOLVED to accept the apology.</i>
2026/27/086	To declare any interests at this meeting.	None declared.
2026/27/087	Approval to consider, amend as agreed by the Council, and approve the minutes of the following meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 September 2026. 	<i>It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes.</i>
2026/27/088	<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> <p>District Councillor report.</p> <p>County Councillor report</p> <p>Parish Councillor reports</p>	<p>A member of public raised a concern about the amount of inconsiderate parking in the village. The parish council has obtained some leaflets in this respect from the fire service, which councillors will be using in the future and placing on windscreens.</p> <p>District Councillor Parker's report was previously circulated and is attached to these minutes.</p> <p>County Cllr Stuart Rogers stated that he has suggested that Devon Communities Together and other parishes who have shown the film come together to discuss further steps.</p> <p>He advised that Devon County Council (DCC) is ready to support the parish council with the village square project.</p> <p>Following the postponement of the local government review, it was wondered what DCC intentions are for Lowman's Farm in the future. In a conversation with Martin Wrigley MP, he suggested that the council contact DCC in respect of the two DCC-owned farms in the village to express and interest in taking these on. The clerk will add this matter to the agenda for next month for consideration. In the meantime, Cllr Widger will talk to the tenants before the parish council makes an enquiry with DCC.</p>

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	<p>Parish Lengths-man work.</p> <p>Grounds maintenance work.</p> <p>Road wardens.</p>	<p>Cllr Widger has installed a pipe which will allow water to run down from the allotments gate. The photos show a great job done!</p> <p>Cllr Wright attended the new PTFA meeting earlier this week. They would like to have a 'switching on' of Christmas tree lights on 11 December, and sell refreshments to residents to raise money. The Christmas tree would need to be erected on 5 December, so this will need to be considered by the group that usually erects the tree. A member of the public stated that it was likely that carols on the square will probably be on 17 December.</p> <p>Cllr Wright has picked up a hand gritter from the recycling centre. He has also 3-D printed a gritter. The clerk will add this matter to the agenda for next month for councillors to decide whether they wish to pay for more to be made.</p> <p>Cllrs Wright and T Goddard reported that they had met with the shop committee earlier today, to give reassurance in respect of the village square project. In order to work more closely together, Committee members will attend parish council meetings in future.</p>
2026/27/089	<p>To consider an update in respect of the Village Square project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To respond to the amended revised terms offered by Teign Housing in respect of the pavement in Kings Close Field. 	<p>Cllr Wright gave all councillors a 'potted history' of the lease agreement and how previous councillors have felt about it. He had also talked to two previous councillors to gain a better understanding of the clause that Teign Housing would like to have removed. Councillors RESOLVED to not remove the clause at the time, due to needing a better understanding of the impact of this.</p> <p>Councillors further RESOLVED that they would consider the removal of the clause in the longer term but we have time constraints in respect of the grant funding we have received from TDC</p> <p>The clerk was requested to source and appoint legal advice and to appoint a solicitor to deal with the change in the lease.</p>
2026/27/090	<p>To consider the implementation of a Resilience Plan and, as part of that plan, to consider agreeing to the clerk liaising with other local organisations and residents to fulfil the requirements of the plan, and for the parish council to support the Village Hall CIO's plans to install batteries at the</p>	<p>It was RESOLVED that the plan should be implemented and for the clerk to seek volunteers, make arrangements with other organisations and request resources to be made available in the event of an emergency.</p> <p>It was further RESOLVED to support the village hall CIO's plans to install batteries at the hall so that it can be used as an emergency refuge centre, and this will form part of the resilience plan.</p>

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2026/27/091	<p>Climate change emergency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree planting – possible update. • To consider any actions to be taken as a result of showing the Peoples Emergency Briefing on 2 October 2026. 	<p>The clerk advised that she has spoken to the owner of the land, who was awaiting terms from his children.</p> <p><i>It was RESOLVED that a second screening of the film should be arranged, to try to capture the people who missed the first one, particularly younger people, before a community meeting is arranged to consider next steps.</i></p> <p>A member of the public noted that, at a screening she had attended in Exeter, a You-Tube video was shown after the film Earth Rise, a poem by Amanda Gorman, and that this helped appreciate the impact of the film.</p>
2026/27/092	<p>Open spaces update:</p> <p>Small playing field:</p> <p>Easterways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To receive an update from the Community Land Trust (CLT) in respect of the need to replace the chains on the swings. <p>Headlands.</p> <p>Kings Close Field.</p> <p>Community orchard.</p> <p>Allotments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider a request from an allotment holder to add an additional 8' x 12' greenhouse to their plot. <p>Car park.</p>	<p>Cllr Wright has talked to the new PTFA about a box holding gloves etc and the PTFA agreed to fund items for the box, which will encourage parents to do some weeding whilst their children play.</p> <p>Cllr Wright further advised that he has almost finished building a compost compound, which will be located in the small playing field.</p> <p>As the chains have still not been replaced, the clerk will send a copy of the RoSPA report to Cllr Bamford for him to discuss with the CLT.</p> <p><i>It was RESOLVED to allow the allotment holder to erect an additional greenhouse.</i></p> <p>As agreed at the previous meeting, there will be a clear up working party on Saturday.</p> <p>Cllr T Goddard has received complaints about all the domestic waste bins that are permanently left at the entrance to the car park.</p>

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		<p>Cllr Bamford offered to talk to residents to ensure that the bins only have collectable waste in them, to ensure that the waste never becomes unpleasant.</p> <p>Councillors will consider any further steps which could mitigate this.</p>
2026/27/093	<p>Finance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To agree payment of accounts. To consider setting up a budget working group to prepare a draft budget for consideration by the council. For authorised signatories to sign the Unity Trust Bank form to confirm the change of address for the clerk. To consider the feedback from PKF Littlejohn LLP in respect of the AGAR. 	<p><i>It was RESOLVED that payments should be approved.</i> Clerk to make payments.</p> <p><i>It was RESOLVED that a working group meeting should be held on 11 November, at 7.30pm on Zoom, and all councillors are invited to attend.</i> The clerk will produce a draft budget for consideration.</p> <p>Forms were completed and signed. The clerk will send the forms onto Unity Trust.</p> <p>The feedback was considered and accepted.</p>
2026/27/094	<p>Clerk's report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of actions in previous minutes. To agree dates for councillors to visit Broadhempston Sewage Treatment Works. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted that the Stoop Cellars drain is blocked with silt and Cllr White offered to clear this. Re the tree planting project, Cllr Wright will produce a land survey of the area once it has been clarified. <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> Community Orchard – Cllr Wright will sort out the gate post at the top. Re Houndhead Lane, Cllr Bamford will ask the owner of the nearby property to ask if they will consider putting a sticker on their bin to allow dog walkers to deposit bagged dog waste. Re the road warden team, the team will identify the stretch of road to work on, take photos and highlight potholes with spray paint, and provide the details to the clerk. Clerk will advise Scott that potholes will be filled in Vicarage Hill. <p>The clerk will contact Southwest Water to arrange the visit and keep Friends of the River Dart updated in this respect.</p>

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2026/ 27/083	<u>Public question time.</u>	
2026/ 27/084	To note the date of the next meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 12 November 2026. 	This was noted and the meeting closed at 9.39pm.

Report from District Cllr Paul Parker as follows:

Waste and Recycling

Waste collection performance has been a significant issue, with service reliability having declined during 2026.

The Council have intervened personnel and are looking to recruit **seven additional waste staff – three drivers and four collection crew** – at a cost of **£158,678 for 2026/27**, funded from the existing revenue budget.

The aim is to improve average collection performance to **above 90%**, reduce reliance on voluntary overtime and provide greater resilience as the district continues to grow. The collection performance had dropped to 75 percent.

The original portfolio holder has been returned to his post after a summer serving chair of planning!!! The council's leadership arrangements sometimes resemble a game of musical chairs, with chairmanships and portfolio responsibilities regularly changing hands.

Bradley Lane, Newton Abbot

The consultation on the proposed development at **Bradley Lane** closed on **5 October**.

Early feedback indicated strong support for new homes, particularly **affordable homes and accommodation for older people**.

The proposals included two options, with provision for:

- **75 extra-care homes**
- **35 general-needs homes under Option A**
- **29 general-needs homes under Option B**
- Later-living and supported accommodation
- New public open spaces
- A green corridor
- Connections towards the River Lemon
- Restoration of the leat
- Sustainable drainage and flood-protection measures.

The consultation responses will now help inform the next stage of the proposals.

Newton Abbot Town Centre

Work continues on the Newton Abbot Town Centre Masterplan, involving Teignbridge District Council, Newton Abbot Town Council and other partners.

The aim is to establish a longer-term vision for the town centre and identify opportunities for regeneration and improvements.

Assets and the Newton Abbot Indoor Market

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This week, as part of my shadow portfolio for Assets, I attended a meeting and an item on the agenda was the refurbished indoor market.

It is disappointing that the market, which was originally expected to open earlier this year, is still not operational and **will now definitely not open during 2026.**

There appear to be significant differences between the Council's senior Assets management and the Executive member responsible for the portfolio and the chosen operator particularly over how the market should be managed and operated.

From what I have seen, there is currently a lack of clarity over who is taking responsibility for moving the project forward, how it will ultimately be operated and when it can realistically open.

My concern is that the project has been allowed to drift, with disagreements over the management arrangements contributing to further delay.

It wouldn't surprise me if someone else completely new takes this project over.

As of this week the independent group in Teignbridge have a new leader, the old leader has left our group, and we are no longer the official opposition, and I will no longer have a shadow role on assets.

Play Parks

The Council has been consulting on the future of its 37 play parks.

More than **800 responses** were received, providing residents with the opportunity to comment on the future of their local play areas.

The responses will help inform decisions about investment and the future provision of play facilities.

Dawlish Leisure Centre

Consultation on the future of Dawlish Leisure Centre runs until 25 October.

The proposals include:

- A larger gym
- Two fitness/activity studios
- Improvements to changing facilities and ventilation
- Solar and car-park improvements
- A new approach to sports-hall provision.

The proposed sports hall has been reduced from **six courts to four courts.**

Hope you all have an enjoyable evening tonight.

Many thanks

Paul

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