

Minutes of the Meeting of Broadhempston Parish Council
Thursday 10 September 2026

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

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

No	Subject	
2026/ 27/068	The Chair will open the meeting and receive apologies.	Cllr Wright opened the meeting at 7.31pm. An apology was received from Cllr Stevens due to a personal issue. An apology was also received from Cllr Clarke due to a family bereavement. <i>It was RESOLVED to accept the apologies.</i> <i>The clerk was asked to send on all councillors' very best wishes to both.</i>
2026/ 27/069	To declare any interests at this meeting.	None declared.
2026/ 27/070	Approval to consider, amend as agreed by the Council, and approve the minutes of the following meeting: 9 July 2026.	<i>It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes.</i>
2026/ 27/071	<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	Concern was raised by a member of public about the motorhome still parked near Headlands. The clerk has been liaising with the Devon County Council's (DCCs) Travelling and Vulnerable Communities Officer about this but it was noted that the van is no longer being lived in. The clerk will request that DCC reallocate the issue to a more appropriate team. District Councillor Parker's report was previously circulated and is attached to these minutes. County Cllr Rogers advised that DCC is awaiting the criteria of the rapid review of the Local Government Review (LGR), as promised by the government. However, it seems there are many unanswered questions so it is unlikely to be very rapid! If LGR is resurrected, it is unlikely to proceed until 2029. County Cllr Rogers will let the clerk know whether the Broadhempston PC grant application is included in phase 1 of the Teignbridge District Council (TDC) scheme. Cllr White questioned why a rarely used road in the village was resurfaced; he considered it to be a waste of money. County Cllr Rogers will look into this. Cllr White will send a video of the area to County Cllr Rogers. However, a member of public stated that the road had been waiting to be done for years, and that it was a job well done!

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	Parish Councillor reports Parish Lengths-man work. Grounds maintenance work. Road wardens.	T The clerk has spoken to the contractor about grass creep in the play area over the new surfaces. He has agreed to keep an eye on this and keep it cut back but this will need to be born in mind for the next year's budget. See road warden update below.
2026/27/072	To consider an update in respect of the Village Square project: - To formally allocate match funding to the project. - To respond to the revised terms offered by Teign Housing in respect of the pavement in Kings Close Field.	<i>It was RESOLVED to allocate £20,000 of the council's capital funding to the project.</i> <i>Following the offer from the CEO of Teign Housing for the council to use the pavement free of charge and be allowed to install a dropped kerb, Councillors asked the clerk to thank Teign Housing.</i>
2026/27/073	To consider the content of the third training session for councillors.	<i>It was RESOLVED to postpone the training until after the May 2027 elections.</i>
2026/27/074	To consider an update in respect of the Local Government Review.	Now that LGR is on hold it was considered that it would be useful to know what DCC's plans are for the future of Lomans Farm. <i>The clerk will send on the address to County Cllr Rogers, who will enquire.</i>
2026/27/075	To consider the response from Teignbridge District Council in respect of the request for an additional litter/ dog bin in Houndhead Lane.	<i>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.</i> <i>The clerk to respond to the parishioner who asked for a bin to be installed at this location.</i> <i>The clerk will ask if TDC officers monitored the grit bin as well as the surrounding area.</i>
2026/27/076	To consider the installation of a further defib in the village, funded by the Community Shop.	A member of the community shop committee attended to speak to this item. The shop is considering providing an indoor defib at the village hall, which will allow the defib outside the village hall to be moved to the phone box. Following discission, it was agreed that the committee member will report back following the community shop AGM.
2026/27/077	To consider the council's response to the email from Teignbridge District Council regarding Local Activity Opportunities.	<i>It was RESOLVED that the clerk should put a post on Facebook asking parishioners what activities they would like to see being offered.</i>

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		There will be a working group to tidy the car park on 10 October 2026, starting at 8.30am. The clerk will ask for volunteers to attend.
2026/27/081	Finance: - To agree payment of accounts. - To complete the Unity Trust forms for the change of address of the clerk and to add new signatories.	<i>It was RESOLVED that payments should be approved.</i> Clerk to make payments. Forms were completed and signed. The clerk will send the forms onto Unity Trust.
2026/27/082	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 the tree planting project, Cllr Wright will produce a land survey of the area. - Cllr Wright volunteered to build a small compost enclosure in the small playing field so that weeds can go in there when volunteers weed the beds. - A box will also 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). Cllr Wright will provide the box and, once in place, the clerk will purchase gloves. <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.
2026/27/083	<u>Public question time.</u>	
2026/27/084	To note the date of the next meeting: Thursday 8 October 2026.	This was noted and the meeting closed at 9.21pm.

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