

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7th APRIL 2026

Present: Cllr J Hogson (Chairman), Cllr M Mossman(vice chairman), Cllr Y Ezra MBE , Cllr A Taylor, Cllr Mrs. K McAllister, Cllr C Brooks & Cllr J Dumper.

In attendance: Heather Bourner-Parish Clerk

HCC David Drew

Andrew Illingworth-Broughton Community Energy

1 Member of public

**Apologies for Absence**

1.Apologies for absence had been received from TVBC A Johnston, Cllr S Dunn, Cllr Mann & Cllr J Morrison.

**Public Participation**

2) The member of public present confirmed they had attended the Southern Area Planning meeting in Romsey where the planning application **25/02225/OUTS** outline application for 9 dwellings on land at Coolers Farm was heard. She reported the application had been approved.

**Declarations of Interest**

3) Cllr J Hodgson declared an interest in the planning application at Brightside Farm and took no part in discussions. There were no other declarations of interest. All Cllrs present confirmed no amendments were required to register of interest documents.

**Minutes**

4) Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2026 were confirmed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr Ezra seconded Cllr McAllister. All agreed.

**5) County and Borough Councilors' Report**

HCC David Drew had circulated a full report which can be seen at appendix 1. Cllr Dumper asked Cllr Drew to press Hampshire Highways to clear the ditches and grips on Romsey Road, work which they had previously agreed to carry out.

TVBC Cllr A Johnston had sent apologies.

**Planning**

6) The following decisions by TVBC were noted:

None

Reviewed between meetings:

26/00477/TREES-tree work at 1 Greyhound Mews- no objection

To review the following applications were reviewed:

26/00455/FULLS- install single casement window, Rectory Cottage- no objections

26/00668/FULLS- construction light industrial unit, Brightside Farm- no objections

**Southern Water Activities**

7) Cllr Hodgson reported tankers continue to be present in the village although these are much diminished. Work to reline the sewers is due to begin soon. Cllr Taylor has still not received any replies to the emails sent regarding the road closure, The Clerk will contact Southern Water for a response.

### **Grass Maintenance & Lengthsman**

8) The Clerk reported details of the quote received from Grass & Grounds regarding grass maintenance for the 2026 season. Cllr Mossman had approached two other local contractors asking them to quote for this work. Details of all quotes were discussed in detail. Cllr Mossman proposed that the contract be awarded to Lee Sawyer a local contractor who had agreed to cut all areas at a competitive price, liaise with the sports club to ensure cutting took place in time for matches, trim areas as required and cut the cemetery. This was seconded Cllr Brooks, all agreed. Cllr Mossman agreed to monitor and be the point of contact for this contractor.

The Clerk confirmed that funding for the Lengthsman will be available for 2026 & 2027. The current Lengthsman had been contacted about hedge clearance but had not responded. She will try again but another contractor will be considered if necessary.

### **Local Government Reorganisation**

9) Cllr Ezra MBE confirmed a formal announcement on Local Government Reorganisation in Hampshire had now been made. Test Valley would be merged with East Hampshire, The New Forest and Winchester to form Mid Hampshire Council. Full details are expected to emerge over the next few months.

### **Dog Waste Bins**

10) Cllr Hodgson reported an approach from a parishioner requesting more dog waste bins in the village. The matter was discussed, the costs of providing dog waste bins are £500 per bin plus an ongoing cost of approx. £300 per annum for emptying. The general view was that there are enough dedicated dog waste bins in the village, in addition it is acceptable for bagged waste to be placed in public litter bins. Dog owners are encouraged to use dog waste bins or public litter bins but not private household bins!

### **Allotments**

11) Cllr Mossman reported a lot of work to tidy the allotments has taken place and these are now looking very good. He commented the prunings of the trees in the centenary garden have yet to be cleared and that he has tidied up the memorial gardens.

The Clerk said several allotment holders had paid rents but there were a few gaps. Cllr Mossman will review the spreadsheet to confirm tenants so any missing payments can be recovered.

### **Sports Field Update**

12) Cllr Dunn was absent but had circulated a copy of a plan for the new car park.

Cllr Dumper said since the opening of the new clubhouse the sports facilities are being well used by both senior and junior, cricket and football teams. There is however a shortfall in funding to meet the ongoing loan repayments and fitting the final items to finish the build.

He said revenue income to service the loan of £2500 per quarter was required.

He also said the following work was required

- 1) Finish car park- the favoured quote was for £22000 and CAF grant to meet half was available leaving a shortfall of £11000.
- 2) Small sewage tank required at a cost of £3000
- 3) Additional storage at an approximate cost of £5000 although this is not urgent.
- 4) Benches for the changing rooms at a cost of £4000

5) Install solar panels- cost £10000 but £9000 grant available therefore shortfall £1000.

The matter was discussed at length. The Clerk reminded councillors what funds were available and the legislation which would potentially allow payment of some of these items.

Many questions arose and the Parish Council agreed they want to find a solution but need many more details before any agreement can be reached. A review of the sports club finance would help and it was agreed the Clerk should ask to see all accounts for the clubhouse trading, the sports club, the football club and the cricket club. The Clerk agreed to contact the sports club chairman to discuss. At the same time she will ask him to arrange for the site to be given a tidy up as it was currently looking very messy.

Cllr Taylor said he now had agreed sites for all of the adult gym equipment and this will be installed in May with the ground work being completed in the middle of April.

The Clerk reported she had been approached by the Sports Club regarding cricket club insurance with a request to include this in the Parish Council policy. The Parish Council currently insure the pavilion and sports surfaces both of which are physical assets. The cricket club insurance is essentially accident and injury insurance for players. It was agreed the Parish Council has no involvement or control of the Cricket Club and it is not appropriate to include their insurance with Parish Council insurance. It was suggested the football club and cricket club look to purchase joint insurance.

### **School Lane MUGA & management plan for open spaces**

13) Cllr Dunn had sent his apologies but had recently shared details of the noise report with Cllrs Hodgson & Mossman.

Andrew Illingworth reported the project to install EV chargers was progressing. SSEN have been contracted to install the electrical connections and advise is now being sought as to whether planning permission is required for mounting poles for the antenna. The hope is that PIR lighting could be mounted on the same posts. He gave details of the quotes obtained in respect of the charging units and the companies who might fit these along with signage. Total costs for the project are currently £26620.00. SSEN have approved a grant for £20000.00 so further grant sources are now being considered. It was suggested the MUGA project could contribute financially given that the connectivity will benefit that project. Cllr McAllister asked who would be insuring the units, ultimately they will become the property of the Parish Council and can be added to the Parish Council policy. Cllr Hodgson proposed that the quote from MG Cavill be accepted, this was seconded by Cllr Taylor. All agreed.

Cllr Mossman had circulated one quote received regarding the restoration of Salisbury Green and ongoing annual maintenance and is seeking further quotes. He also reported he has been speaking to Broughton Nature Group in the hope that they can become involved in the work required to Salisbury Green.

### **Broughton Community Energy**

14) Cllr Hodgson reported a library of case studies of the fitting of solar panels and heat pumps is being loaded to the website for others to review. He said work continues to identify a suitable site for solar panels.

### **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

15) Cllr Mann had sent his apologies but the Clerk confirmed the plan was now at regulation 14 stage and full details could be seen on the Parish Council website.

## **Clerks Report**

16) The Clerk reported

She had spoken to Mark Stancliffe, planning officer at TVBC for an update on the transfer of the S106 funds for School Lane and been told the decision regarding transfer was to be made by TVBC Karen Dunn, Head of Legal and Simon Finch head of Planning. He agreed to establish this week when the payment would be made.

She reported that a new requirement of audit was that the Parish Council had an IT policy and a draft had been circulated for review. After a short discussion Cllr Brooks proposed the policy be adopted, this was seconded by Cllr Taylor. All agreed.

The internal auditor had recommended the Parish Council had its own mobile phone. Cllr Mossman had donated a phone and the clerk had attempted to find a suitable contract. Given the use of the phone was minimal all the business contracts were unsuitably expensive. After some discussion it was agreed the clerk should explore a pay as you go option.

Finally The clerk reported NIL business rates bills had been received for both the sports pavilion and the cemetery.

## **Footpaths.**

17) Cllr Morrison has sent apologies but had sent a report via email confirming there were no issues at present.

## **Finance**

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i) To note the bank balances 31/03/2026: -TSB Charity £38911.50

TSB Business Instant £202887.93

United Trust £34180.06

ii) To approve the following payments and authorise on line transactions: -

H Bourner sal	£746.00
H Bourner exp	£26.00
HMRC	£67.98
Hugo Fox website	£23.99
Hugo Fox email	£29.99
TVBC dog waste bins	£873.25

## **Retrospective**

Ace Liftaway skip £401.00

Ace Liftaway skip £342.60

SSEN ground works £9968.90 (this was to be refunded from a grant)

## **2025-26 Accounts**

Accounts and the full year cash book had been circulated to all councilors. Cllr Brooks confirmed he had reviewed the documents and proposed the accounts were agreed. This was seconded by Cllr Taylor, all agreed. The details will now be transferred to the audit return for the internal audit which is scheduled to take place on 15<sup>th</sup> May.

## **Items to Carry Forward**

19) None

20) **Correspondence**

Cllr Ezra highlighted an email regarding Stockbridge high street pavements and a campaign to get these improved.

## 21) New Items for next agenda

Parish Council website.

## Community news

22) None

## Date of next meeting

23) 7.pm on Tuesday May 5th 2026

## Appendix 1

### Report from HCC David Drew

## **The Government has announced its decision on the future of local councils across Hampshire and the Solent area**

It has announced a move to a simpler system of local government, with five new unitary councils replacing the current 15 county, district, borough and unitary councils that serve Hampshire, Southampton, Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight. Each new council will be responsible for delivering all local services in its area.

Under the model chosen by Government, there will be four new unitary councils on the Hampshire mainland, with the Isle of Wight remaining a standalone unitary council:

- North Hampshire: Basingstoke, Hart and Rushmoor
- Mid Hampshire: New Forest, Test Valley, Winchester and East Hampshire
- South West Hampshire: Eastleigh and Southampton
- South East Hampshire: Portsmouth, Havant, Gosport and Fareham
- Isle of Wight

For more details, including the map of the new councils and current timeline for the next stages, see [www.hants.gov.uk/lgr](http://www.hants.gov.uk/lgr).

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260325lgrdecision>

## **Hampshire County Council has published its first-ever Biodiversity Report, showcasing the wide range of work underway across the county to protect, restore and enhance the natural environment**

From planting more than 120,000 young trees and creating new habitats to establishing community orchards and supporting the recovery of rare species such as the great crested newt, silver studded blue butterfly and field cricket,

The report covers progress made between January 2023 and January 2026 and sets out how the County Council is working with partners and communities to drive long term action for nature across Hampshire.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260320BiodiversityReport>

## **Hampshire County Council has welcomed the successful prosecution of a rogue trader who has been sentenced for the possession and underage selling of illicit electronic cigarettes, commonly known as vapes, at a business in Aldershot**

Following a detailed investigation by the County Council's Trading Standards officers relating to incidents in June and August 2024, Amit Shrestha, aged 30, of Porter Close in Aldershot, was sentenced to pay £1,260 within 12 months on Friday 20 March at North Hampshire Magistrates Court in Basingstoke. His business, HX Retail Group Limited, was further sentenced to pay £14,780 within 28 days, amounting to a total of over £16,000 in connection to the possession and underage selling of illicit vapes from his business premises.

Mr Shrestha, trading as HX Retail Group Limited, as well as operating as a sole trader, had pleaded guilty on 28 November 2025 to selling a vape containing nicotine to a 15-year-old

volunteer in June 2024, as well as being in possession of over 500 illicit vapes found on the retail premises.

Information about the sale of counterfeit vapes or tobacco – or any sales to underage people – can be reported in confidence to Hampshire’s Trading Standards service: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/business/tradingstandards/contact-us>

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260320IllicitVapes>

## **Hampshire County Council has unveiled an initial £850,000 support package to help low-income households during unexpected financial shocks**

It forms part of the new Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF) launched by the Government’s Department for Work and Pensions, which has allocated a total of £10.4 million to Hampshire for 2026/27. The remaining funding will be rolled out across the county from June and is designed not only to help people in immediate hardship but also to reduce the likelihood that households fall back into crisis.

The new fund is set to replace the annual Household Support Fund from April and is part of a national shift towards a more stable and long-term approach to local crisis support. The Government has confirmed that the CRF will provide multi-year funding that gives councils greater certainty and allows for more effective planning. The CRF will also become the primary source of local welfare support, helping vulnerable households manage the continued rising cost of living while enabling councils to build stronger, preventative support networks.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260320CRFInterim>

## **Over 26,000 energy-saving LED streetlights will be introduced across Hampshire from next month, helping to cut electricity use, reduce carbon emissions and deliver long-term savings**

The Hampshire County Council upgrade programme will see existing lighting units replaced with modern LED alternatives. The new lights are significantly more energy efficient, expected to reduce electricity consumption and associated carbon emissions by around 60%, while also offering a longer lifespan and improved light quality.

Further details of the areas where new LED lights will be installed can be found [on the County Council’s website](#).

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20262003LEDStreetlights>

## **Hampshire and the Solent Combined County Authority set to deliver transformative changes across the region and has secured a major investment fund of £1.3 billion — making it one of the largest allocations ever received by the area**

This significant funding will support the new Hampshire and the Solent Combined County Authority (HSCCA), which will focus on boosting economic growth, encouraging innovation among local businesses, and creating more opportunities for communities when the Authority is created later this year.

To support the establishment of the HSCCA it will receive 40% of its investment fund each year, together with additional funding to support the HSCCA’s internal capability, for the financial years 2026/27 and 2027/28. This approach will support the organisation to set up and take on its new responsibilities. The full investment fund will then be released when a Mayor is elected in 2028, ensuring that the HSCCA is fully resourced to deliver transformative changes across the region.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260317HSCCASI>

**Hampshire residents are being encouraged to check they are registered to vote ahead of the County Council elections on Thursday 7 May 2026, an important opportunity for people across the county to influence decisions that shape everyday services – from roads, schools and social care for vulnerable children and adults, to country parks, libraries and tips**

Hampshire's 78 County Councillors represent all the people within their divisions and use their local knowledge to help the Authority make decisions on the £3.3 billion of local services provided each year to Hampshire's 1.4 million residents (excluding Southampton and Portsmouth). To vote in the County Council election, residents must be on the electoral register. The deadline to register is 20 April.

Register to vote at [gov.uk/register-to-vote](https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote).

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260316Elections>

**More than 90 per cent of Year 6 pupils in Hampshire offered first preference secondary school and more than 97 per cent of year 6 children in Hampshire (13,548) have been offered a place at one of their three preferences for a secondary school in September 2026**

Of those who applied for a Year 7 place (for September 2026) by the application deadline, 90.09 per cent have been offered a place at their first preference school. The County Council received 13,880 on-time applications this year – a decrease of 350 applications compared to the number received for places in September 2025 (14,230).

The Admissions Team is now busy processing primary school applications with school place offers due to go out to parents on 16 April 2026.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260302nationalofferday>

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