

BOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2026

Present: Cllr J Hogson (Chairman), Cllr M Mossman(vice chairman), Cllr Y Ezra MBE , Cllr Taylor, Cllr Mrs. K McAllister, Cllr Dunn, Cllr J Morrison & Cllr J Mann.

In attendance: Heather Bourner-Parish Clerk

TVBC A Johnston

HCC David Drew

2 Members of public

Apologies for Absence

1.Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Brooks & Cllr J Dumper.

Public Participation

2) The members of public were present to listen.

Declarations of Interest

3) There were no 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 January 2026 were confirmed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr Mann seconded Cllr Taylor. All agreed.

5) County and Borough Councilors' Report

HCC David Drew had circulated a full report which can be seen at appendix 1.

TVBC Cllr A Johnston referred to the recently circulated Mid Test Matters She also highlighted a project at TVBC to explore national landscape designation for Hampshire chalk streams. Details of a local group of parishes looking after chalk streams will be shared with the clerk with a view to Broughton becoming involved. She highlighted several grants available to local organisations in particular climate change grants and grants for resilience equipment.

Planning

6) The following decisions by TVBC were noted:

25/02859/trees- tree works, Orchardton, Horsebridge Road-no objection

To review the following applications were reviewed:

26/00046/TREES-pollard 2 willow, Butlers Cottage, Rookery Lane-no objections

26/00170/TREES-reduce Alder, Top House, High Street-no objections

Southern Water Activities

7) Cllr Hodgson reported that following increased activity by Southern Water in and around the village he had arranged a public meeting to be held on 5th February, 6.15pm at Broughton Village Hall.

8) Memorial Garden

The Clerk reported she had received an email from a villager about the poor state of the Memorial Garden. The Broughton Horticultural Society had approached the Clerk and offered to do some maintenance work here which the Parish Council readily accepted with thanks.

9) Local Government Reorganisation

Cllr Ezra MBE had recently circulated an update on Local Government Reorganisation. He confirmed the selection of a mayor had been postponed but that local elections were to take place in Hampshire as previously arranged, in early May.

10) Cemetery

Cllr Mossman reported he had not made any further progress on the sunken plots given the current weather.

The Clerk said she had been approached by a local undertaker and asked to provide a map of the cemetery. The only map she holds is a hand drawn map with very little detail. Cllr Taylor has a map which he will send to the Clerk .

Allotments

11) Cllr Mossman reported he has arranged a meeting with allotment holders to tidy up followed with a further working party to cut back hedging. It will be necessary for the resulting rubbish to be removed.

The Clerk said she had been asked to provide a water meter read and that Cllr Mossman was arranging for this to be provided.

Sports Field Update

12) The Clerk reported she had confirmed with the insurance company that the old pavilion has now been demolished and as a result a refund of some of the insurance premium will be made.

The issue with the outside lighting has now been resolved and the resulting planning condition will be discharged.

A question regarding a licence requirement on sewage discharge has been raised by the Environment Agency which is being dealt with by a member of the sports club committee. A meeting with the environment agency has taken place and the confusion regarding the time the pavilion is used has been resolved. The discharge is very slightly over the percentage limit for a certificate to be required and it is now hoped a certificate can be obtained. This planning condition can then also be discharged.

The sports club are investigating the possibility of a new grass cutting method and will provide a report with quotes in due course.

Work required for the new car park has not yet started and the Parish Council need to see three quotes to enable them to help with administration and finance for this part of the project. The Sports Club have agreed to obtain the quotes. Cllr Dunn will ask the sports committee to draw out parking spaces on the land currently being used for parking.

Cllr Taylor said following discussions with the Sports Club Committee he had been reviewing the possibility of fitting the adult gym equipment on the land next to the skate park however it was agreed this site was not suitable. After a short discussion it was unanimously agreed sports equipment should be based at the sports field and that sites for all but two pieces of all access equipment have been agreed. Cllr Taylor will meet with sports club representatives to agree alternative sites for these and the Clerk will write to the Sports Club Committee confirming the other pieces will be installed at the already agreed sites.

School Lane MUGA & management plan for open spaces

13) Cllr Dunn reported Sports Facility Planning & Design have now provided some drawings and details of a noise survey in respect of the new MUGA. Further documents are expected which will be circulated and all Cllrs are asked to review

and comment by the 14th February. If there is majority agreement Cllr Dunn will move forward to completion of the formal planning application. A full brief will be circulated to all villagers. Finally he confirmed he will be meeting with TVBC engagement officer and a member of their ecology department to discuss the biodiversity net gain issue.

Cllr Morrison reported on the project for EV charging points to be installed in the Downs Close Car Park next to the Surgery. He noted an application he had made for a TVBC climate change grant had failed however further funding will become available and a new application made. One area of concern is the costs of installing cabling across the road. This requires a trench which will add costs to the overall project. Detailed quotes are being obtained and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Cllr Mossman had circulated one quote received regarding the restoration of Salisbury Green and an ongoing annual maintenance. He will continue to obtain further quotes.

The Clerk reported she had been approached by the management company who look after the area around Downs Close and asked to pay for the maintenance carried out on the two green areas owned by the Parish Council for the period from April 2025 to Autumn 2025. The company have supplied a series of reports which are before and after photographs of the area which they say show work has been carried out. It is very difficult to be clear what work was carried out and the Parish Council did not engage the contractor or ask the management company to carry out the work. In the circumstances the Parish Council agreed unanimously that no payment should be made.

Broughton Community Energy

14) Cllr Hodgson reported all the required assessments have now been carried out and a pre planning document is now being prepared. Talks with the landowners are now taking place before any documents are submitted.

Neighbourhood Development Plan

15) Cllr Mann confirmed the latest draft document number 8 had been circulated and shared with TVBC who will respond with further comments. All parish councilors agreed this was a comprehensive document and Cllr Morrison proposed this draft be agreed. This was seconded Cllr Dunn. All agreed.

Work will continue and the Parish Council expressed thanks to all those involved for their continued efforts.

Clerks Report

16) The Clerk reported she had asked TVB Cllr Johnston to speak to officers at TVBC for an update on the transfer of the S106 funds for School Lane and for confirmation of other S106 funds available. She had confirmed some legal issues needed to be resolved.

She reported the new burial plot markers made by Hurstbourne Forge have been received.

She reported she had asked TVBC twice for a quote for a new dog waste bin at Drove Road but had not received a reply. She had however received a letter incorrectly addressed confirming payment due for emptying bins in 2026. She agreed to continue to try and speak to an officer

The June meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 2nd June but as she confirmed she would be on annual leave at this point it was agreed to rearrange this to Tuesday 9th June

Finally she confirmed the broken road sign near Manor Farm had been reported and HCC have confirmed following an inspection work will be carried out.

Footpaths.

17) Cllr Morrison confirmed HCC are holding just under £30,000 for footpath works in Broughton which is part of the S106 funds for the Hyde Farm development. He will review what works need to be done and engage with HCC to carry out the works.

He raised a request for an overgrown hedge to be cut back at Beechcroft Cottages. The lengthsman will be asked to cut this back.

Meeting Times

18) It had been suggested that meetings could begin at 7pm rather than 7.30pm. This was discussed and it was agreed the March & April meetings will start at 7pm and then the matter can be reviewed.

Finance

19) Finance

i) To note the bank balances 27/01/2026: -TSB Charity £45492.20
TSB Business Instant £202400.20
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
Dan Payne (BCE)	£53.08
Pauline Dahane (BCE)	£212.45
HALC	£84.00

Retrospective

Prospus UK	£11100.00
Prospus UK	£13794.00
Hurstbourne Forge	£549.00
M Mossman	£97.80

Items to Carry Forward

20) None

21) Correspondence

Nothing

22) New Items for next agenda

None

Community news

23)

Date of next meeting

24) 7.pm on Tuesday March 3rd 2026

Appendix 1

Report from HCC David Drew

More than 100,000 illegal vapes and tobacco products seized by Hampshire County Council in 2025, marking record haul

A record 116,000 illegal vapes and tobacco products, valued at £138,000, were seized by Hampshire County Council's Trading Standards team last year – part of ongoing efforts to protect communities from unsafe and unlawful products. Trading Standards officers conduct regular inspections, often alongside Hampshire Police, and undertake test purchasing with young volunteers, to detect unlawful sales and protect responsible businesses.

Illegal vapes and tobacco aren't just a problem because they break the law - they often contain unknown ingredients and higher levels of nicotine, posing serious risks to people's health. Trading Standards works closely with the County Council's public health team, including sharing intelligence on the sources of illegal products and where they are being sold.

Traders found selling to underage customers or stocking illegal products can face investigation and potential criminal prosecution. Adults who buy these products on behalf of someone underage, also risk a fine.

More information about Hampshire County Council Trading Standards can be found at:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/business/tradingstandards>.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20263101TradingStandardsVapes>

Hampshire County Council outlines congestion-reducing 'lane rental' proposal in submission to Government

Proposals that could lead to the introduction of a new lane rental scheme aimed at reducing delays on 500 of Hampshire's busiest main roads during peak times, are being submitted to Government.

The introduction of a lane rental scheme would enable the County Council to charge a daily fee of up to £2,500 for the duration of roadworks, including any delays, on more than 750km (nearly 500 miles) of Hampshire's roads. If approved by the Department for Transport, the scheme could be introduced later this year. The goal is to reduce traffic disruption on Hampshire's busy road network, by providing financial incentives for organisations to carefully plan and execute their works so that they cause minimum disruption.

The County Council agreed in January 2025 to progress plans for a lane rental scheme, which would complement the existing road permitting system. A final proposal on how the scheme would operate includes which roads are considered to be the busiest.

Lane rental schemes are already in place in several parts of the UK, and they must comply with national legislation. Charges can only be applied to the most highly trafficked roads managed by the highway authority and under current legislation, the County Council would be permitted to charge up to £2,500 per day - the maximum allowed.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20262001LaneRentalSubmission>

Get winter savvy with help and advice at your local library

With temperatures dropping and budgets stretched following the recent festive period, Hampshire County Council's libraries remain on hand to provide helpful advice about energy bills and the cost of living.

Funded by the Government's [Household Support Fund](#), the authority's 'Warm and Welcome' events have already enabled more than 500 library visitors to access critical support and guidance from over 130 local organisations and charities. This includes information on managing the costs of food and fuel, as well as advice on parenting, home safety, mental health and much more.

Sixteen events have already taken place in libraries across the county this winter, with a further seven due to run on the following dates. All events are free to attend, with no prior appointment required, including:

- **Romsey Library** – 16 January, 1pm-4pm

Visit the Hampshire libraries website for [details of other upcoming events](#).

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260112warmlibraries>

Hampshire helps thousands of adults to live safely at home

As 2026 begins, tens of thousands of Hampshire residents are starting the year where they most want to be, at home – feeling safe, supported, and living independently

Hampshire County Council is caring for more adults than ever before in the comfort of their own homes, enabling people to live independently at home for longer.

According to latest figures, over 40,000 residents in Hampshire now benefit from a range of tailored support – from telecare to Meals on Wheels, and from respite care to help recovering following a stay in hospital.

This commitment to keeping people safe and independent is a cornerstone of the County Council's new [Strategic Plan](#), the Local Authority's blueprint for serving Hampshire through to 2028.

Technology Enabled Care (TEC) – Hampshire is leading the way in care innovation. From falls detectors and GPS trackers to smart speakers, TEC helps people live safely at home. Over 14,300 residents now use TEC, and more than 47,000 have benefited over the past 12 years, making Hampshire one of the UK's largest providers

Meals on Wheels - delivering 120,000 meals annually, combining nutritious food with welfare checks to help prevent hospital admissions and reduce reliance on carers

Carers Support Service – nearly 6,000 referrals in nine months, offering vital help to those caring for loved ones. One carer described the service as “the light at the end of the tunnel”

Occupational therapy and reablement – with a 99% satisfaction rate these services help people regain independence and reduce longer term social care costs

Extra Care – 974 self-contained apartments designed to support independent living whilst offering the security of care and support on-site, and reducing the need for more expensive residential care

For anyone starting to plan for later life, a good place to start is [Connect to Support Hampshire](#), the County Council's trusted online hub for advice and local resources. With over 425,000 visits to the website last year, it's the go-to place for information about staying independent and finding support in your community.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260109morepeoplelivingindependentlyathome>

Man sentenced after dumping household waste in Kings Somborne

A man has been ordered to complete unpaid work and pay more than £1,000 after admitting to dumping household waste along a rural lane in Kings Somborne.

Around 26 May 2024, the council received reports about a fly-tip across a number of locations on Eldon Road, which consisted of bagged and loose household waste.

Evidence within the waste led officers to a resident who informed the council she had paid Leighton Smith, 22, of Southampton, to remove her rubbish.

Appearing at Southampton Magistrates Court on 21 January 2026, Smith received a 12-month community order, requiring him to complete ten rehabilitation activity requirement days and 80 hours of unpaid work. He must also pay £950 in costs and a £114 victim surcharge, totalling £1,064.

Residents can report fly tipping online at www.testvalley.gov.uk/fly-tipping.

<https://testvalley.gov.uk/news/2026/jan/man-sentenced-after-dumping-household-waste-in-kings-somborne>

Man fined for fly-tipping bathroom waste near Andover

A man has been ordered to pay over £1,700 after admitting to fly-tipping bathroom fittings and household waste in Privet Lane near Andover.

Around 19 April 2024, Christian Godwin, 29, from Newbury, was hired to fit a new toilet, cistern and basin at a home in Aldershot and dispose of the old ones.

The waste, which included a toilet, cistern, sink, as well as wood, polythene, plumbing fittings, cardboard boxes and packaging, was later found dumped in Privet

Lane, near Andover.

Appearing at Basingstoke Magistrates' Court on 20 January 2026, Mr Godwin pleaded guilty and was ordered to pay a £520 fine, a £208 victim surcharge and £1,000 in costs.

<https://testvalley.gov.uk/news/2026/jan/man-fined-for-fly-tipping-bathroom-waste-near-andover>

Council to explore landscape protection potential for Test Valley chalk streams

Test Valley Borough Council is to investigate whether Test Valley's chalk streams could become a National Landscape, previously known as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Early feasibility work will help the local authority understand whether areas might be suitable for designation.

The work will focus on protecting the River Test, its tributaries and other chalk streams across Test Valley and beyond.

A National Landscape designation is made by Natural England and is one of the highest forms of landscape protection in the country. It recognises the natural, cultural and historic importance of an area and helps protect places from pressures such as overdevelopment, climate change and habitat loss.

National Landscape status strengthens long-term conservation, supports nature recovery, and helps communities thrive in a sustainable way.

Initial investigations will also determine what other potential protection designations could be pursued, such as green infrastructure planning or Local Nature Recovery strategies, if National Landscape status is unattainable.

"The rolling chalk hills, ancient woodlands, historic villages and the River Test create a landscape rich in wildlife, heritage and character. These qualities make the area distinctive and valued by residents, visitors and communities across the region.

"While achieving National Landscape status isn't easy, we believe this is worth pursuing, and it would also be worth knowing what other avenues could be explored to make sure it's protected for the future. It would help safeguard what makes our borough special, while supporting the needs of our communities."

"Protecting our chalk streams has been a priority for Test Valley Borough Council for many years and if we can achieve this status it would be a game-changer, giving stronger protection to this unique ecosystem.

David Drew

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