# **BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE**

www.broughtonpc.net

**WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY AUDIT** 

August 2020

# **Background**

The Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) Accessibility Regulations 2018 requires public sector bodies, including parish councils, to ensure reasonable adjustments are made to websites so they are accessible to people with various disabilities. These include Impaired vision, Motor difficulties, Cognitive impairments or learning disabilities, Deafness or impaired hearing.

From 23 September 2020 all local council websites will have to comply with those regulations.

The Broughton Parish Council website is based on a template supplied and managed by a web hosting company; HugoFox.

Broughton Parish Council is required to have a website that meets certain accessibility standards described in the regulation's legislation.

However, councils may not need to comply with the accessibility requirement if doing so would impose a 'disproportionate burden'

You will not know if the effort of making the PC's website fully compliant is a 'disproportionate burden' until an assessment has been conducted regarding its compliance with the regulations and the work necessary to improve its compliance if it falls short.

An assessment is a legal requirement before any declaration of burden.

This report describes the structure of the BPC website and assesses its compliance using the government's recommended Web Accessibility Evaluation Tool (WAVE).

#### Summary

- 1. The website is largely compliant and, where it is not, changes that the Parish Council is able to make unaided have been applied. These are largely to do with text and button contrasts and text justifications.
- 2. There are a number of areas highlighted as non-compliances that the Parish Council cannot address itself and is reliant on HugoFox to deal with.
- 3. Some liaison has taken place between myself and HugoFox. The company has already introduced some customisation options to deal with non-compliance issues. These do not address all issues however and to some extent HugoFox is also relying on its users to alert it to areas of their template where there are issues. This report will serve as notification to HugoFox of where these are in the BPC website and are identified in this report.
- 4. It is worth pointing out that some apparent issues result from 'quirks' of the WAVE evaluation software itself and may not be critical for accessibility purposes (for example, 'empty links' and so-called 'redundant links' operate correctly but, because they reference sources outside of the BPC domain, they are tagged as issues).
- 5. Some areas of the website need updating and the Parish Council should have in place a quarterly or yearly review process to ensure the site remains current with full and accurate information available for parishioners and that it remains compliant with all necessary regulations.

### **Conclusion**

The Broughton Parish Council website is now as compliant as possible given the limited customisation tools available from HugoFox.

Some outstanding issues remain, but they fall within the remit of HugoFox to address. Where this is not possible, it would be prudent to request reasons why from HugoFox.

Graham Cowley August 2020

# **Broughton Parish Council Website Structure**

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# Work undertaken to improve website Accessibility

- Text justifications adjusted
- Link colours adjusted
- Contrast colours adjusted where possible

### Terms Used and Issues (see following pages)

#### **Empty Links**

Not an issue. Relates to HugoFox internal linkages invisible to any user.

#### **Form Label Errors**

A form control does not have a corresponding label. If a form control does not have a properly associated text label, the function or purpose of that form control may not be presented to screen reader users. Form labels also provide visible descriptions and larger clickable targets for form controls. <u>HugoFox to address if able.</u>

#### **Contrast Errors**

These are identified page by page following in this report. <u>HugoFox to address</u>.

#### **Alerts**

Adjacent links go to the same location. This results in additional navigation and repetition for keyboard and screen reader users. <u>HugoFox to address if able.</u>

#### **Redundant Links**

Not an issue and not actually redundant, but links to source outside of the website domain.

#### **Features**

Alternative text presents the content or function of an image to screen reader users or in other situations where images cannot be seen or are unavailable.

#### **Structural Elements**

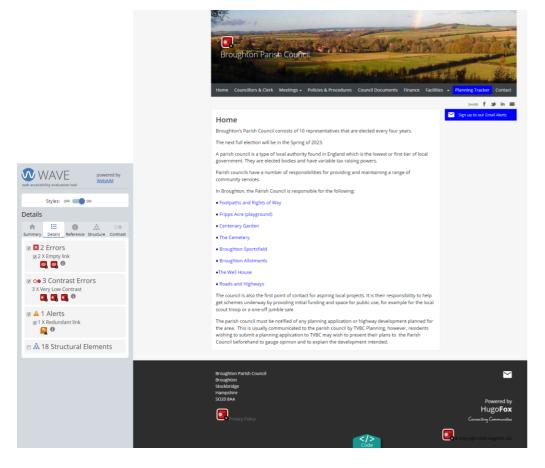
Simply describes the structural layout of the website.

#### ARIA

This means an ARIA role, state, or property is present.

ARIA provides enhanced semantics and accessibility for web content.

#### Home

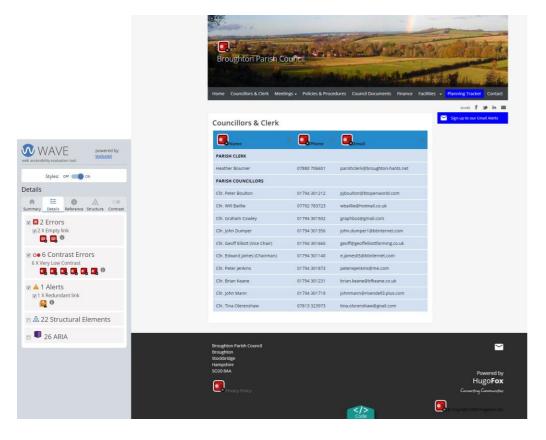


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# Councillors & Clerk

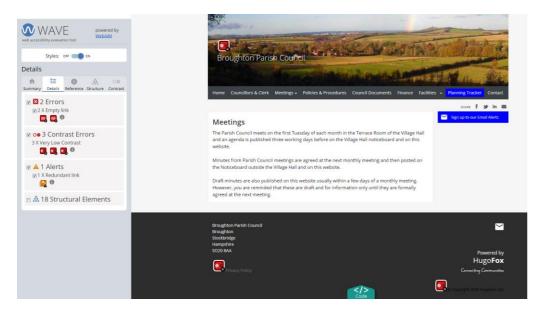


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# Meetings

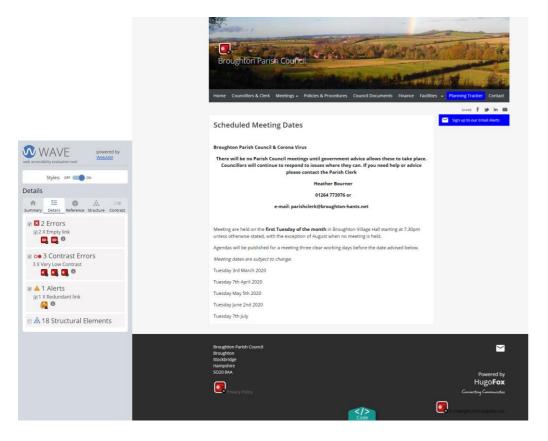


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# **Scheduled Meeting Dates**



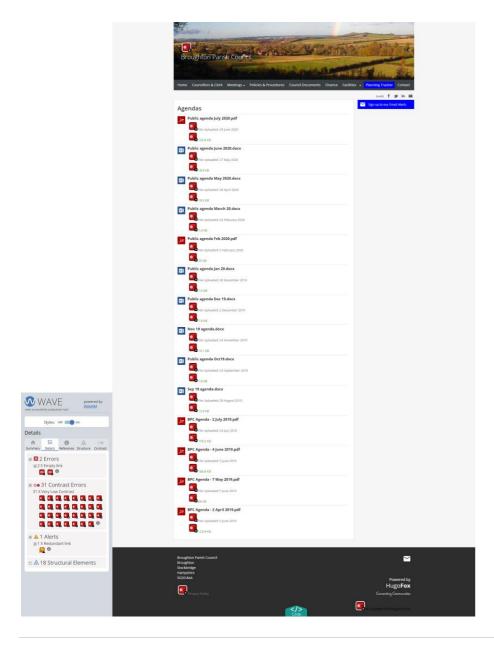
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Meeting dates need updating

# Agendas



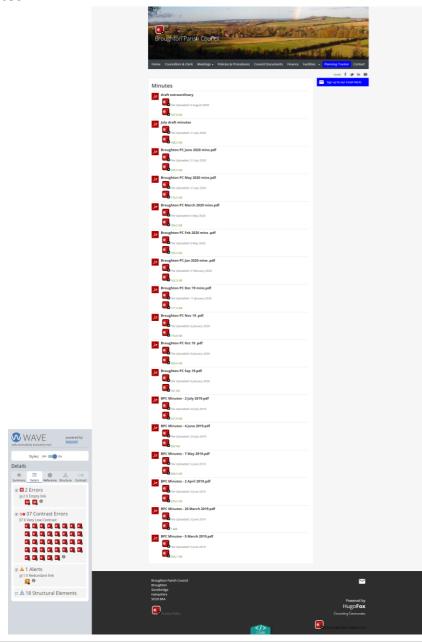
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# Minutes

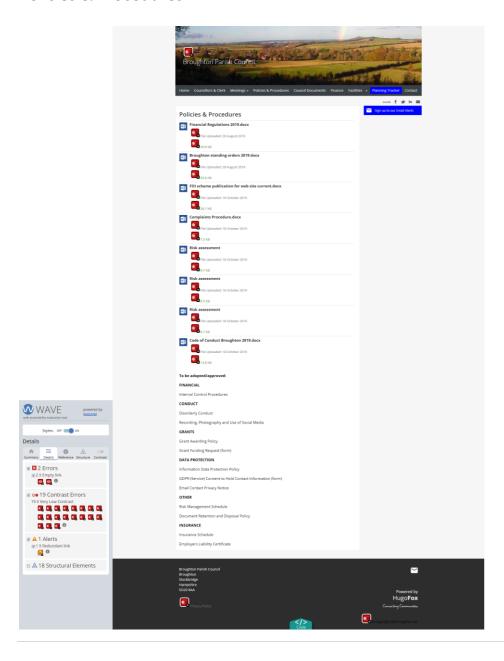


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# Policies & Procedures



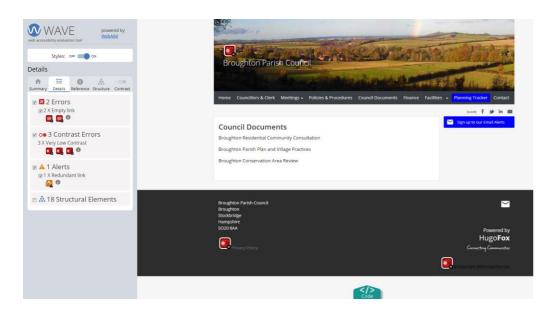
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# **Action for consideration by Parish Council**

Some Policies and Procedures need producing, ratifying and uploading

# **Council Documents**



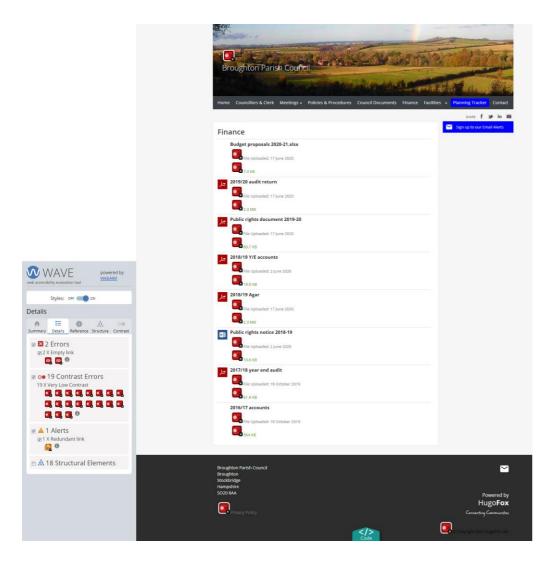
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Some historical PC documents need uploading.

#### Finance



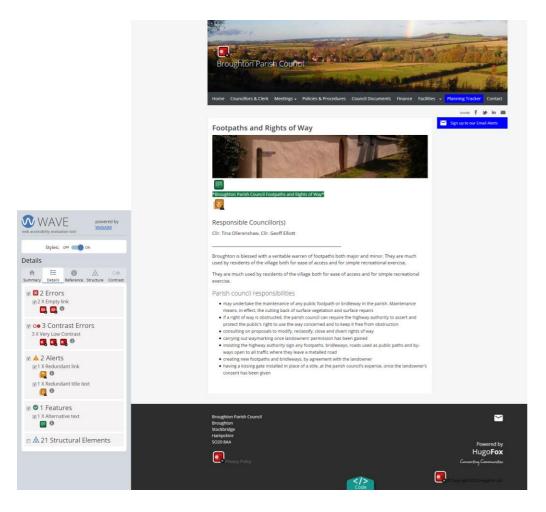
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# Footpaths and Rights of Way

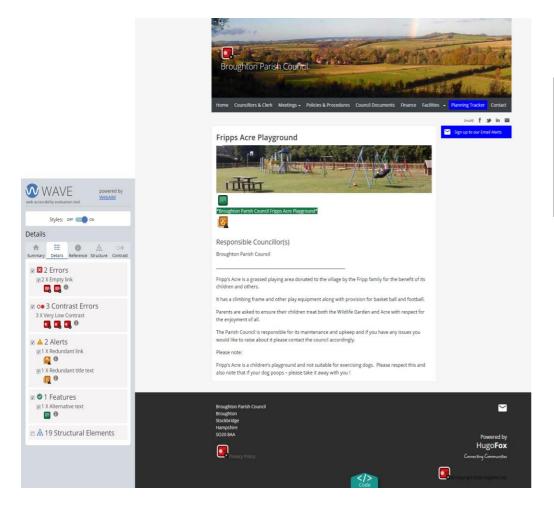


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# Fripps Acre Playground

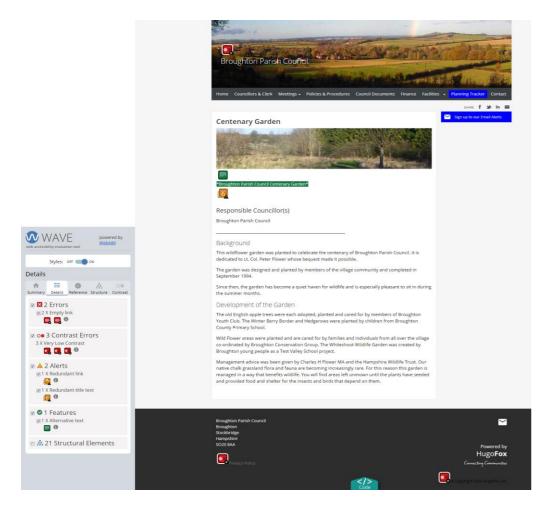


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# Centenary Garden

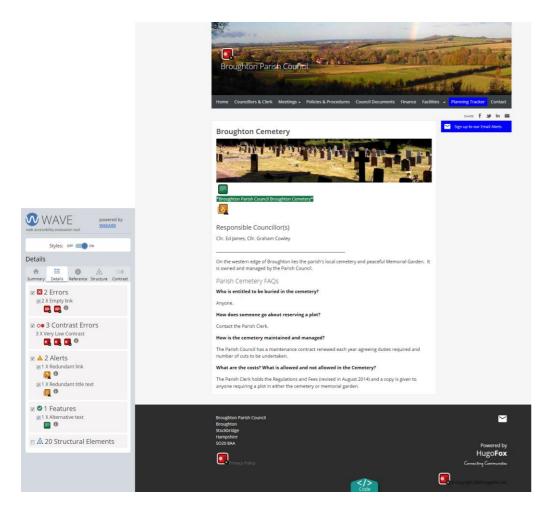


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# **Broughton Cemetery**

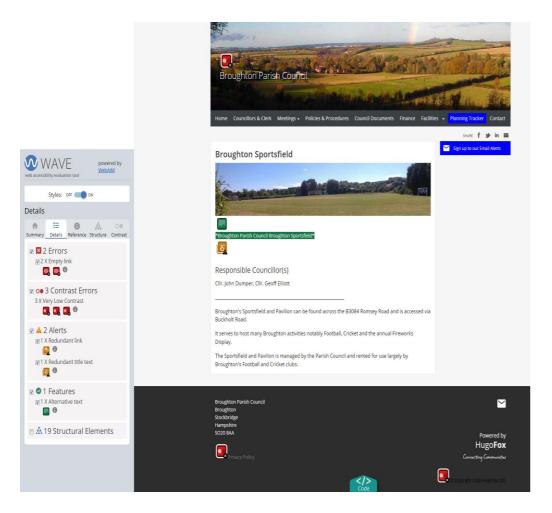


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# **Broughton Sportsfield**

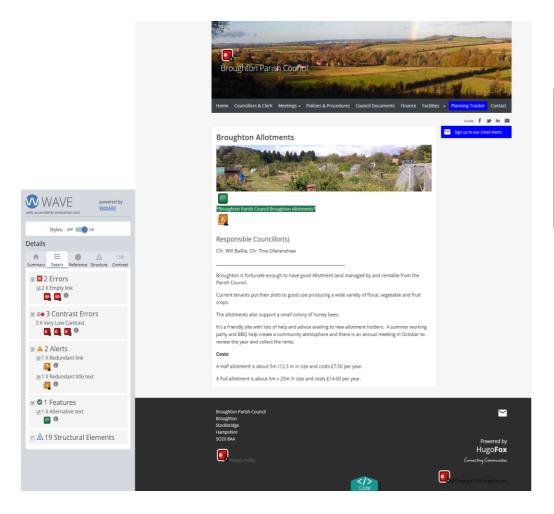


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# **Broughton Allotments**

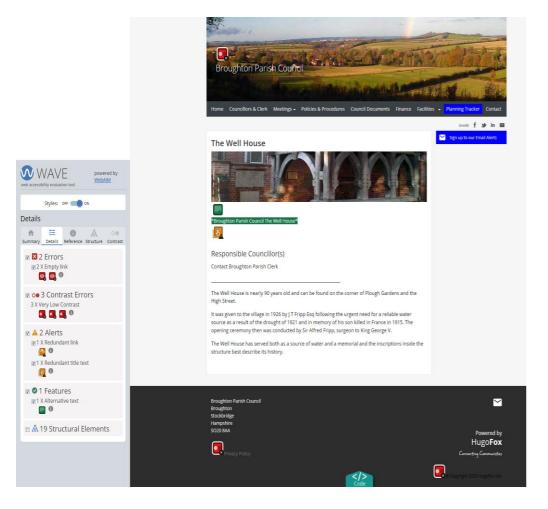


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### The Well House

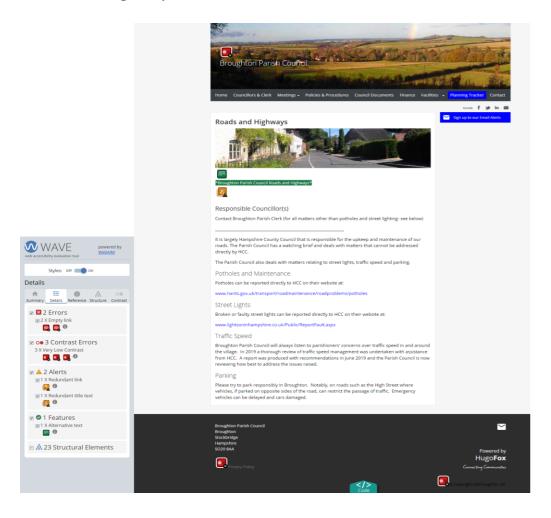


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# Roads and Highways

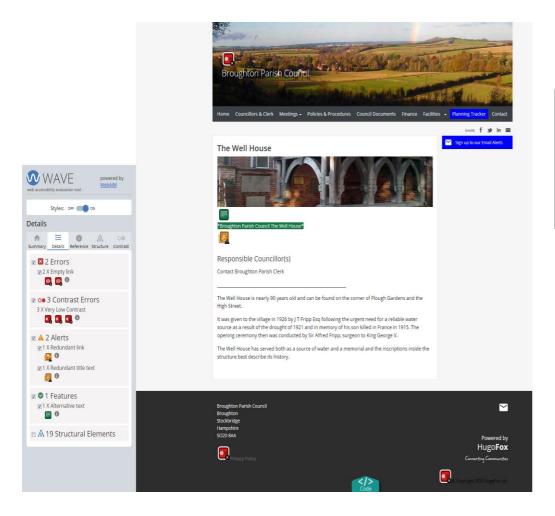


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# **Community Bus**

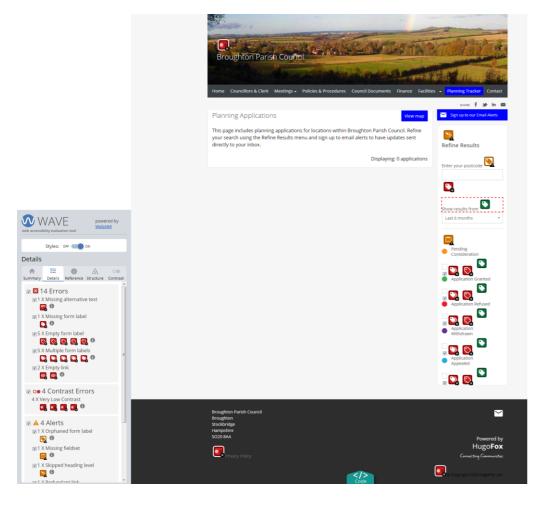


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# **Planning Tracker**

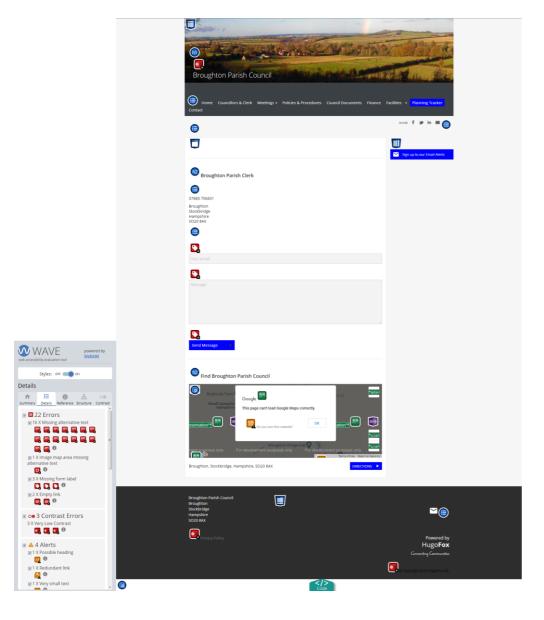


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# Contact



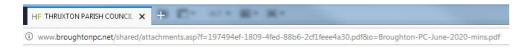
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# Miscellaneous

When a .pdf or Word documents open in a browser, the tab shows Thruxton Parish Council.



Suspected legacy issue since the Clerk also works for Thruxton Parish Council.

This may be carried through from the Clerk's working Word template or this may be some issue with HugoFox.

# **Action for consideration by Parish Council**

Clerk and HugoFox to investigate and resolve.