

BOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2025

Present: Cllr M Mossman (Vice Chairman), Cllr J Dumper, Cllr C Brooks, Cllr S Dunn, Cllr Mrs. K McAllister, Cllr Mossman, Cllr Y Ezra & Cllr J Mann.

In attendance: Heather Bourner-Clerk

2 members of Broughton Sports Committee

0 Members of public

Apologies for Absence

1. Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Hodgson, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Morrison, TVBC A Johnston & HCC D Drew

Public Participation

2) There were no members of public present.

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 7th October 2025 were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Mann, seconded Cllr Books. All agreed.

5) County and Borough Councilors' Report

HCC David Drew had sent apologies but had provided a report which can be seen at appendix 1.

TVBC Cllr Mrs A Johnston had sent apologies but had recently circulated the latest Mid Test Matters.

Planning

6) The following decisions by TVBC were noted: None

Reviewed between meetings:

25/02392/TREES-tree works, Old Church Farm, High Street- no objections

Resolved: that the planning decisions on the following applications were endorsed:

25/02300/FULLS-changes to fenestrations, The Barn House, High Street- no Objections

7) Budget 2026/27

A draft budget had been circulated to all Councilors and the details were discussed. It was agreed the budget needed to include costs for the repair of the listed building -The Well House, Cllr Mann had obtained an outline quote which suggested £6000 would be required to renovate the building. He also said a short term repair was required and had obtained a quote of £500. He proposed the short term repair be carried out now, this was seconded by Cllr Mossman. All Agreed.

There was also significant discussion about a reserve required for Parish Council owned buildings to pay for unexpected expenditure. It was agreed £15000.00 should be set aside for this purpose.

After further discussion Cllr Mossman said the Parish Council would need to agree the budget at the December meeting and asked all councilors to email details of any additions or adjustments to all Councilors and the Clerk before the December meeting.

8) Speed sign

The Clerk reported she had been contacted by Awbridge Parish Council. Broughton currently share a speed awareness camera with them and pay half the contractor costs for this to be moved between parishes. Awbridge Parish Council have decided to buy new machines and have suggested Broughton buy the current machine from Awbridge for sole use. It is not clear

how much the machine cost originally and who paid for this but given it's age it is unlikely to have a great financial value. The idea was discussed and it was agreed in principle to accept the offer of the machine and the Clerk could then arrange the moving of the machine with the current contractor directly.

9) Cemetery

Cllr Mossman reported he had been cutting the grass in the cemetery with the help of volunteers all summer but felt it was time to find a contractor to take on this as a paid service. It was agreed quotes should be obtained

He also reported that some of the graves had sunk and needed to be relevelled and seeded again quotes to the work were required and Cllr Mossman agreed to obtain these.

Allotments

10) Cllr Mossman reported he will be organizing work parties to tidy the allotment. He asked the Parish Council to provide funds to remove rubbish and also to hire machinery for hedge cutting. Cllr Mann suggested hire of a grab lorry to remove all the rubbish he also suggested following removal all allotment holders must be told they must not leave waste outside of the allotments anymore. Cllr Mossman will ascertain costs for a grab lorry or skip hire and contact allotment holders to set a date for a clear up.

Sports Field Update

11) Simon Henderson Chairman of the Sports Committee reported the ECB have confirmed the loan application is currently being reviewed, they have confirmed there are no issues and hope the application will be signed off in the next 48 hours.

Cllr Mann expressed his concern that the Parish Council were in breach of contract as the contract with the builder had not been amended. There was much discussion as to what the next steps should be and it was agreed the Parish Council would wait until 8th November for the ECB decision. If at that point the loan was not confirmed the Parish Council chairman would talk to the guarantor regarding the funds required.

The Clerk highlighted the planning condition regarding lighting had not been discharged by TVBC and had been refused by planning enforcement. Simon Henderson confirmed he would discuss with the lighting contractor to resolve the issue. Simon Henserson also agreed to confirm the status of the complaint on the sewage system.

Cllr Mann advised that he had sought to calculate the final costs of the project. Once the outstanding invoices and the balance of the Haygarth Ross contract are paid, and assuming that the ECB loan of £100,000.00 is received, there will be a balance of £11000.00 to pay for the demolition of the old pavilion and undertake the car park works. This is unlikely to be sufficient. The sports club confirmed they are seeking a further CAF grant.

The subject of grass cutting of the sports field was discussed again and Cllr Mann highlighted a quote he had obtained for a robotic mower which could be installed at the Sports Field. Cllr Dumper will share the details with the Sports Committee.

Cllr Taylor had sent apologies but confirmed by email he is still working on final locations for the adult gym equipment and the costs for groundwork once locations are agreed.

Finally, Cllr Mossman said he would like the Sports Club to provide the Parish Council with a financial statement for the first 6 months of trading and also believed the Sports Club should provide a copy of the first 12 months audited accounts. The Clerk agreed she could carry out an audit if required, She will write to the sports club chairman.

School Lane MUGA & management plan for open spaces

12) Cllr Dunn reported on the current status of the proposed MUGA and the pre application advice received from TVBC. Some of the issues raised regarding biodiversity may have been considered by the original application and Cllr Dunn will review this and speak to TVBC planning as appropriate. It is possible further funding will be required to carry out work and this needs to be reflected in the 2026/27 budget, a sum of £5000 was suggested.

The Clerk gave an update on the proposal to install EV charging points at the car park on

School Lane. She highlighted a request from Broughton Community Energy for the Parish Council to accept ownership of the project, the machines and the ongoing maintenance. Originally the Broughton Community Bus committee had been asked to do this but their constitution will not support this. Broughton Community Energy will take on the responsibility of the day to day running of the chargers, the project for installation will be run by them with help from Cllr J Morrison and finally the chargers will be installed on Parish Council owned land. Once installed it is hoped the use of the chargers will cover ongoing maintenance costs. The grant which has been offered by SSEN to cover the costs of installation will be passed to the Parish Council to fund the project.

After a short discussion it was agreed the Parish Council will accept responsibility in order that the project can proceed. They will need a written undertaking from Broughton Community Energy confirming they are willing to take on the day to day running of the chargers along with detailed definitions of the work they are prepared to carry out and written confirmation from SSEN that the loan can be passed to them.

Cllr Mossman reported he is working with the Hampshire & IOW Trust to create a Plan for the maintenance & enhancement of Salisbury Green.

The Clerk said she has been in correspondence with the management company for Downs Close to establish the areas for which they are responsible.

Neighbourhood Development Plan

13) Cllr Mann reported the NDP group are in communication with TVBC regarding the draft policies for the plan and are meeting with TVBC officers on 5th November to discuss.

Clerks Report

14) The Clerk Reported

The Clerk reported the only company she can find to provide new plot marking posts for the cemetery is based outside the UK while trying to pay a proforma invoice she had become concerned about the financial transaction and halted with the order. She had been advised by other Parish Councils that they have these made by local metal workers and it was greed she should research this as a possibility.

Charity returns for both the Children's Play Area Charity and the Sports Field Charity have been submitted to the Charity Commission.

Finally she highlighted a recent Neighbourhood Watch report regarding car damage and theft in the parish.

Footpaths.

15) Cllr Morrison had sent his apologies but had confirmed by email that there were no reported problems on footpaths.

Cllr Mossman highlighted the dog waste bin in The Drove where it intersects The Clarendon Way has deteriorated badly and needs to be replaced. The Clerk agreed to contact TVBC for a quote.

Danebury School Award event

16) The Clerk reported she had received a letter from Danebury School inviting a Parish Councilor to their awards ceremony on 27th November at 6.30pm and also to request a donation of £30.00 to provide a prize. Cllr Mann proposed a £30.00 donation be made, This was seconded by Cllr Mossman, all agreed. No councilors were available to attend the event this time.

Finance

17)

i) To note the bank balances 28/10/2025: -TSB Charity £50719.06
TSB Business Instant £201642.08
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
Grass & Grounds	£586.66
Inf Commissioners	£47.00
Awbridge	£368.56
HCC street lights	£377.81

Local Gov reorganization

18) Cllr Ezra reported the outcome for Surrey who have submitted their proposals is that the Government have decided it should be two and money has been made available- see newspaper report- how might this reflect on Hampshire- likely all areas will press for funding given that precedent now set

19) Correspondence

The Clerk highlighted a leaflet she had received regarding sports pitch surfaces which will be handed to the sports club committee

Two separate emails had been received raising concerns regarding the installation of light columns in Downs Close. The Clerk will contact HCC D Drew and ask his to establish details. Cllr Mossman will take some photographs for the report.

20) New items for next meeting

Broughton Community Energy
Community Bus- purchase of new bus and funding

Community news

22)

Date of next meeting

23) 7.30 pm on Tuesday December 9th 2025

Appendix 1

County Council highlights support for private foster carers ahead of awareness day

Are you caring for the child of a friend, neighbour or someone in your extended family? If the answer is yes, you could be in a private fostering arrangement

Ahead of Private Fostering Awareness Day on Wednesday, 5 November, Hampshire County Council is raising awareness of private fostering arrangements and why it needs to know about them.

Private fostering is when a child under 16 (or under 18 if they are disabled) lives with an adult who is not a close family member for 28 days or more. This could be an extended family member like a cousin or great aunt, a family friend or even a neighbour.

It is a legal requirement for the County Council to be notified of a private fostering arrangement by the parent or carer of the child involved. This can be done by phoning the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub on 0300 555 1384.

There can be many reasons why a child isn't living at home and someone else is required to care for them. These could include family relationship breakdown or divorce, parental illness, or parental homelessness. Other examples include children attending language schools or football academies, where they may be living away from parents for periods of time. Although they are living apart, parents of privately fostered children maintain their parental and financial responsibilities and continue to be involved in all decisions about their child's life throughout the arrangement.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20251030privatefostering>

County Council to consult on School and Post-16 Transport Policies

Parents will be asked for their views on Hampshire County Council's School Transport and Post-16 Transport Policies in two consultations opening on Monday, 3 November

The policies cover transport for children of compulsory school age who meet [national eligibility criteria](#), and a Post-16 service for young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) travelling to further education or training. The School Transport service is required by law while the Post-16 service is chargeable and offered on a discretionary basis. Most of the County Council's proposed changes to the two policies are designed to make

them easier to understand and to provide greater clarity around the way both services are delivered. Alongside these basic changes to policy wording, the County Council is also proposing to withdraw the formal offer of a Spare Capacity Seats Scheme in its School Transport Policy. This is a discretionary scheme which allows spare seats on contracted vehicles to be offered on a temporary, chargeable basis to children who are not eligible for free School Transport.

The current offer of a Spare Capacity Seats Scheme creates an expectation that spare seats can be provided. However, this cannot be fulfilled if the available seats on a given vehicle are all in use by eligible children. Even once allocated, spare seats may later be withdrawn if needed for an eligible child, or if the number of spare seats reduces due to an operational change. There is therefore a lack of clarity for parents on whether spare seats can be made available.

Visit the County Council's website for more information about the proposed consultations on the [School Transport](#) and [Post-16 Transport](#) Policies.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20251023schoolpost16transport>

Hampshire County Council continues to grow SEND provision with more specialist places and inclusive support

Hampshire County Council is continuing its long-term investment in special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) provision, with plans well underway to deliver 1,000 additional specialist school places between 2025 and 2030. This includes a mix of new places in both dedicated special schools and Resourced Provisions (RPs), which are specialist environments based within mainstream schools

Together, these meet a wide range of needs, including autism (AS) and social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) needs. The Council's approach focuses on creating a well-distributed network of RPs across the county, with clear pathways through primary and secondary education.

HCC is launching statutory consultations on the following RPs, expected to open from September 2026, subject to consultation outcomes and final approvals:-

- Harrow Way Community School, Andover: for 15 pupils aged 11 to 16 with autism (AS).

These projects are the latest in a long line of improvements to expand the County Council's own SEND provision, with the aim of reducing reliance on expensive placements in the independent sector. Since 2018, more than 750 new specialist places have already been created.

A further 350 are in progress and expected to be phased in from September 2026, subject to planning, funding, and statutory approvals. Discussions are also underway for over 600 additional places to be delivered between 2027 and 2030.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20251023SENOct2025>

Hampshire County Council's Children's Services recognised in national awards

One of Hampshire County Council's Children's Services teams has been recognised as 'Team of the Year' at the national Social Worker of the Year Awards

The authority's Out of Hours team, which supports professionals and members of the public with urgent safeguarding or welfare concerns outside of normal office hours, has taken home the gold award for its inspiring teamwork. It was one of five finalists all vying to be named 'Team of the Year' at this year's awards, which took place on Friday, 17 October.

The Out of Hours team forms part of the County Council's wider Children's Services, which were judged as 'Outstanding' by Ofsted last year for the second time in a row. The Out of Hours service operates during weekday evenings, over the weekends and on Bank Holidays, and also supports with social care issues involving adults. Support may include responding to safeguarding concerns, providing information and advice, or undertaking assessments or more in-depth social work. The priority is to keep people safe until normal working hours resume.

The [Social Worker of the Year Awards](#) are the only major national awards for social work in England and recognise positive stories of outstanding social work, creative and compassionate professionals, and inspiring practice. This year's shortlist included 100 practitioners, teams and organisations in 18 categories.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20251020teamoftheyear>

Climate Change grants – there's still time to apply

Test Valley Borough Council's new Climate Change Grant is helping a number of communities across the borough to deliver sustainability projects.

Ampfield Parish Council, Sherfield English Village Hall Trust, and Woodley Village Hall have

each been awarded £10,000 to help deliver solar panels and battery storage. These upgrades will significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions by generating renewable energy and help save on energy bills.

Meanwhile, Abbotswood Community Association, Baddesley Baptist Church, Over Wallop Parochial Church Council, Abbey United Reform Church, Valley Park Community Association, and Wellow Men's Shed have also all been awarded funding for a range of sustainability projects.

The Climate Change Grant is open to community groups and not-for-profit organisations across Test Valley. Grants of up to £10,000 are available, with 20% match funding required for applications of £5,000 or more. Projects must demonstrate how they will reduce greenhouse gas emissions or improve community resilience to climate change.

Applications are open until 31 December 2025, or until the funding is fully allocated.

Interested groups are encouraged to read the guidance and contact the council's Climate Change team to discuss their project before applying.

For more information, and to apply, visit: www.testvalley.gov.uk/climatechange/grants.

Lights, planning, action: new theatre venue gets the go-ahead

Plans for a new theatre venue for *The Lights* in Andover have been given the green light, with planning consent officially granted by Test Valley Borough Council's planning committee.

The new three-storey venue will include a state-of-the-art, multi-level auditorium with seating for over 400 people (a significant increase from the 249-seat capacity of the current theatre). Alongside this, the plans feature a separate, flexible space for performances and events, plus dance studios and meeting rooms available for public hire. Visitors will be able to enjoy relaxed social spaces, with café and bar areas located at either end of the building. Outside, terraced spaces will offer pleasant spots to sit and unwind during warmer weather.

One of the striking differences between the new venue and the current theatre, will be the ability to run shows and events in both the auditorium and second event space simultaneously, as well as operating classes and meetings in other locations around the building. Quality sound proofing and an enhanced design will mean the venue can run at full occupancy of nearly 1,000 people, playing a central role in enhancing Andover's daytime and evening economy, by drawing more people into the town centre to support local businesses. The design for the new venue, developed by specialist theatre architects Burrell Foley Fischer, reflects the character of Andover's historic centre while offering modern, accessible facilities for a wide range of performances and community uses. Taking inspiration from two prominent public buildings in the town, St Mary's Church and the Guildhall, the façade will feature a series of stone arches, forming a striking colonnade. The building will be crafted from light coloured stone, to reflect the local chalk stream, paired with pale brick and elements of natural flint and bronze.

The venue will include accessible seating across all levels, energy-efficient design features, and two entrances – one from the High Street and a second opposite Town Mills Riverside Park. A new public square will be created between the theatre and the library, with landscaping designed to complement the local chalk stream environment.

A separate application to demolish the former Poundstretcher unit was approved earlier this year, with demolition works now underway.

Pending appointment of a contractor, construction is expected to begin in 2026, with the new venue opening in late 2027 or early 2028. The current theatre will continue to operate as normal until the new venue is ready, ensuring continuity for audiences and performers.

The project is part of the wider Andover Masterplan and is supported by £18.3 million of funding from central government, secured to accelerate key regeneration projects in the town. It responds to strong public demand for a new venue for the popular local theatre, with almost 80% of respondents highlighting the need for a modern venue in the town centre.

You can view the full design proposals and learn more about the project at: www.thinkandovertowncentre.co.uk/theatre

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