

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3rd MARCH 2026

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

In attendance: Heather Bournier-Parish Clerk

HCC David Drew

Andrew Illingworth-Broughton Community Energy

0 Members of public

Apologies for Absence

1.Apologies for absence had been received from TVBC A Johnston.

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 3rd February 2026 were confirmed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr Mann seconded Cllr Mc Allister. 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 had sent apologies but had recently circulated Mid Test Matters newsletter for March.

Planning

6) The following decisions by TVBC were noted:

25/02865/FULLS replacement conservatory roof, Chattis Hill, Spitfire Lane-permission

26/00170/TREES- tree works, Top House, High Street-permission

To review the following applications were reviewed:

26/00316/FULLS- demolish current rear extension and replace, relocate oil tank-Beehive Cottage, High Street-The clerk was asked to send a comment to say the Parish Council has noted the conservation officers concerns at pre application and that given the age of the property the Parish Council would like to be clear these concerns have been addressed.

Southern Water Activities

7) Cllr Hodgson reported tankers continue to be present in the village and the road is still closed. He has been contacted by Southern Water regarding placing a staff welfare unit in the parish which it is hoped means work will take place to re line sewers in the not too distant future.

Concerns were raised about the damage being caused by the tankers and Cllr Taylor agreed he will keep a photographic record of all damage which can be given to Southern Water when sewer work is complete so they can carry out all necessary

repairs.

8) Village Hall

Cllr McAllister reported the Village Hall Committee had been discussing ways to provide further storage at the Village Hall, including provision for resilience equipment. The Parish Council has some ringfenced funds for BERG some of which could be used if the storage unit is to provide storage for both BERG and the Village Hall. Cllr McAlister will establish full details to present to the Parish Council in due course.

She further reported that the Village Hall Committee were seeking quotes to re surface the carpark and entrance roadway and it was clear this would be a very costly project. Quotes received so far indicated a cost of up to £70000.00 and the committee wanted to make a formal request to the Parish Council for £10000.00 to help with funding the project. The Clerk confirmed any grant made would need to be in accordance with S137 the limit being £11.10 per elector. With 912 electors the maximum grant available was £10123.20. A detailed discussion then took place regarding current projects and available finance. All Cllrs agreed in principle to support the project but full cost figures are required before confirmation of a grant can be made.

9) Local Government Reorganisation

Cllr Ezra MBE confirmed a formal announcement on Local Government Reorganisation was awaited. He confirmed that local elections were to take place in Hampshire in early May.

10) Cemetery

The Clerk said she had been approached by a local stonemason to instal a headstone on a grave in the cemetery where a burial had taken place in 2024. On reviewing the records the Clerk had been unable to find any paperwork relating to the burial although it was clear the plot had been purchased by the family in 2014. If a burial had taken place the Parish Council had not been contacted, no interment fee paid and it was not clear if the legal paperwork had been sent to the registrar. The family and undertakers have been asked to provide details.

Cllr Taylor has managed to find a map of the cemetery from 2015 detailing the current plots which he has shared with the Clerk. He will amend this to include wider plots from plot 339 onward.

Allotments

11) Cllr Mossman reported work to tidy the allotments and cut back hedges had taken place and he had now arranged for skips to be filled so all the rubbish can be removed. One hedge alongside the footpath will be laid in the autumn to make maintenance easier in the future.

The Clerk said several allotment holders had paid rents and she would liaise with Cllr Mossman with regard to those outstanding.

Sports Field Update

12) The Clerk reported she had been contacted by the Sports Club treasurer and asked if the remaining funds for the pavilion build project still held by the Parish Council could be passed to the sports club. There was £5828.94 available but if the Sports Club used these funds to pay invoices they would not be able to recover any VAT. Neither would the Parish Council have any funds available to help pay for the construction of the car park.

The Parish Council agreed unanimously the funds held should be used for the car park works. Essentially the Parish Council need to see three quotes and a proposal as to how the project will be funded so they can establish how the required costs are to be met.

Cllr Dunn reported the question regarding a licence requirement on sewage discharge raised by the Environment Agency has established an additional waste chamber is required but formal approval to carry out the work is awaited.

He also confirmed the necessary work to discharge the lighting condition had now been carried out.

Cllr Taylor said he now had agreed sites for all of the adult gym equipment and this will be installed between the middle of April and the middle of May.

School Lane MUGA & management plan for open spaces

13) Cllr Dunn reported Sports Facility Planning & Design have now provided all of the drawings and details of a noise survey in respect of the new MUGA are expected in the next few days. The hope is to move toward submission of a full planning application and obtaining tenders for the build.

Cllr Morrison provided an update on the project for EV charging points to be installed in the Downs Close Car Park next to the Surgery. He had circulated a report which detailed the work required, the potential costs and quotes obtained. Five companies were approached to quote but only three had responded. In particular quotes for the work relating to groundwork for a trench and electricity cable were discussed and Cllr Morrison proposed that SSEN should carry out this work. Cllr Mann suggested all the trenching work for an electricity supply to the MUGA should be included and Cllr Morrison agreed to obtain a quote to include this work. Andrew Illingworth added that PIR lighting near the charging points would also be required and costs would be established. Cllr Morrison said it was possible further funding above the grant already secured may be required and he would look at possible sources. Work to establish the additional information will take place and a full detailed recommendation will be circulated to all councilors soon. Given that all are agreed the project should move forward swiftly agreement can be given via email and ratified at the next meeting, enabling the work to commence at the earliest opportunity.

Cllr Mossman had circulated one quote received regarding the restoration of Salisbury Green and ongoing annual maintenance and is seeking further quotes. A question arose as to whether the pathways on Salisbury Green should be restored. The one quote received included these costs at approximately £7000. It was agreed the footpath parallel to the road should be restored to a standard where wheelchair users can access it particularly as there is no pavement alongside the road. Cllr Morrison agreed to speak to HCC to establish if the excess S106 funds could be used for this project.

Broughton Community Energy

14) Cllr Hodgson reported talks with the landowners have taken place and concerns have been raised regarding the potential site of the wind turbine, its possible interference with both a local weather radar system and with a new MoD radar system being installed on Beacon Hill by the A303. The conclusion reached was that the possible site was considered too much of a risk and that a only solar panel site would now be explored. If this could be sited closer to the Houghton substation this should result in a substantial reduction in the connection costs.

Neighbourhood Development Plan

15) Cllr Mann confirmed the steering group have met with TVBC in an attempt to move toward regulation 14. A further consultation will take place soon. There is still

considerable work to do before referendum but it is hoped this can be achieved in the next six months.

Clerks Report

16) The Clerk reported TVBC Cllr Johnston had spoken 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. The Clerk will continue to press TVBC to resolve the matter.

She reported she had obtained a quote from TVBC for a new dog waste bin at the Drove. The costs of a new bin was £298.08 plus £95.39 fee to fit this, there was also an ongoing annual charge of £242.57 for emptying. Cllr Mossman proposed this expenditure be met. This was seconded by Cllr Ezra. All agreed. The Clerk will action.

The Lengthsman has been asked to cut the hedge at Beechcroft Cottages.

Finally she agreed to contact the Dowse Trust for payment for cutting the Dowse Paddock in 2025/26.

Footpaths.

17) Cllr Morrison said he had been asked by parishioners about clearing the hedge alongside footpath 4. Cllr Mossman confirmed this is the hedge that will be properly laid later in the year which will reduce growth and maintenance.

Clarendon Way Walk

18) Cllr Hodgson reported an email had been received from the organisers of the Clarendon Way walk, This Charity walk is celebrating 20 years and the organiser has asked for community help. Cllr McAllister will ask the village hall committee to consider this.

Finance

19) Finance

i) To note the bank balances 24/02/2026: - TSB Charity £49852.45
TSB Business Instant £202656.32
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

Items to Carry Forward

20) None

21) Correspondence

The Clerk had received a request from the school to allow parking on the land next to the cemetery for the summer fete. This was agreed.

22) New Items for next agenda

Ditches, grips & Lengthsman.

Community news

23) Cllr Hodgson reported the Dr Surgery has now approached him regarding the piece of land near the surgery originally set aside for possible expansion. He agreed

to check the registered owner with land registry.

Cllr Taylor has photographed and reported problems with drainage ditches and grips on Romsey Road.

Finally, Cllr Ezra reported the Broughton Arts & Craft Festival will take place again in August 2026

Date of next meeting

24) 7.pm on Tuesday April 6th 3rd 2026

Appendix 1

Report from HCC David Drew

Hampshire Youth Parliament launches new term and sets priorities for 2026–2027
Hampshire Youth Parliament (HYP) has officially begun its new two-year term, bringing together Youth Councillors from across the county for their first in-person meeting of the year

The event marked an energising start to their tenure, giving members, elected by their schools and colleges, the opportunity to connect, share ideas, and begin shaping the priorities that will guide their work over the next two years.

After a day of discussion and collaboration, HYP – which is supported and facilitated by Hampshire County Council – confirmed four key issues that will lead its campaigning and project work:

- Period Poverty – tackling inequality in access to menstrual products
- Crime & Safety – addressing anti-social behaviour and promoting safer communities
- Cost of Living – ensuring young people’s voices are heard in conversations about financial pressures
- Misogyny – challenging gender-based discrimination and promoting respect.

These priorities will shape HYP’s work locally, regionally, and nationally as members begin developing campaigns, partnerships, and youth-led initiatives throughout the 2026–2027 term.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260224YouthParliament>

Hampshire County Council approves council tax increase to protect vital services and plan responsibly for the future

Hampshire County Council has today (26 February) approved its budget for 2026/27, setting out how the Authority will continue to deliver essential services while managing unprecedented ongoing financial pressures facing local government

At the meeting of the full County Council, councillors agreed a 4.99% increase in Hampshire County Council’s share of council tax from April 2026, the maximum rise that Government allows councils without them needing to hold a local referendum.

The increase will help protect vital services for the county’s most vulnerable children and adults, while enabling the Council to keep controlling costs, deliver savings and continue transforming services through more efficient and innovative ways of working.

The increase means that the Hampshire County Council element of council tax for a Band D property will be £1,690.11 in 2026/27 – an increase of £1.54 per week from last year. Despite the increase, Hampshire continues to have one of the lowest county council tax precepts amongst shire councils in England.

As in previous years, 2% of the increase will be directed specifically to adult social care, in line with Government policy, as demand keeps rising from an ageing population and essential support for adults with complex needs and disabilities.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260226Budgetdecision20262027>

Helping Nature - Hampshire County Council set to examine Hampshire's Biodiversity Duty Report

Hampshire County Council has today published its first statutory Biodiversity Duty Report, setting out in detail how the authority has conserved and enhanced biodiversity across Hampshire between January 2023 and December 2025, that will go before the Universal Services Select Committee on 2 March. Councillors will discuss the report that demonstrates the County Council's approach to embedding biodiversity considerations across its policies, land management, infrastructure, public health, planning, and community engagement.

It sets out a whole organisation approach and commitment to working collaboratively with a wide range of partners, recognising the significance of Hampshire's natural environment to the county's identity, economy, health and wellbeing, and ability to respond to the challenges of climate change.

Key achievements include major habitat creation and restoration, significant tree and hedgerow planting, integration of nature-based solutions in infrastructure, strengthened monitoring, and strong partnerships for nature recovery.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260220BiodiversityDutyReport>

Report highlights the harms from alcohol and the support available

More people in Hampshire are now seeking advice and treatment to reduce their alcohol consumption, according to the latest report from Hampshire County Council's Director of Public Health

The [report](#) highlights the ongoing impact of alcohol harm on individuals, families, and communities, while showing strong progress in the number of people accessing advice and treatment.

Simon Bryant comments: "Although most Hampshire residents drink safely, around a quarter of adults currently drink more than the recommended limit of 14 units per week, contributing to around 25 alcohol-related hospital admissions every day. Many residents may not realise they are putting their health at risk by drinking above recommended limits.

"However, we are seeing more Hampshire residents taking positive steps to improve their health, with the number of people seeking support to reduce their alcohol consumption doubling since 2022. This rise means around 1,000 additional people are now getting help to make healthier choices about alcohol, reflecting growing awareness of the benefits of early support and the increasing availability of services across the county.

"Even small reductions in drinking can quickly improve sleep, energy, mood, and long-term health. It is encouraging to see more residents taking positive steps with twice as many people now getting the help they need, thanks to the support available."

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260212DirOfPHreportalcoholharm>

Man fined after failing to cooperate with fly tipping investigation in Andover

A man has been ordered to pay more than £1,400 after failing to comply with a legal notice linked to a fly tipping investigation in Andover.

On 23 June 2025, a quantity of waste was discovered unlawfully dumped on Watery Lane. Information within the fly-tip led officers to Oliver Poulton, from Andover.

Poulton was invited to attend an interview under caution but failed to do so. Officers then served a formal Notice under Section 108 of the Environment Act 1995, requiring him to attend a further interview. Despite being properly served and given reasonable opportunity to attend, Poulton again failed to engage and did not offer any explanation or request a new date.

Appearing at Basingstoke Magistrates Court on 10 February 2026, Poulton pleaded guilty and was given a £500 fine, along with a £200 victim surcharge and £736 in costs, bringing the total to £1,436.

<https://testvalley.gov.uk/news/2026/feb/man-fined-after-failing-to-cooperate-with-fly-tipping-investigation-in-andover>

Test Valley nominated for award for transformational Andover Health Hub partnership

Test Valley Borough Council has been nominated for an award for its work with the NHS to create the innovative Andover Health Hub.

National publication, the Local Government Chronicle (LGC), hosts an annual awards ceremony, celebrating councils that have undertaken exceptional work over the past 12 months. TVBC is up for the LGC's Public Partnership award, which recognises local authorities that have worked with other public sector bodies to improve lives and outcomes for their communities.

Andover Health Hub, located diagonally opposite Boswell's Café in the Chantry Centre, started out as a covid vaccination centre back in 2021. But the council and its partners, including Hampshire and Isle of Wight Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight and Andover Primary Care Network (PCN), saw the opportunity to create a permanent presence in the town centre and offer more joined-up community-based healthcare. And since opening in 2023 it's gone from strength to strength.

Initially offering a range of services including blood pressure and other health checks in a bid to help prevent and diagnose conditions early on and improve people's lives in the local community, the hub underwent a major revamp and expansion back in 2025.

<https://testvalley.gov.uk/news/2026/feb/test-valley-nominated-for-award-for-transformational-andover-health-hub-partnership>

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