

**BOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6th JANUARY 2026**

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

In attendance: Heather Bourner-Parish Clerk

TVBC S McDonald

HCC David Drew

Marie Stubbington-TVBC community engagement officer

1 Member of public

**Apologies for Absence**

1.Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Brooks & Cllr Ezra MBE.

**Public Participation**

2) The member of public present asked for clarification on two points in the December minutes, one regarding the Neighbourhood Plan and the other on the Parish Council finances and precept request for 2026/27.

**3) TVBC Community Engagement Officer Report**

Community engagement officer Marie Subbington in attendance offered assistance to Broughton Parish Council with the MUGA project, She will meet to discuss this with Cllr Dunn.

**Declarations of Interest**

4) Cllr Hodgson declared an interest in Broughton Community Energy as he has now become a director of BCE. There were no other declarations of interest. All Cllrs present confirmed no amendments were required to register of interest documents.

**Minutes**

5) Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025 subject to an amendment on the Neighbourhood Plan paragraph were confirmed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr Mann seconded Cllr Taylor. All agreed.

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

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

TVBC Cllr S Macdonald gave a short update on the current draft local plan. The comments received by TVBC from the public were approximately 75% more than had ever been submitted before and will take a long time to review. He said various areas of land included in the plan as potential building plots had been removed by land owners as possible sites and as a result there has been a large increase in speculative planning applications. Work will continue to complete the plan before the end of 2026.

**Planning**

7) The following decisions by TVBC were noted:

25/01256/FULLS- erection of orangery, Cosmos, Rectory Lane-permission

25/02244/LBWS-extend garage, Rookery Cottage-consent

25/02300/FULLS alterations to windows, The Barn House- permission

25/02672/PIPS erection of 2/3 dwellings land rear of Trickle-down Stables-withdrawn

25/02317/FULLS erection of lean to conservatory, 3 Venison Terrace-permission

25/02681/AGNS- application for prior approval hay barn, Apple Yard Farm, prior approval not required

To review the following applications were reviewed:

25/02865/FULLS- replacement roof to conservatory, 5 Chattis Hill Stables-no objections

25/03054/FULLS-extend & modernize existing bungalow, The Tallet, Horsebridge Road-While the Parish Council does not object in principle to the extension of this bungalow the suggested modernization does not comply with the village design statement or the emerging Neighbourhood Plan because the nature of the suggested modernisation is not in keeping with character of village.

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

#### **8) School Lane land transfers & Land Registry**

The Clerk reported she had received an email from Shentons solicitors asking for information requested by Land Registry. All the required information would need to be supplied by Lindens Solicitors so the Clerk was asked to respond to Shentons and tell them to contact Lindens direct

#### **9)Local Government Reorganisation**

Cllr Ezra MBE was absent but had circulated a recent update on Local Government Reorganisation. The consultation closes on 11<sup>th</sup> January and the Clerk confirmed it was possible for a submission to be made by the Parish Council by email. This simply needed to state which area and the preferred option.

After a short discussion it was agreed the Clerk should submit an email on behalf of the Parish Council confirming their preferred option for Hampshire as the TVBC option 1, Mid Hampshire which includes Test Valley, The New Forest, East Hampshire & Winchester.

#### **10) Cemetery**

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

He highlighted an emerging issue with the size of plots. Traditionally plots were 4ft wide however modern caskets were both wider and longer and it was agreed in future to increase the size of plots from 4ft to 5ft wide when these were allocated. The Clerk reported a request to place two 8" high ceramic dogs on the plinth of a memorial stone. This was against the regulations and councillors confirmed this rule was in place to prevent loss or damage to gravestones by contractors maintaining the cemetery. It was overwhelmingly agreed to refuse this request and the suggestion was an engraving of dogs on the actual stone would be a solution to the issue. The Clerk will relay the message to the family.

#### **Allotments**

11) Cllr Mossman reported the hedges and wild areas have been cut as far as possible and all agreed these areas had been vastly improved.

He will shortly be arranging a meeting with allotment holders to arrange a working party to continue work to improve the area.

#### **Sports Field Update**

12) The old sports pavilion has now been removed and the Clerk was asked to report this to the insurance company. The costs of demolition are to be met by the Sports Club.

Work required for the new car park has yet to be tendered and it was agreed the Parish Council needed to see three quotes to enable them to help with administration and finance for this part of the project.

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 but Councillors agreed they would like to have full details on this issue.

Cllr Dunn confirmed he will raise these points at the next meeting of the Sports Club Committee.

Cllr Taylor said he is still awaiting confirmation from the sports club regarding the sites for the adult gym equipment. He has established a further £1700.00 will be required for the ground works if the sites are accepted. The company are ready to install the equipment as soon as the weather allows.

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

13) Cllr Dunn provided details and a plan of the proposed MUGA which included additional ground works. He also highlighted the details of the completed feasibility study and the now required ecological survey which highlighted the need for some biodiversity net gain. The suggestions were for example, creating a wildflower meadow which would need a 30 year management plan which the Parish Council would need to manage or providing funding which could amount to approx £8000. Cllr Taylor and Mann were both of the view that the original planning for the MUGA should negate any need for further surveys which had already taken place. Cllr Dunn said he had asked the question of a TVBC planning officer and been told new surveys were required. Cllr Hodgson highlighted the issues with continued delays to the project and proposed the costs of £4500.00 for the full drawing of plans, an ecological survey and a noise survey be met by the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Mossman. Three Councilors in favour, 2 against. Marie Stubbington suggested she have a detailed conversation with Cllr Dunn regarding the project following which she will try and facilitate discussions with TVBC colleagues from different departments to take a holistic approach.

Cllr Morrison highlighted the proposal for EV charging points to be installed in the Downs Close Car Park next to the Surgery. Detailed quotes for the equipment have been requested. He also noted an application he had made for a TVBC climate change grant. Finally he confirmed an order had now been placed for new Broughton & Mottisfont Community Bus.

Cllr Mossman reported he has discussed the restoration of Salisbury Green with two companies and is awaiting details of surveys which he will share with the Parish Council in order that a way forward can be agreed.

### **Broughton Community Energy**

14) It was noted that a pre planning application for the proposed solar farm and wind turbine site needed to be submitted. BCE requested that the submission be made in the name of the Parish Council and the fee paid by the Parish Council. Given the involvement to date of the Parish Council Cllr Mossman proposed the Parish Council submit the application. This was seconded by Cllr Mann. All in favour

### **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

15) Cllr Mann reported the group are working hard to finalise the next steps of the plan by the end of January. This will be sent to TVBC for comment and followed by another public meeting.

### **Clerks Report**

16) The Clerk reported she had chased TVBC for an update on the transfer of the S106 funds for School Lane and for confirmation of other S106 funds available. She was asked to approach Cllrs S Macdonald & Ali Johnston for assistance if TVBC officers were unable to provide a positive outcome.

Cllr Morrison will push for clarity on outstanding S106 funds for footpaths and where and when these could be spent.

She reported an issue with burial plot markers in that the company from abroad appear to have processed the order although they said they would not until payment was made. A problem with bank details raised concerns and the Parish Council agreed not to proceed. The goods have not been delivered but the company continue to chase for payment. In the meantime Hurstbourne Forge have been approached to make the required markers in line with their quote.

Finally she confirmed she had submitted the precept request to TVBC for 2026/7 in the sum of £36850.00 this being a 10% increase on the previous year's precept as had been agreed at the December meeting.

#### **Footpaths.**

17) Cllr Morrison had nothing to report.

#### **Finance**

18)

i) To note the bank balances 29/12/2025: -TSB Charity £50660.43

TSB Business Instant £202144.44

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

B Wells (hedge cutting) £2448.00

#### **Items to Carry Forward**

19) None

#### **20) Correspondence**

The Clerk noted a Christmas Card had been received from Danebury School.

#### **21) Items for next agenda**

Possible change to meeting start time.

#### **Community news**

22) The Clerk was asked to establish when the broken dog waste bin at the Drove, which had been reported, would be replaced. She was also asked to establish when the broken road sign at the junction of Northend by Manor Farm would be repaired. Again this had been reported.

#### **Date of next meeting**

23) 7.30 pm on February 3rd 2026

#### Appendix 1

#### Report from HCC David Drew

#### **Hampshire County Council confirms M27 reopening ahead of schedule after successful completion of major engineering operation**

The M27 between Junctions 9 and 11 will fully reopen 24 hours ahead of schedule at 4am on Saturday 3 January, following the successful completion of a major engineering scheme to deliver a new underpass beneath the motorway

The project has been delivered by Hampshire County Council and main contractor VolkerFitzpatrick, in close collaboration with National Highways, supported by a number of specialist subcontractors.

The motorway has been closed since Christmas Eve to enable the construction of improvements to Junction 10 using an innovative 'box slide' technique that has only been deployed in the UK a handful of times. Using precision engineering, a 60 metre long pre constructed concrete underpass was slid 65 metres into position before the road surface was reinstated. This innovative, time saving approach replaced what would otherwise have been many months of lane and speed restrictions, as well as overnight works – and it will enable the motorway to reopen earlier than originally planned. Over the closure period, around 130 people have worked in total around 10,000 hours, day and night. The M27 had originally been scheduled to reopen at 4am on Sunday 4 January.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260201M27UpdateReopening>

### **Advice for staying safe and well during the cold snap**

The UK Health Security Agency has extended the amber alert for cold, with overnight temperatures as low as minus six degrees Celsius, expected from 8PM on 2 January until 10AM on 9 January across the South East. This period of cold weather has the potential to affect anyone, not just those who may be more at risk due to health or other vulnerabilities

During this prolonged period of cold temperatures which started with a yellow alert on 28 December, Hampshire County Council is advising residents to follow a few simple steps to help keep themselves and others safe and well.

Councillor Liz Fairhurst, Hampshire County Council's Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, said: "While Hampshire is experiencing such cold conditions, it is important that we all do what we can to keep warm and stay safe. Some people in our communities are at particular risk from the ill effects of the cold weather so I would urge residents to look out for their relatives or neighbours who may be vulnerable or unable to get out due to the weather."

Follow these top tips to help yourself and others stay well during the cold snap.

### **Keep warm**

A cold home can increase the risk of health impacts, particularly for the very young, the old, and people with long term conditions.

- Try to heat rooms you spend a lot of time in, such as the bedroom or living room, to at least 18°C (65°F), day and night - and keep bedroom windows closed. You may prefer your main living room to be slightly warmer.
- Wear several layers of thinner clothing rather than one thick layer – this will help keep you warmer.
- Draw curtains at dusk and block out draughts.
- Try not to sit still for too long, ideally not more than an hour or so. Anyone who has trouble getting up and moving around can also stretch their arms and legs to help them stay warm.
- If you need to go out, remember to wrap up warm, and wear shoes with good grips to avoid slipping on icy surfaces.
- If you're worried about the cost of heating your home, seek financial support.

Vulnerable people who struggle to keep their homes warm can get help from Hampshire County Council's [Hitting the Cold Spots](#) initiative. Residents can call on behalf of themselves or someone else on Freephone 0800 804 8601 (Monday – Friday, 9am to 5pm).

### **Looking after yourself and others**

- Eat well. Try to have at least one hot meal a day. Hampshire's [Meals on Wheels](#) service is available to anyone aged 18 and over with a long-term health condition who may struggle to shop for or prepare food for themselves. Warm drinks are

a good way to keep warm as well.

- Stock up on food in the house in case you can't get out during a cold spell.
- Keeping paths and pavements free of snow and ice can help prevent falls. Older and vulnerable people are most at risk from slips and may need help to keep their pathways clear.
- Boost your immunity – get vaccinated. People who are eligible for a COVID19 or flu vaccine are encouraged to take up the offer as soon as they can.
- During icy and freezing conditions, motorists should take extra care when travelling. Keep an eye on the weather forecast and check conditions before you travel.

Some people may need extra support during periods of cold weather. Look out for friends, family and neighbours who may be vulnerable by keeping in touch, checking they are well, making sure they know how to keep warm and safe, and whether they need practical help such as stocking up with food or essential medications. If you are worried about your health or that of somebody you know, ring NHS 111.

If you think they may have [hypothermia](#), contact NHS 111 for further assessment, and in an emergency dial 999; typical signs that someone may be suffering from hypothermia include shivering, slow breathing, tiredness or confusion, and pale, cold skin.

For more information visit: [Winter vaccinations and winter health - NHS](#).

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260102ambercold>

### **Hampshire County Council welcomes national funding to improve bus travel**

People across Hampshire are set to benefit from a funding boost to bus travel, following the Government's announcement of the Local Authority Bus Grant (LABG)

Hampshire County Council has secured £27.2m of capital funding from the Department for Transport and £24.9m revenue funding over a four-year period, starting from the next financial year (2026-2027).

This long-term funding gives us the certainty to work with bus operators and community partners to improve bus services – which is already paying off as Hampshire's bus passenger journeys have increased by 6.8% over the past year. It means we can plan ahead with confidence and invest in improvements that will make bus travel more frequent, cleaner, and more reliable, bringing real benefits for residents.

Recent figures released from the Department for Transport confirm a rise in the number of bus passenger journeys in Hampshire. They have risen from 24.9m in 2023/24 to 26.6m journeys in 2024/25 - an increase of 1.7m trips.

Specific investment areas for the Local Authority Bus Grant are based on strict criteria set out by Government. Funding will be targeted on a range of improvements aimed at boosting bus use across the county, including bus priority lanes, expanding timetables on busy services, infrastructure at sixth form colleges, real-time and on-bus passenger information, a fund for rural bus shelters and a community transport fund and toolkit.

From 2025/26, Government funding for Bus Service Improvement Plans and the Local Authority Bus Service Operators' Grant will be combined into a single, consolidated grant. This national funding must be directed by local authorities towards specific service improvements and cannot be used to provide long-term subsidies for commercial bus routes.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20251218buses>

### **Securing a greener, healthier Hampshire for everyone – County Council launches new blueprint for nature recovery**

A thriving natural environment is at the heart of Hampshire's future, supporting the wellbeing of residents, strengthening communities, and ensuring that wildlife and green spaces can be enjoyed for generations to come

Hampshire County Council, together with partners, has today (8 December) launched the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) for Hampshire, a shared plan to restore nature, protect precious habitats, and create more opportunities for people to connect with the outdoors.

As part of our Hampshire Pledge, we set out our commitment to look after and enhance Hampshire's rich and diverse natural environment, and ensure the countryside is available for everyone to explore and enjoy. Our ask of our communities is to engage with conservation where possible, to consider the impact of our actions on climate change and to join us in taking care of our surroundings. Everyone can play their part, from nature-friendly choices at home, or simply enjoying the county's beautiful landscapes. Every action, big or small, helps to build a greener Hampshire.

Graham Horton, Deputy Director for Natural England's Thames Solent team, said: "Natural England warmly welcomes the launch of Hampshire's Local Nature Recovery Strategy. This ambitious plan is a vital step towards protecting and enhancing the county's diverse and special natural environment. We are grateful to everyone who has contributed, and we encourage communities, landowners, and partners to play their part. The time for action is now - together we can deliver recover nature across Hampshire."

The full strategy is available to read

here: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/nature-recovery-hampshire/hampshire-strategy>

To find out more about the Hampshire Pledge commitment to champion the Hampshire environment, visit:

[www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/hampshire-pledge](http://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/hampshire-pledge)

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20251208newblueprintfornaturerecovery>

## **Consultation on Proposals for Local Government Reorganisation in Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton – Closes 11<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

### Overview

This statutory consultation seeks views on the proposals that the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has received following the Secretary of State's invitation to councils in Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth & Southampton to submit proposals for unitary local government for their areas. You can find full details of the consultation, including a privacy statement, at: [Local government reorganisation in Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton - GOV.UK](#)

## **Man given suspended prison sentence for fly-tipping tyres on road in Test Valley**

A man has been sentenced after dumping tyres on Station Road in Nursling.

On 28 October 2024 covert cameras captured a vehicle stopping at a layby on Station Road. The footage showed the rear doors opening and six tyres, including a tractor tyre and one from a heavy goods vehicle, being dumped across the carriageway, posing a serious risk to other road users.

Following a vehicle registration check, officers were led to Nigel Cross, 59, from Southampton.

Mr Cross appeared at Southampton Magistrates' Court on 27 November 2025, where he pleaded guilty. He received a four-month prison sentence, suspended for 18 months, and was ordered to complete 200 hours of unpaid work. Cross must also pay £877.50 in costs and a £154 victim surcharge, totalling £1,031.50.

Councillor David Drew, Portfolio holder for Recycling and Environmental Services at Test Valley Borough Council, said: "Not only does a fly-tip like this blight our communities, but it also puts people at serious risk and is completely irresponsible. It is lucky nobody got hurt on this occasion. I'm delighted with this result, and we'll continue to work hard to tackle this behaviour and hold offenders to account."

Residents can report fly-tipping to the council online at [www.testvalley.gov.uk/fly-tipping](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/fly-tipping).  
<https://testvalley.gov.uk/news/2025/dec/man-given-suspended-prison-sentence-for-fly-tipping-tyres-on-road-in-test-valley>

### **Test Valley Borough Council praised for strong leadership and approach to transformation in peer team progress review**

Test Valley Borough Council has been given a clean bill of health and praised for its strong leadership and approach to transformation in a follow-up to its Local Government Association peer review that took place in 2024.

A corporate peer challenge team made up of senior cross-party councillors and experienced officers visited TVBC in November 2024, spending a week undertaking a comprehensive review of key finance, performance and governance information across its services, as well as speaking to more than 100 people including staff, councillors and external partners.

They described TVBC as a “high-performing council that delivers effectively for its residents, with a commendable community-first approach and a strong sense of pride throughout the organisation.”

They also put forward nine recommendations, which included building on the success of councillors working well in their communities, using performance and data to help improve and evaluate the impact and value for residents, and investing in its workforce.

Two peer team representatives returned in October 2025 to undertake a progress check. In their update report, which is available at [www.testvalley.gov.uk/CorporatePeerChallenge](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/CorporatePeerChallenge), they said that positive progress had been made against each of the recommendations. They highlighted the council’s strategic leadership, positive approach to change, particularly in the context of local government reorganisation, and strong community engagement.

<https://testvalley.gov.uk/news/2025/dec/test-valley-borough-council-praised-for-strong-leadership-and-approach-to-transformation-in-peer-team-progress-review>

### **Free Christmas tree drop-off points across Test Valley**

Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) is once again making it easy to recycle real Christmas trees once the festive season is over.

From Saturday 27 December 2025 to Monday 12 January 2026, free collection points will be open across the borough. Simply bring an undecorated, real tree to one of the sites listed below, and the local authority will take care of the rest.

The trees will be treated like garden waste and taken for composting. The drop-off locations are:

- Enham Arch Retail Park, Andover
- Dobbies Garden Centre, Andover
- Hillier Garden Centre, Weyhill
- Augusta Park Community Centre, Andover
- Alma Road Car Park, Romsey
- Knightwood Leisure Centre, Valley Park
- B&Q, Nursling
- West Wellow Village Hall
- Hillier Garden Centre, Braishfield

These sites are for real Christmas trees only. Please follow the instructions at each location and place the tree in the designated area.

Councillor David Drew, portfolio holder for Recycling and Environmental Services, said: “We’re pleased to offer this service again this festive season. It makes clearing up after Christmas easier for residents who aren’t signed up to garden waste collections, and ensures trees are recycled into something useful.”

If residents are signed up to TVBC's kerbside garden waste collection service, their tree can be put out alongside their green bin or sack when collections restart in the new year. Only trees taller than six feet should be cut in half.

For more details, visit [www.testvalley.gov.uk/waste](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/waste).

[David Drew](#)

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