

BOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7th OCTOBER 2025

Present: Cllr J Hodgson (Chairman), Cllr J Dumper, Cllr A Taylor, Cllr C Brooks, Cllr S Dunn, Cllr Morrison, Cllr Mrs. K McAllister & Cllr J Mann.

In attendance: Heather Bourner-Clerk

TVBC A Johnston

HCC David Drew

16 Members of public

Apologies for Absence

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

Public Participation

2) The majority of the members of public were present to express their views and objections to the planning application 25/02225/OUTS- outline permission for up to 9 dwellings on land at Coolers Farm. Several people spoke and the comments made were as follows.

The Parish is in the process of completing a Neighbourhood Development Plan and the findings of all the surveys carried out do not support this type of development. The surveys suggest affordable housing and smaller homes are what is supported in the parish.

The Parish has recently responded to the Test Valley Borough Council draft Local Plan in particular the proposal to build 45 homes near this location. The view of all those who attended the public meeting and responded was that this was the wrong location for this volume of houses.

Any decision on the site should be delayed until the Draft Local Plan is finalised so all sites in the Parish can be considered to meet any allocation for the Parish. A request to delay for six months is not unreasonable.

The site is outside of the settlement boundary and is therefore against policy COM2 in the current local plan, the guide against which planning applications should be tested. A statement by the developer in the pre planning application dismisses this and TVBC state the lack of housing land supply means this can be ignored. Is this reasonable?

Other nearby houses would be overshadowed by new building, particularly where ground rises.

Safety of the site is questioned, buried farm buildings, unstable chalk, asbestos and other contaminants along with a buried slurry pit are thought to be present at the site.

The line of magnificent Beech Trees at the site are subject to TPO's and must be protected.

There are three potential sites in close proximity, 49 houses if all three sites are used, this cannot be assessed as sustainable given the volume of additional vehicle movements this will create, the access road is not safe and the impact on the environment too great.

The traffic survey data in the application is clearly based on a suburban environment not rural.

Flooding already occurs in this location and will increase with further building, the access road is a small country lane not wide enough for a car and lorry to safely pass & light pollution will increase.

There has been no consultation by the landowner or proposed developer with parishioners,

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 2nd September 2025 were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Mann, seconded Cllr Brooks. All agreed.

5) County and Borough Councilors' Report

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

TVBC Cllr Mrs A Johnston had circulated Mid Test Matters. She agreed to ask TVBC planning committee to consider application number 25/02225/OUTS given the level of public interest. She will also ask the Neighbourhood Planning Team to respond the submitted draft policies.

6) Broughton Community Energy

Cllr J Hodgson reported that Broughton Community energy has been successful in their application for a feasibility grant. A preferred consultant has been established and the outcome of the work will be a conceptual design. This will be shared with the community. The hope is that this will provide the evidence for a pre planning application which will ultimately lead to full planning. Given the original application was made by Broughton Parish Council Cllr Hodgson has been asked to sign documents to allow the funds to be released Cllr Mann proposed the documents be signed, this was seconded by Cllr Dunn, all agreed. Broughton Energy have now become a legal entity and Dan Payne will be the project manager of the initiative. Thanks were expressed to all those who have worked very hard to get the project this far.

Planning

7) **The following decisions by TVBC were noted:**

25/01437/TPOS- tree works, Broughton Primary School-consent

25/01689/TREES- tree works 1 The Gardens, North End- no objections

25/01725/FULLS- erect triple garage with office over- Amport Beeches- permission

25/00570/FULLS & 25/00587/LBWS- single storey rear extension, Dowse Cottage, High Street-permission

Reviewed between meetings:

25/02042/FULLS-rear extension September Cottage, Rookery Lane- no objections

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

25/02087/FULLS & 25/02088/LBWS-roof removal & replacement, chimney repairs replace rainwater goods- Clifton Cottage, High Street-no objections

25/02243/FULLS-extension to garage-Rookery Cottage, Rookery Lane-no objection

25/02317/FULLS- erection of lean to greenhouse, 3 Venison Terrace-no objections

25/02225/OUTS- outline permission for up to 9 dwellings on land at Coolers Farm-

The application was discussed in detail. Cllr Mann noted the application is for access only with all other matters reserved. He said Coolers Farm access road already provides access for 6 houses, these additional houses would mean access for 15 homes, road access is not wide enough for two vehicles to pass. Road safety in the area is of great concern, there are no footpaths for pedestrians, this is a country lane.

Other comments were:- the scale and dominance with overshadowing of current properties was of concern, additional surface water will affect the aquifer and add to flooding which already occurs in the area, the proposal is adjacent to the conservation area surrounded by open fields and the impact on nature including trees subject to TPO's is of concern, the development is not supported by the emerging Neighbourhood Plan, it does not include affordable housing or smaller homes for downsizing, the development should consider not just the access to the site but needs to consider impact on all roads around the village, the timing of the application is inappropriate given the response to the consultation on the draft plan, the Neighbourhood Plan which is near to completion sets out what those who live in the village want their environment to be like and finally the application does not reflect the views established by the TVBC led Housing Needs Survey.

It was agreed an objection to the application will be submitted to include all of the above.

8) S106 & CIL Funds

The Clerk reported on a meeting with TVBC officers when it had been agreed the S106 funds held by them in respect of the continued maintenance of School Green, Salisbury Green, the MUGA and the car park would be transferred to Broughton Parish Council. The funds had to be ringfenced and can only ever be spent on the specified matters.

Details of general S106 funds were also discussed, how these are awarded and how they need to be spent. Those allocated to the play area by S106 agreement relating to the School Lane development must be spent on the children's play area. Those allocated to formal and informal recreation could possibly allocated to the adult gym equipment but there was still a query regarding sums which were out of date but the developer had not requested their return.

TVBC have also agreed to find out exactly what S106 funds have been spent on the footpath allocation in relation to the Hyde Farm developments.

Finally details of CIL amounts allocated to the Parish Council were provided. These have all been paid and no further payments are due. Cllrs asked the Clerk to establish what developments the CIL sums received related to.

9) Cemetery

The Clerk reported the only company she can find to provide new the supply of plot marking posts is based outside the UK so the cost of new markers is increased by shipping costs. The cost of purchasing 50 numbered markers plus shipping was £469.53 and all agreed these should be purchased.

Following discussions at the last meeting the clerk confirmed the cemetery regulations had been updated to confirm anyone wishing to install a headstone not meeting the regulations, should contact the Clerk with the design, for consideration.

Land in front of Greyhound Public House

10) Cllr Mann confirmed he has applied to land registry for a copy of the title to confirm who owns the land, in particular the land on which the telephone box and bus stop sit but had not received a response.

The Clerk confirmed she had received an offer to paint the bus shelter at no cost to the Parish Council. This work will be carried out next spring.

Defibrillator at The Tally Ho

11) The Clerk confirmed the new tenants of the Tally Ho have offered to buy a new defibrillator for the village to add to the Parish Council machines. The machine will be installed at the Tally Ho but the Parish Council would add this to their group of machines and become responsible for the checking and maintenance. Cllr Hodgson proposed this was accepted, seconded by Cllr Brooks. All agreed.

Sports Field Update

12) The Clerk reported an issue regarding a complaint received regarding the lighting that has been fitted at the new pavilion. Upon investigation it was discovered a planning condition had been set so details had to be sent to TVBC along with a payment of £149.00 to discharge this.

Cllr Hodgson explained the issue of further funding to meet the continuing costs of the Sports Pavilion Build was of concern. All the signs were that a loan from the ECB would be forthcoming however timing means the final payment to the main contractor is due and a further invoice from the electrician also needs to be paid. The Clerk was asked to contact the guarantor to provide funds now so that the outstanding invoices can be paid.

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 are thought to be seeking a further CAF grant.

The matter of the demolition of the old pavilion was raised. The insurance company had asked for further information and the suggestion was that the building was to be demolished shortly but the Parish Council had not seen any details of tenders for contractors to carry out the work, details of the compulsory contractor insurance required or details of how this would

be paid for. Concern was raised that the Parish Council would be liable should problems arise and the Clerk was asked to contact the Sports Committee urgently telling that no demolition should take place until the Parish Council were certain all the required matters were in place.

The subject of grass cutting of the sports field was raised again. The Parish Council pay the current contractor £162.82 per cut and the Sports Club have suggested they could carry out the work themselves if a mower was purchased, the Parish Council could then contribute financially to the Sports Club rather than pay a contractor. It was not clear who would purchase the mower. After some discussion it was agreed this was not the time to consider the matter given all the other work currently ongoing at the sports field. The Sports Club will be asked to wait for all the work to be completed and then email with exact details of what they want from the Parish Council.

Cllr Taylor reported an issue had arisen with the site for one of the pieces of adult gym equipment and he is working with the contractor and sports club to agree a new site. He also expressed concerns that building supplies and equipment had been stacked against and under a tree on site subject to preservation order.

School Lane MUGA & management plan for open spaces

13) Cllr Dunn reported on the current status of the proposed MUGA.

He said pre planning advice had been sought from TVBC for which he had paid £26.82. A contractor to assist with drawing up a full planning application and obtaining tenders will now be sought.

Advice was also taken from TVBC at the recent meeting regarding CIL and they had advised to take the conditions set out in the agreement seriously, ensuring that Linden Homes are notified of the detailed proposals at least 56 days before construction.

Andrew Illingworth reported on a proposal to install EV charging points at the car park on School Lane. The Broughton Community Bus Committee have a grant from SSE and have obtained quotes for the work required. The points could be used by the community, the Broughton Bus and will provide a power supply for use at the car park or MUGA if required. After a short discussion the Parish Council agreed in principle. Cllr Morrison agreed to work with Broughton Energy to establish full details.

Neighbourhood Development Plan

14) Cllr Mann reported the NDP group have submitted draft policies to TVBC and await a response. Work to produce the rest of the report is also near completion.

Clerks Report

15) The Clerk Reported

The new .gov email addresses are now working and she proposed that all councilors use these for Parish Council business. It was agreed all would log in to their new accounts and start using them.

Meeting dates for 2026 have been circulated.

The old laptop which the Clerk was given in 2019 has been cleared of all files, factory reset and sent for recycling.

Footpaths.

16) Cllr Morrison reported the hedge running alongside the footpath and allotments needs to be cut back. He will liaise with Cllr Mossman and plan how to achieve this.

Playground equipment-annual report

17) Cllr Dumper said he had reviewed the safety plan for the skate park in detail and established the risk referred to was a general risk using a skate ramp. It was not necessary for the ramp to be adjusted in any way to meet safety standards.

Cllr Mann is awaiting a quote to repair the existing fence or replace the entire fence around the play area. The Clerk will establish if S106 funds for the children's play area can be used for this expenditure.

Finance

18)

i) To note the bank balances 01/10/2025:

TSB Charity £50761.96

TSB Business Instant £201395.47

United Trust £34180.06

ii) To approve the following payments and authorise on line transactions: -

H Bournier sal	£746.00
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H Bournier exp	£132.58
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HMRC	£67.98
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Hugo Fox website	£23.99
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Hugo Fox email	£29.99
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Grass & Grounds	£715.54
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Cllr Dunn -pre app	£26.82
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iii) Budget 2026/27

A draft budget had been circulated for all councilors to consider. This will be discussed in detail at the next meeting.

19) Items to carry forward

20) Correspondence

21) New items for next meeting

Community Bus- purchase of new bus and funding

Well House roof repair-Cllr Mann will obtain a quote

Consider contractor for cemetery grass cutting and ground leveling

Consider funds for allotment tidy up.

Community news

22)

Date of next meeting

23) **7.30 pm on Tuesday November 4th 2025**

Appendix 1

Shaping a stronger future - transforming local government across Hampshire and the Solent

Hampshire County Council has today submitted an ambitious and carefully-considered proposal to central Government, setting out a new model for local government across Hampshire and the Solent area that delivers better local services and stronger communities

The plan, shaped by extensive engagement and robust evidence, recommends the creation of four new unitary (all-purpose) councils that provide simpler, stronger, more connected, and more efficient services for residents and their families. Government wants all parts of the country with two tiers of local government to reorganise. Across Hampshire and the Solent area, this would involve 15 councils being replaced by a smaller number of unitary councils that deliver all services.

What happens next?

The Government will now review the County Council's four unitary council proposal and launch a public consultation in November before deciding in spring next year, the future structure of local government across Hampshire, Portsmouth, Southampton, and the Isle of Wight.

https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20250926LGR_submission_to_Government

Test Valley Borough Council backs historic proposal to join New Forest, Winchester and East Hampshire

Test Valley borough councillors yesterday voted to back a bold plan for local government reorganisation, which would see them join with Winchester, New Forest and East Hampshire to create a new unitary council.

Councillors considered a joint proposal drafted by 12 of the 15 councils in Hampshire, titled 'Close enough to be local, big enough to stay strong'. It puts forward the case to government, supported by extensive evidence, analysis and research, to create four new mainland authorities for the area grouped around the major centres of Southampton, Portsmouth, Winchester and Basingstoke. The Isle of Wight would remain its own island unitary authority.

In line with the preferred option selected by local residents, TVBC has thrown its weight behind option one, which would see it join with the three largely rural authorities in mid-Hampshire.

<https://testvalley.gov.uk/news/2025/sep/test-valley-borough-council-backs-historic-proposal-to-join-new-forest-winchester-and-east-hampshire>

On your marks, get set!... – just a few weeks to go until weekly food waste collections begin in Test Valley

There's just one month to go until Test Valley's new weekly food waste collection service officially starts on Monday 13 October 2025.

Delivery of the food waste caddy packs has begun. These include a five-litre kitchen caddy, a 23-litre kerbside caddy, a roll of compostable liners, and an information leaflet explaining how the service works. Properties with shared bins will have a communal 140-litre grey-lidded wheeled bin.

Residents are being reminded to store their caddy liners in a dry place and keep the information leaflet safe for future reference. Households should keep an eye out for a postcard from the council saying what day their food waste will be collected.

The new weekly service will see food waste taken to an anaerobic digestion facility, where it will be transformed into renewable fuel and nutrient-rich fertiliser.

<https://testvalley.gov.uk/news/2025/sep/get-ready-get-set-just-one-month-to-go-until-weekly-food-waste-collections-begin-in-test-valley>

Help to support residents facing barriers to employment

Hampshire County Council has unveiled plans to help more residents across the county into meaningful, sustainable work, especially those who have faced barriers such as long-term health conditions, caring responsibilities, or lack of qualifications

The [Get Hampshire Working Plan](#) brings together local employers, health services, education and training providers, local authorities, housing associations and community organisations to tackle the root causes of unemployment and economic inactivity, and better connect employment, health and skills support, based on local needs.

The Plan, produced in response to the Government's 'Get Britain Working' white paper, which sets out proposals to reform employment, health and skills support to tackle economic inactivity and support people into good work, addresses three urgent labour market challenges locally:

- **Labour market exclusion** – supporting people facing barriers to employment including women, residents impacted by ill-health and disabilities, and older workers.
- **Youth employment** – helping young people to thrive at the start of their careers, through better careers support, work experience opportunities, and skills training.
- **Insecure and low-quality work** – working with employers to create inclusive recruitment practices and match local talent to local, sustainable work opportunities.

More information on the variety of employment support currently available can be found on the County Council's website at: [Employer support | Business and economy | Hampshire County Council](#)

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20250919GetHampshireWorking>

Don't get spooked by the deadline – apply for your child's secondary school place by 31 October

Parents with children due to start secondary school next year can now apply for their child's school place

Applications are open until 11:59 pm on Friday, 31 October 2025 for pupils moving up to year 7 in September 2026. To improve your chances of getting into a preferred school, remember to name three schools on your application and to submit it on time. This gives your child the best chance of being offered a place at one of your preferred schools. Some parents mistakenly believe that naming just one school will increase their child's chance of securing the place they want, but this can in fact mean they miss out on a place in a nearby school altogether, particularly in areas of high demand.

Online applications: [Submit your application online](#). An electronic application form can also be requested by emailing admissions.team@hants.gov.uk. You can log back in to amend your application any time before the closing date on 31 October 2025. Remember to resubmit after making any changes.

Applicants with email address: You'll be notified of the outcome on 2 March 2026.
Applicants without email address: You'll receive a letter two to three working days later.

For more guidance visit the [Education and Learning](#) pages on the County Council's website: [hants.gov.uk](https://www.hants.gov.uk).

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20251008secondaryapplications>

HCC Members Grants to be reintroduced from 1st October

Following the recent review of County Councillor grants, and consideration of the feedback from the Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services Select Committee Working Group and Committee Members, Cabinet has approved the Scheme continuing, but with some changes, to be phased in during 2025/26 and 2026/27.

Reduced annual budget per Councillor by £3000, from £8,000 to £5,000. A maximum limit of £1,000 per application. Organisations cannot apply for grants over multiple years for the same purpose e.g. for the same event. This takes effect immediately when the new grant window opens. Grant awards from the previous two years will need to be taken into account when applications are assessed.

Grants will continue to be available for Parish Councils, however grants should not support normal business operation or projects that can be revenue funded (including through precepts) or funded through alternative sources like the Community Infrastructure Levy.

Grants for time-specific activities, such as seasonal events, must be awarded before the event takes place, otherwise they will be automatically rejected.

All projects supported through the scheme must clearly acknowledge County Council funding in all promotional materials. Appropriate branding is available to organisations to ensure consistent and visible recognition of the Council's contribution. This requirement aligns with the County Council's brand permissions, which states that acknowledging Council support is a condition of receiving grants. Full details of the policy are available at:-

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/contact/communications/corporatebranding>.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/county-councillor>

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