

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9th JUNE 2026

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

In attendance: Heather Bourner-Parish Clerk

HCC David Drew

TVBC A Johnston

9 Members of public

Apologies for Absence

1.Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr J Dumper.

Public Participation

2) The members of public present were present to listen to updates on the Muga project and the discussion regarding the planning application at Hasley Meadows.

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 5th May 2026 were confirmed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr Mann seconded Cllr Brooks. 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 circulated the recent Mid Test Matters newsletter. She reported that the three Mid Test Borough Councillors intend to issue details in future of good news, such as all the grants they have been able to allocate and bad news the such as their ever decreasing power regarding planning applications and the distraction that Local Government Reorganisation brings.

She confirmed she has been approached by parishioners regarding the Hasley Meadows application and has therefore asked for this to be heard by committee.

Planning

6) The following decisions by TVBC were noted:

26/00668/FULLS -construction of light industrial unit- Brightside Farm-permission
26/00774/VARS- extension of permission term for solar farm- Everley Solar Farm-permission

Reviewed between meetings: None

To review the following applications were reviewed:

26/00985/OUTS-outline planning for 40 houses, Hasley Meadows – objection. This application was discussed at length and each councilor given the opportunity to present their views.

Cllr Y Ezra reported a campaign group opposing the application has been started in the village. They have employed a planning consultant and carried out several reviews and surveys which they will share with the Parish Council. The Parish Council expressed thanks for this information. It was noted there are already many

objections lodged with TVBC.

It was resolved the Clerk will make an FOI request to TVBC to see details of any pre app made with regard to this application.

Cllr Mann proposed an objection be submitted to the proposal, this was seconded by Cllr Ezra. All Agreed. Cllr Ezra agreed to construct a written objection incorporating all views. This will be reviewed by all Councilors before submission and will be published in due course.

Cllr Mann highlighted a letter from TVBC to a parishioner which confirmed the Coolers Farm application has not yet been agreed and the intention is that this is heard again by a planning committee taking into account full details of the Neighbourhood Plan which had not be sufficiently reported at the initial planning committee meeting. He believed this was relevant to the Hasley Meadow proposal. Cllr Hodgson has also written to TVBC regarding the Coolers Farm application and is awaiting a response.

Southern Water Activities

7) Cllr Hodgson reported a tanker damaged a wall travelling through the village when it had been agreed there would be no tanker traffic. Fortunately the company responsible for the vehicle carried out repairs swiftly.

Houghton request for joint working re Eveley solar farm

8) Cllr Hodgson reported an approach from Houghton Parish Council for both parish councils to join together and approach the Busk Estate for further funding given that the terms of the agreement have been varied to allow a further fifteen years permission. The Parish Council agreed a joint approach was sensible although there were no current councilors who had served at the time of the original application. The Clerk will respond and establish how Houghton plan to proceed. Cllr Mossman agreed to be a liaison point if necessary.

Play Are Reports

9) The annual ROSPA inspection of the play area had taken place and formal reports had been sent to Cllr Dumper for review. He had sent apologies for this meeting and had agreed to report at the July meeting.

The Clerk advised there was a significant sum set aside in S106 funds for the children's play area and the Parish Council agreed it would be a good idea to survey the village to establish what play equipment they would like to see. The Clerk will approach Cllr Dumper to lead on the project.

Parish Council website

10) Cllr Hodgson reported an approach from a parishioner suggesting the Parish Council website could be improved. The current site purchased from Hugo Fox provides all that is required for Parish Council purposes and is operated by the Clerk. The possibilities of upgrading and or establishing a new website were discussed and it was agreed nothing should be done until the Neighbourhood Plan work is complete. After this if there is an IT expert in the village willing to build a new website the matter will be considered again.

Allotments

11) Cllr Mossman reported a lot of work to tidy the allotments has taken place and several empty plots had now been let. There is one full and one half plot available. The Clerk will continue to monitor rents received and signed agreements required.

Sports Field Update

12) Cllr Dunn reported a lot of activity has been taking place which has recently increased the overall income to the Sports Club. In particular cricket nets for youngsters on Friday evening have been a great success.

He reported that work to finish the car park, the new sewage tank and some general

tidying up will take place on 29th June. Cllr Dunn will ask the Sports Club to provide the Parish Council with all the planning condition discharge notices.

Cllr Taylor reported the adult gym equipment, with the exception of the all access piece, has now been installed and is of very good quality. There are however some issues with installation which Cllr Taylor is dealing with.

School Lane MUGA & management plan for open spaces

13) Cllr Dunn reported that a planning application for the MUGA is likely to be submitted in early August. He is planning a public session when residents can review the plans and ask questions.

The project to install EV chargers was progressing. A grant to fund the installation has been given. Work to find a supplier to provide power is underway and time scales mean this point will be discussed at an extraordinary meeting just before the annual meeting on 18th June. Cllr Morrison will provide the necessary report so a decision can be reached.

Cllr Mossman reported the work of the new grass maintenance contractor is going very well, in particular the cemetery which is now looking very smart.

He has been discussing the work required to Salisbury Green and School Green with the Broughton Nature Group who have in turn sought advice from the Hants & IOW Wildlife trust. A report of what work could be carried out to the areas will be produced in due course.

Cllr Hodgson reported the latest details on the land adjacent to the surgery for which no one can find legal registration details. As the Parish Council have been maintaining the land for over ten years he has been advised the Parish Council can claim adverse possession. Work to establish how this can be done will be carried out.

The Clerk reported she had received various invoices and statements regarding business rates for the sports pavilion. She agreed to review and discuss with TVBC, reporting back at the next meeting.

Broughton Community Energy

14) Cllr Hodgson confirmed work to establish a site for solar panels continues.

The Clerk confirmed further funding of £7415.65 had been received along with invoices that now required payment of £223.65 to Andrew Illingworth and £8630.40 to Prospus the consultant assisting the Parish Council with the project. All agreed these invoices should be paid and the VAT element recovered.

Neighbourhood Development Plan

15) Cllr Mann confirmed the end date of the recent consultation in village was 30th May, however an error at TVBC means the period has been extended to 12th June. The group will meet soon after the 12th to review all the consultation responses. They hope to engage with TVBC to move onto regulation 16 as soon as possible.

Clerks Report

16) The Clerk reported

She had spoken to Simon Finch Head of Planning at TVBC for an update on the transfer of the S106 funds for School Lane and he has confirmed a decision regarding the transfer should be made very soon.

She confirmed the merger of TSB bank with Santander but has been notified this would have no impact on the Parish Council bank accounts.

The required documents to accept the climate change grant have been submitted to TVBC.

Finally she confirmed the new grass maintenance company have agreed to carry out Lengthsman tasks where possible.

Footpaths.

17) Cllr Morrison reported a concern raised regarding a potential harmful plant near shallow ford. This has been reported to the environment agency.

2025-26 Internal Audit report review

18) The internal audit had taken place on 15th May 2026 and the full report had been circulated to all Councilors to consider. This was discussed in detail.

Statement 1 was reviewed. The internal auditor has suggested negative statements should be submitted to several points however all councilors agreed each statement was open to interpretation, the internal audit report upon which she had based her findings included both mis information and contradictions and in several cases mitigating circumstances needed to be highlighted. It was agreed that Cllr Brooks will work with the Clerk to provide a statement to send to the external auditor with the audit report. The Clerk will ask BDO for a time extension for submitting the return.

Statement 2 was reviewed and while there was agreement with the figures contained therein this will not be signed until the full return is ready for submission.

Councilors accepted that some financial procedures had not been correctly followed and agreed in future that in all circumstances, particularly projects of a capital nature full attention would be given to the adopted financial regulations.

It was agreed that the Clerk should subscribe now to SCRIBE as recommended. All other recommendations will be considered over the coming months. Given the increased workload the Clerk was asked to maintain a timesheet recoding all hours worked to ensure she is fully remunerated.

Finance

19) Finance

i) To note the bank balances 18/05/2026: -TSB Charity £70515.40

TSB Business Instant £203393.40

United Trust £34180.06

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

H Bourner sal	£656.20
H Bourner exp	£26.00
HMRC	£157.78
Hugo Fox website	£23.99
Hugo Fox email	£29.99
Venta Acoustics	£1932.00
Playsafety	£223.20
RPL Maintenance	£450.00
RPL Maintenance	£90.00
Grass & Grounds	£100.71
RPL Maintenance	£500.00
Do the Numbers	£550.00
Andover Garden machinery	£489.98
Broxap	£432.00
RPL Maintenance	£450.00
RPL Maintenance	£90.00

Items to Carry Forward

20) None

21) Correspondence

The Clerk highlighted two items of correspondence

An email regarding a dangerous plant found in the village- details have been passed to the Environment Agency.

An email asking for volunteer marshals for the Clarendon Way Walk event. Details will be shared with the village via the village email.

22) New Items for next agenda

Large oil bill for generator at the Village Hall

Update on Local Government Reorganisation

Community news

23) The Annual Parish meeting will take place on Thursday 18th June, 7pm at Broughton Village Hall.

Date of next meeting

24) 7.pm on Tuesday July 7th 2026

Appendix 1

Report from HCC David Drew

Councillor “honoured” as new Test Valley Mayor elected

A new Mayor has been elected to represent Test Valley for the coming year.

At the Annual Council meeting on Wednesday 13 May, Councillor Linda Lashbrook, ward member for Charlton and the Pentons, was chosen as the borough’s new Mayor. She replaces the outgoing Mayor, Cllr Gordon Bailey.

During her tenure, the Mayor will be supported by her consort, Cllr Philip Lashbrook, who previously served as Mayor during the 2023-24 civic year. During that time Cllr Linda Lashbrook was the Mayoress, so brings experience with her to the role.

At the same meeting, Cllr Iris Andersen, ward member for Andover St Mary’s, was appointed as Deputy Mayor.

The newly elected Mayor of Test Valley, Cllr Linda Lashbrook, said: “I’m honoured to have been elected as Mayor of Test Valley and to represent our communities over the coming year. I’m looking forward to meeting residents, supporting local groups, and celebrating everything that makes our borough special. I’d like to thank my fellow councillors for giving me this opportunity and to my husband Phil for his support during this journey.

“I would also like to thank Gordon Bailey for his hard work and dedication over the past year. He has served the role with great commitment, and I’m grateful for everything he has done for Test Valley.”

County Council Election Results Declared

Votes cast in the County Council election held on Thursday 7 May have now been counted, with no single party achieving overall control

Of the 78 seats on the County Council, the political make-up of the County Council is now:

Conservatives - 27

Liberal Democrat - 26

Reform UK - 20

Green Party - 1

Labour - 1

Independent - 1
Whitehill & Bordon Community Party - 1
Community Campaign (Hart) - 1

Gary Westbrook, County Returning Officer and Hampshire County Council Chief Executive confirmed the next steps for the County Council: "First of all, I'd like to thank people across our communities who took the opportunity to vote and have their say.

"As no party has a majority of more than 50% of seats on the County Council, the parties may now enter a period of negotiation to decide the make-up of the new Administration. At the County Council's Annual General Meeting on 21 May the new Leader of the County Council will be elected, alongside a new Chairman and Vice Chairman.

"We look forward to working with the new administration, once established, to deliver high quality services for Hampshire's 1.4 million residents."

The full results are available on the County Council's [Elections webpage](https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260508Electionresult26).
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Support for Hampshire care leavers praised in latest Ofsted report

Care leavers in Hampshire receive 'consistent and responsive support from practitioners who know them well' and are 'supported effectively towards independence'. Those are the key findings in an Ofsted report published today, following a recent inspection focusing on Hampshire County Council's specific support for care leavers

The report highlights the 'high aspirations' that both political and corporate leaders have for Hampshire's care leavers and their 'unwavering commitment to continually improving' their services.

It is the first time Ofsted has visited the County Council since 2024, when it received its second consecutive outstanding judgement overall. In that inspection, the authority was judged outstanding in four out of five areas, and good in one category – concerning the experience and progress of care leavers. Since then, the County Council has undertaken significant work to give care leavers a stronger and more influential role in shaping the services provided to them. In its report, Ofsted has acknowledged the impact of this work – which gives care leavers in Hampshire a direct line into their local authority.

Commenting on the report, Steph How, Director of Children's Services, said: "As an authority, we strive to continually improve our services wherever possible. That's why we always welcome the opportunity through these inspections to not only demonstrate our strengths but also understand where we can look to do even better. This report is testament to that commitment and recognises the significant strides we have taken to further build on our already strong offer for care leavers. This work means that care leavers rightly have a clear and active voice in the work that supports them, and that our services continue to make a meaningful and lasting difference in their lives."

Key achievements have included the recent introduction of a new Voice Empowerment Worker responsible for ensuring that the views, wishes and experiences of both care leavers and children currently in care remain integral to the council's work. This builds on other successes including the development of Hampshire care councils for care leavers and children in care, and representation from care leavers on the County Council's [Corporate Parenting Board](#), which works to promote the best possible outcomes for these children and young people.

Inspectors praised the County Council for providing 'high-quality, responsive support that reflects the needs of care leavers' and noted that young people's views and

aspirations are crucial in informing written plans for their future. In their report, they particularly point to the important role of Personal Advisers (PAs), who support care leavers from the age of 16 as they transition into early adulthood. This includes helping young people to explore their future options for accommodation, education, employment and training, as well as supporting them with budgeting and money matters, their wellbeing, and their interests and hobbies.

During their inspection, Ofsted spoke directly with care leavers who shared that PAs have made a significant positive impact on their lives. Inspectors found that PAs successfully 'build strong, trusting and enduring relationships' with young people and work closely with senior managers, social workers and partner agencies where appropriate to protect care leavers at risk of harm and ensure that those with specific needs receive strong, tailored, and effective support.

Ofsted also commended PAs on their 'tenacious' advocacy, which supports care leavers to 'pursue a diverse range of interests and hobbies', overcome any barriers they may face to education and employment, and access the right help in the right place. Together this support means that care leavers can move successfully into fulfilling, independent lives.

Visit the Ofsted website to [read the report in full](#) or find out more about the [local support for care leavers](#) on the Connect to Support Hampshire website. <https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260518ofstedreport>

Hampshire County Council Announces Leader and Cabinet Team

Hampshire County Council has confirmed its new Administration, re-elected Leader and new-look Cabinet, following the 7 May local elections which resulted in no political party gaining overall control. Since the election result was declared, political parties have been in discussion on how the Authority will be governed

At the County Council's Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 21 May 2026, Councillor Nick Adams-King was elected as Leader, continuing his role in heading up the Authority. He will oversee the delivery of essential local services that impact on all aspects of everyday life for 1.4 million people living in the County Council area, from schools and tips, roads and social care, to access to the countryside and libraries.

Speaking at the meeting, Councillor Adams-King said: "It is an enormous honour to be elected once again as Leader of Hampshire County Council. I am deeply grateful for the trust placed in me. The Administration I lead will be collegiate, cooperative, and transparent. We will work constructively with Members across the Council, and we will listen to residents, communities, parish and district councils, our staff, and our partners.

"We will invest in Hampshire's roads - investing £15 million in additional funding, targeted at making journeys safer and reducing repeat repairs. We will protect Hampshire's environment - defend our landscapes where we can, support farmers and land managers, and expand access to green spaces while protecting them for future generations. We will support our local economy. Our businesses are the backbone of Hampshire. We will champion local enterprise, support skills and apprenticeships, and work with partners to revitalise high streets and improve infrastructure.

"We will stand up for Hampshire in the face of Local Government Reorganisation. I have been clear throughout: the outcome of this process has profound long-term consequences for our residents, our services, our staff, our finances and the identity of Hampshire itself. That is why I confirm today that this administration will move immediately to pursue a Judicial Review of the Local Government Reorganisation outcome.

“We will spend money wisely. The financial pressures facing councils are real. We will be honest with residents about the challenges we face. We will protect essential services wherever we can and continue to press for fairer funding. We will look for savings, operate efficiently, and ensure every pound is well spent.

“Hampshire has enormous strengths: dedicated staff, strong communities, businesses, volunteers, teachers, social workers, carers, and residents who care deeply about where they live and we will begin this new council with seriousness, humility, and determination for the benefit of our communities.”

The new County Council Cabinet, which will meet for the first time next month will comprise of:

Councillor Nick Adams-King - Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Services
Councillor Kirsty North - Deputy Leader and Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Councillor Roz Chadd - Executive Lead Member for Children’s Services
Councillor Zoe Huggins - Executive Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health
Councillor Joanne Burton - Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing
Councillor Steve Forster - Executive Member for Highways and Passenger Transport
Councillor Juliet Henderson - Executive Member for Education
Councillor Stephen Reid - Executive Member for Corporate Services - Finance
Councillor Andy Tree - Executive Member for Corporate Services, People and Local Government Reorganisation

Election of County Council Chairman

Councillor Pal Hayre was elected as the County Council Chairman. Councillor Hayre has been serving as Vice Chairman since 2025 and is the County Councillor for Fareham Crofton, since 2017. She is a Governor at Baycroft School in Stubbington and a strong supporter of local charities and community organisations.

As the civic head of the county, Councillor Hayre will represent the Authority on any royal visits and ceremonial occasions in Hampshire as well as carry out other civic activities and duties.

The Chairman presides over County Council meetings and ensures they are conducted in line with Standing Orders and that they are a forum for debating issues.

Councillor Louise Parker-Jones, County Councillor for Bishopstoke & Fair Oak, was elected as Vice Chairman.

Morgan Sindall named as preferred bidder to build Andover’s new theatre

Test Valley Borough Council has named Morgan Sindall Construction as the preferred bidder to deliver Andover’s new theatre at the heart of the town centre, subject to the completion of a contract standstill period.

The appointment, subject to completion of the statutory standstill period, will begin after 1 June 2026. This will move The Lights theatre project into its pre-construction phase, following the successful completion of demolition works earlier this year. Morgan Sindall was identified as the preferred bidder following a competitive tender process launched in late 2025. The company has extensive experience in delivering cultural and civic buildings across the UK, working closely with local authorities and communities.

Initially the appointed contractor will work with the design team to finalise the plans and programme, confirm costs, manage risks and prepare for construction. This work takes place behind the scenes, so there will be no visible activity on site during this stage. Once everything is agreed, the contractor can then move onto the construction phase.

This two-stage approach can help ensure better value for money, reduce risk and improve certainty in both cost and programme, resulting in a smoother build.

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