

BOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9th DECEMBER 2025

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

In attendance:

1 member of Boughton Energy Committee

0 Members of public

Apologies for Absence

1. Apologies for absence had been received from The Clerk, Cllr Brooks , Cllr Dunn and 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 4th November 2025 were confirmed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr Mann seconded Cllr McAllister. All agreed.

5) County and Borough Councilors' Report

HCC David Drew updated the meeting on recent developments from HCC and provided a full report which can be seen at appendix 1.

He advised that the M27 will be closed between junctions 9 and 12 during the festive season.

Announced that HCC was supporting 16 days of activism against gender-based violence.

Promoted the consultation of the future of local government in Hampshire and advised all to participate.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20251119LGRGovernmentconsultation>

Mentioned grants being available from TVBC for emergency preparedness.

Informed that the launch of wood waste collection was successful with about 50% participation.

There was a discussion on school roll reductions at Danebury School due to falling demand and the potential of a housing development near the school.

There was a request for better lighting near Boughton school at the appropriate times.

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

Planning

6) The following decisions by TVBC were noted: None

Reviewed between meetings:

25/02681/AGNS-prior approval of hay and machinery store, Apple Yard Farm. No objections

25/02672/PIPS – planning in principle 2/3 houses on land to rear of Trickle-down Farm. Application withdrawn

25/02734/TREES- fell 1 Horse Chestnut- Mill House. No Objections

Proposal for Hasley Meadows

There was no new information, parishioners had reported that the consultation questionnaire was poor, did not give opportunity to properly register objections and seemed skewed to a neutral to positive outcome.

7) Budget 2026/27

There was agreement to set the 2026 precept at a 10% increase over the previous year due to inflationary costs and to use the reserves in some part to cover the cost of exceptional items such as the Well House repairs.

8) Local Government Reorganisation

Cllr Ezra expanded on the issues arising out of the reorganisation and stated that the PC needed to make a formal response to the consultation supporting the TVC proposal and encouraged all to respond as the responses do count towards the final decision.

9) Cemetery

Cllr Mossman reported he had not made any further progress on the cemetery issues.

Allotments

10) Cllr Mossman reported he has arranged for the hedges and wild areas to be cut as far as possible with a flail when the weather and ground conditions allow. In the new year he will arrange a meeting with allotment holders to see how best to improve the allotments. There are a distressing number of incidents of vandalism, theft and dog fouling at the allotments. Cllr Mossman requested approval for a replacement trough for the allotments and a tap for the burial ground.

Sports Field Update

11)

The Chairman advised that on receipt of the ECB loan the outstanding bills for Haygarth Ross (£44313.22) and B R Keane (£25597.56) had been paid. The Sports club had further requested payment of £26217.60 (incl VAT) to Magic Carpet for the flooring. Discussion centred on the lack of tendering for this item and the inability to claim back VAT without prior agreement of the PC. The decision was to reject this request and seek discussions with the Sports Club.

The PC was advised that works had commenced on the dismantling of the old club house without prior notification to the PC and without approved risk assessment and insurance documentation. The Chairman said he would discuss with Cllr Mann and issue a cease and desist instruction.

Subsequent events have resulted in an urgent meeting between representatives of the Sports Club and PC to agree the way forward on all outstanding matters.

Cllr Taylor requested an additional £1080 for ground works, weed control and porous matting to install the adult gym equipment under trees from CIL funding. Approved.

School Lane MUGA & management plan for open spaces

12) The proposals for the MUGA have been sent to Linden Homes as required.

Cllr Morrison discussed the proposal for EV charging points to be installed in the Downes Close Car Park next to the Surgery. The roles and responsibilities of the PC, Village Bus Committee and Broughton Energy were discussed amended and agreed as per details at appendix 2.

Cllr Mossman reported he has met with a representative of a company to restore Salisbury Meadow to the intended state and once cost are understood, will advise the PC to agree the way forward.

Neighbourhood Development Plan

13) Cllr Mann reported the NDP group are advancing the plan and will soon be ready for wider consultation. The Broughton Energy initiative will be included in the document and considerations of social housing development in the Colonel Flowers Memorial gardens (Whiteshoot 3) and next to the School on School Lane.

Broughton Community Energy

14) It was noted that Broughton Energy have published their latest plans and are seeking community feedback in a consultation survey which can be seen at [Broughton Community Energy Electricity Generation Survey \(Page 1 of 6\)](#)

Clerks Report

15) The Clerk had sent a report confirming the burial plot markers have been ordered and that the new lamp posts in School lane were for school warning signs as a safety measure.

Footpaths.

16) Cllr Morrison reported that the Landowner at The Buildings had closed Footpath 16 through his land due to vandalism to his gates. After discussion involving HCC, the landowner has modified the gates and reopened the footpath.

Finance

17)

i) To note the bank balances 25/11/2025: -TSB Charity £79491.68

TSB Business Instant £201897.22

United Trust £34180.06

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

H Bourner sal	£746.00
H Bourner exp	£26.00
HMRC	£67.98
Hugo Fox website	£23.99
Hugo Fox email	£29.99
Grass & Grounds	1305.52
JML Surveyors.	£1680.00

Items to Carry Forward

18) None

19) Correspondence

A letter of thanks from the Firework Committee was received.

A request had been received from Broughton Horticultural Society to have a demonstration session of pruning fruit trees to be held in the Colonel Flowers Garden orchard. Approved

Community news

22) None

Date of next meeting

23) 7.30 pm on January 6th 2026

Appendix 1

Report from HCC David Drew

Avoid a festive headache – with four weeks to go drivers should plan ahead for the closure of the M27 between Junctions 9 and 11

Four weeks ahead of a major motorway closure on the M27 in Hampshire, drivers are being urged to plan ahead and allow extra time for journeys to avoid severe delays over the Christmas and New Year period

The M27 motorway will be closed between J9-J11, in both directions, from 8pm on 24 December 2025 to 4am on Sunday 4 January 2026. The closure of this section of the M27 is necessary to deliver a new underpass that will be constructed using a timesaving engineering technique, replacing what would otherwise have been many months of lane restrictions, speed limits, and overnight works.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20252611FourWeeksToGoM27>

Hampshire County Council joins 16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence

Hampshire County Council joins the global 16 Days of Activism campaign, which calls for action to end domestic abuse and gender-based violence, challenge harmful attitudes, and create safer communities for all

The campaign, which starts on 25 November, is a powerful reminder that domestic abuse affects thousands of people in Hampshire. Every year an estimated 34,100 women and 18,000 men, plus 42,600 children and young people who are now legally recognised as victims in their own right, experience abuse.

Hampshire County Council is proud to work with the Authentic Voice Panel, a group of survivors of domestic abuse who share their experiences to shape and influence support services, policy and practice across the county. Supported by SafeLives, the panel ensures that decisions about domestic abuse services reflect the realities faced by those who have lived through it.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20251125WhiteRibbonDay>

Have your say on the future of local government across the Hampshire and Solent area

A public consultation has been launched by central Government on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) across Hampshire and the Solent area – a once-in-a-generation opportunity to help shape how council services are delivered in the future

Central Government wants to simplify local government structures nationally by replacing the current two-tier system, where responsibilities are split between county councils and district or borough councils, with fewer, new single-tier unitary councils. These new councils would be responsible for all local services in their area, from education and social care to waste collection and planning.

In Hampshire and the Solent area, this change would affect 15 existing councils, including Hampshire County Council, 11 district and borough councils, and the unitary authorities of Southampton, Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20251119LGRGovernmentconsultation>

Councils back “five unitary council” model and urge residents to have their say on Local Government Reorganisation

A group of 11 councils across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight is urging residents, businesses and partners to take part in the Government’s consultation on Local Government Reorganisation. Together the councils all support a five-unitary council model as the best fit for our area to keep services local and deliver at least £63.9m a year of savings. This is in line with the Government’s guidance that new councils should have an average population size of circa 500,000 people.

<https://testvalley.gov.uk/news/2025/nov/councils-back-five-unitary-council-model-and->

[urge-residents-to-have-their-say-on-local-government-reorganisation](#)

Holiday Activities and Food programme to bring festive fun and healthy meals to Hampshire families

Children and young people from low-income families across Hampshire can look forward to a winter break filled with exciting activities and nutritious meals, thanks to Hampshire County Council's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme

Funded by the Department for Education, [HAF](#) enables local authorities to provide hot, healthy food and enriching experiences during school holidays for children who receive benefit-related free school meals during term time. A limited number of places are also available for other vulnerable families.

This Christmas, more than 125 sites across Hampshire will host a wide range of activities, delivered by schools, childcare providers, community groups, and sports organisations. From arts and crafts to sporting adventures, the programme is designed to keep children active, engaged, and well-nourished during the festive break.

Eligible families are now invited to book their free holiday club places.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20251112HAFChristmas>

Residents' views sought on ways to balance the budget

Hampshire County Council is asking people for their views on ways the Authority could balance its books over the next two years, up to April 2027, as costs and demand for local services keep rising alongside ongoing underfunding by central Government

County council budgets nationally have been stretched to the limit for many years, but in Hampshire, the County Council has worked hard to manage public money carefully – making every penny count, delivering high-performing services and maintaining the second lowest Council Tax rates set by county councils in England. By the end of this financial year, the Authority will have saved £734 million from its annual budget since 2008 - acting early to address financial challenges, often well ahead of other authorities, transforming and working more efficiently to save money, as well as being more commercial in some areas to help generate income.

Despite these steps, financial pressures remain not only in Hampshire but across the country, especially in high demand areas like social care for vulnerable children and adults, and school transport.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20251104Budgetconsultation2026-27>

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/budgetconsultation>

New grant launched to help communities prepare for emergencies

Test Valley Borough Council has launched a new Community Resilience Grant to help local communities plan ahead and strengthen their ability to respond to emergencies. From storms and flooding to power cuts, pandemics and other unexpected events, the fund is designed to make sure communities have the tools and plans they need when it matters most.

Resilience planning matters because Test Valley's mix of rural areas and small communities can be more vulnerable when emergencies happen. Preparing now means helping communities help themselves and saving money in the long term.

The grant offers up to £1,000 to support projects that create or enhance community-led resilience plans for defined local areas, such as villages, parishes or neighbourhoods. Funding can cover up to 100% of project costs and may be used for practical items such

as first aid kits, wind-up radios, snow shovels, emergency blankets or generators. It can also support improvements to local rest centres or activities that bring people together to plan for the future.

Applications are open to constituted groups, parish and town councils, schools with a wider community role, and resilience-focused community organisations. Payments will be made in advance via BACS, and applicants should speak to a member of the council's team before submitting their form with a clear breakdown of costs.

For advice, support and application details, email communityresilience@testvalley.gov.uk or visit www.testvalley.gov.uk/CRGrant.

<https://testvalley.gov.uk/news/2025/nov/new-grant-launched-to-help-communities-prepare-for-emergencies>

Residents help collect more than 400 tonnes of food waste in first five weeks of new service

Residents across Test Valley have embraced the borough's new weekly food waste collection service, helping to recycle an impressive 420 tonnes in its first five weeks.

The scheme, which launched in October, has exceeded expectations and is already making a big difference. By separately recycling food waste, residents are reducing the amount of household waste sent to the county's energy from waste facilities.

After collection, the food waste is taken to a local anaerobic digestion facility, where it's transformed into renewable energy and nutrient-rich fertiliser.

420 tonnes is the equivalent to the weight of around one million footballs.

Councillor David Drew, Test Valley Borough Council's portfolio holder for recycling, said: "We're thrilled with the response from residents. Collecting on average more than 80 tonnes every week shows how committed our residents and communities are to reducing waste and protecting the environment. And I'm sure homeowners have also noticed the reductions in their black bins. Thank you to everyone who's taken part, this is a fantastic start.

"We have introduced this service to almost 60,000 households at once. Our collection teams have been working hard since the service launched, learning and improving their new rounds, and emptying caddies each week. Thank you for your support with this - by following the guidance, and putting your caddy out for collection as instructed, you have certainly helped the service run smoothly."

The local authority introduced this new collection service five months early, as the Environment Act required all councils to have food waste collections in place by 1 April 2026. It's one of several steps being taken to make Test Valley greener and more sustainable.

For more information about the food waste collection service, including what can go in your caddy, visit www.testvalley.gov.uk/foodwaste.

<https://testvalley.gov.uk/news/2025/nov/residents-help-collect-more-than-400-tonnes-of-food-waste-in-first-five-weeks-of-new-service>

[David Drew](#)

[Test Valley Central Division, HCC](#)

[Harewood ward, TVBC](#)

[Appendix 2](#)

[EV Chargers Project](#)

[Background](#)

An opportunity has been identified to install up to three EV chargers in the School Lane car

park. This has been made possible following the award of a £20k grant to the Broughton & Mottisfont Bus Committee (BMBC) from Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN). At the monthly meeting on 7th October, Broughton Parish Council (BPC) as owners of the land, agreed to support this initiative.

The SSEN grant will fund the installation and other associated set up costs. The chargers will be for the use of the village bus and the wider community.

This will be a collaboration between BPC, BMBC and Broughton Community Energy (BCE) and will be undertaken for the benefit of the community on a not-for-profit basis.

If the installation and set up costs exceed £20k, BPC will be responsible for ensuring that at a minimum, a dedicated EV Charger will be available for the village bus. There is an opportunity for BPC to apply for a further £10k via a Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) Climate Change Grant.

Proposal

BCE will oversee the project to install the Chargers.

BPC will own the facility and be financially responsible.

BPC will set the tariffs to ensure the facility is cost-neutral and does not incur a loss.

The tariffs will be reviewed on an ongoing basis and may be adjusted to account for usage and supply costs.

BPC will endeavour to provide the lowest possible tariff for the village bus.

BCE will manage the facility's ongoing operations.

BPC will reserve one charging bay for the exclusive use of the village bus, which will be clearly marked.

BMBC will commit to using the facility for charging the village bus. Charging schedules will be agreed with BCE to take advantage of beneficial tariffs.