

BROADWAY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Broadway Parish Council held in Broadway Village Hall on Tuesday 1st July 2025 at 7.30pm

1092. Attendance and Apologies

Present: Cllrs Neate, Champion, Toms, Preece and Frayne; Mrs Larsson (Clerk);

Apologies: Cllr Jones and Wilkins

1093. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations: None.

1094. Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June 2025

RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a true record of the previous meeting.

1095. Planning Applications

a. New applications to consider

- i. 25/01549/HOU: Meadows Suggs Lane Broadway TA19 9RJ - The erection of a new porch
RESOLVED to submit a "no objection" response.

b. Updates and Enforcement

- i. An invitation to a public consultation evening on the 10th July from Nexus Planning in relation to development of land off Broadway Hill was received. The council will review the application formally once it has been notified to the council by Somerset Council planning and submit its formal response accordingly.

The Council's full responses to all planning applications are available to view against the respective applications on the Somerset Council planning portal [Link to Planning Portal](#)

1096. Finance & Audit

- a. Financial statement up to 30/6/25: The report with reconciliation to 30/6/25 was circulated in advance of the meeting. No queries were raised, and the reconciliation was verified by Cllr Toms.

- b. Payments requiring authorisation:

The Council RESOLVED to authorise the following payments:

Clerk salary & PAYE to 30/6/25 (restricted information under GDPR)	
Planning Consultant Fees	£360.00
Grass Cutting	£672.00
Admin Costs	£6.04
Clerk SLCC Membership Contribution	£72.00
Annual Insurance	£736.84
CPRE Annual Membership	£60.00

- c. Re-investment of reserves: One of the current investments with Cambridge and Counties matures on the 8th July. RESOLVED to re-invest the total funds including any interest to be applied with Cambridge and Counties for a further 1 year fixed term.

1097. Village maintenance Costs

Repair to ROW bridges: Grinters have offered to carry out repairs to bridges identified previously with no charge.

Costs are still being obtained for other maintenance works and will be authorised by the Clerk/Chair as per limits set out within the financial regulations.

1098. Standerwick Memorial Bench Installation

Total cost for the concrete base and installation will be £1162.63. RESOLVED to proceed with the work using CIL funds.

1099. Employment policies

DEFERRED to September.

1100. Updates and actions on the following areas:

- a. Highways: Update on the programme for training of volunteers is expected during July.
- b. Flooding: No current issues.
- c. Rights of Way: The Clerk enquired regarding a PPLO or strimmer volunteer with Somerset Council. These are not in place for Broadway and due to not being on the network of paths for maintenance, SC will not provide a strimmer and ask for the parish to encourage volunteers. Details of issues on the paths were reported by a member of the public. They have been advised that maintenance is the responsibility of Somerset Council ROW and respective landowners. The clerk will ensure the issues have been reported on the ROAM interactive map but the council will also review from a safety perspective and take action if feasible.
- d. Play Park: The clerk commented that the bin continues to be used for dog waste and is currently quite full, likely due to the recent good weather.
- e. Defibrillator: Checks completed by Cllr Toms.
- f. Speed Indicator Device: Device has been moved, data downloaded and re-set. Vehicles were recorded at 60mph in its current location.
- g. Volunteering and Community Group Updates: A suggestion was put forward to introduce a community larder/swap in the village. Councillors discussed the idea in detail and agreed that a temporary structure could be placed at Standerwick Orchard, next to the noticeboard, which was considered a central and easily accessible location for the whole community. It was noted that grant funding may be available through SALC to support such initiatives, and this will be explored if needed. The council will review the initiative's progress at its next meeting to assess its success.
- h. Local Community Network: Cllr Neate attended the AGM. Cllr Best was re-appointed as chair, with Cllr Borland from West Crewkerne PC as Vice Chair.

1101. Matters for report only:

An item of correspondence received regarding development of a neighbourhood plan. The council had previously discussed neighbourhood plans and after a further discussion did not feel that the timing was right to pursue this due to changes with Somerset Council local plan requiring development and changes to national policies.

1102. Items for the next meeting:

None requested. Motions to be submitted to the Clerk in line with standing orders.

1103. Date of next meetings: Tuesday 9th September 2025, 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Exempt Business: The Parish Council resolved that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted (legal, personal or commercial), the press and public be excluded in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

There were no members of the public present.

1104. Somerset Council Chairs Community Award

A recommendation was made to nominate a resident who regularly carries out litter picking around the village. RESOLVED unanimously to proceed with this recommendation. Cllr Neate will handle the nomination process.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.06pm.

Signed

Date