

BROADWAY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Broadway Parish Council held in Broadway Village Hall on Tuesday 7th April 2026 at 7.30pm

1195. Attendance and Apologies

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

Apologies: Unitary Cllr Osborne

1196. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations: None.

1197. **Parish Council Vacancy:** Following resignation of Cllr Jones, there are currently two vacancies on the council. No request for an election was received during the statutory notice, and the council is able to co-opt to both vacancies.

The two applications previously received were considered and it was RESOLVED unanimously to co-opt both Mr Schina and Mr Murray to the vacancies. Mr Schina and Mr Murray read and signed their declarations of acceptance of office, witnessed by the clerk, and joined the meeting.

1198. Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2026

RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a true record of the previous meeting, which were signed by the Chair.

1199. Planning Applications

a. Applications to consider:

- i. AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION 24/02475/OUT: Land Between Pound Road And Paulls Lane Broadway TA19 9SA - Outline application for the construction of up to 45 houses with all matters reserved except for access (re-submission of 23/03017/OUT)
Hedgerow removal, safe walking routes (highway safety),
Having reviewed the amendments, the council RESOLVED to OBJECT to the application on the following reasons:
 - Highway safety
 - No safe pedestrian routes
 - Footpath proposals unacceptable
 - Travel Plan unrealistic
 - Unsustainable location
 - Drainage concerns and flood risk

b. Updates and enforcement: None.

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](#)

1200. Finance & Audit

a. Financial statement: The latest report with reconciliation to 31/3/26 was circulated in advance of the meeting. The reconciliation was verified by Cllr Toms, no queries were raised.

b. Payments requiring authorisation:

The Council RESOLVED to authorise the following payments:

Clerk salary & PAYE to 30/4/26 (restricted information under GDPR)	
Grass cutting	£336
Web hosting & domain (2 years)	£416.40
Administration costs	£4.07
SALC annual affiliation fee	£374.40
Defib pads	£76.74
Play park bin emptying (2025/26)	£405.60

The Council noted the following payments made since the last meeting:

Clerk salary & PAYE to 31/3/26 (restricted information under GDPR)	
Play park fence repairs	£471.00
Village hall meeting room hire 2025/26	£110.00
Unity Trust monthly account fee	£7.00

1201. Annual Parish Meeting Arrangements

The APM will be held on 12th May 2026, commencing at 7.00pm. The meeting is being organised in collaboration with the village hall, with community, sports and social groups invited to attend and provide information on their activities in an informal setting.

RESOLVED for the parish council to support provision of refreshment within the previously agreed budget of £200.

1202. Updates and actions on the following areas:

- a. Village Maintenance: Projects: Fallaway by Vardens Pond – owner confirmed they were happy for the council to provide a solution but it was felt any remedials will not last, barriers can not be put there due to highways rules.
Village gates: Installation of one gateway sign by the Cricket Club to be progressed. Cllr Champion will check measurements. Second gateway sign to be investigated for the village entrance from the A358.
- b. Highways: Issues are reflective of those across the county. Issues should continue to be reported to Somerset Council.
- c. Flooding: No matters to report.
- d. Rights of Way: No updates or issues to report.
- e. Play Park: Fencing remedial work completed. Eco group appear to have been working in park recently, it is understood they will be removing the storage shed. They will also source the new tree and arrange planting, with the council still funding the cost.
- f. Speed Indicator Device: No updates. Due to be moved.
- g. Defib: New pads have been ordered and due to arrive shortly.
- h. Volunteering and Community Group Updates: WhatsApp volunteer group has been set up and includes some councillors from Horton as there may be linked tasks arising. Marshalls needed for school 10k in June. Volunteers to be requested for a spring clean of the play park equipment.
- i. Local Community and Parish Networks: The LCN AGM is on the 30th June, at the Millenium Hall in Seavington. The meeting is in person attendance only.

1203. Matters for report only: None raised.

1204. Items for the next meeting: None requested.

Additional motions to be submitted to the Clerk in line with standing orders.

1205. Date of next meetings: Tuesday 5th May, 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 20.40pm

Signed

Date