

BROADWAY PARISH COUNCIL

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

1051. Attendance and Apologies:

Present: Cllrs Neate, Champion, Preece, Wilkins, Toms and Jones; Mrs Larsson (Clerk); Somerset Council Cllr Osborne

Apologies: Cllr Frayne

1052. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations: None.

1053. Minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2025

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

1054. Planning Applications

a. New Applications: None.

b. Updates and Enforcement:

There is still some concern regarding vehicles delivering to the site behind the Bell, this will continue to be monitored. The fencing of the public right of way is in place and the route is accessible.

No updates have been received regarding the siting of a caravan at Folly Road. To be followed up by the Clerk with enforcement.

Possibility of engaging a planning consultant is being investigated for further discussion at future meeting.

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](#)

1055. Accounts and Financial Information

a. Financial statement to 31/3/25: The financial report was circulated. There were no queries raised but noted a discrepancy in the reconciliation due to the statement not covering a payment of £5.32 made after the statement date. This was noted on the reconciliation and signed by Cllr Toms.

b. Payments requiring authorisation

The Council RESOLVED to authorise the following payments:

Clerk salary & PAYE to 31/3/25 (restricted information under GDPR)	
Administration costs	£16.53
Broadway and Horton Youth Group Donation	£250.00
Neroche PFA Donation* <i>Refer minute 1042.</i>	£250.00

c. Banking arrangements: RESOLVED to move current account and instant access savings banking to Unity Trust Bank. The account has a £6 monthly service fee.

d. To consider options for investment of reserves: Decision DEFERRED until banking has been moved to Unity Trust.

1056. To consider grant request from Neroche Primary School PFA

A request was received for a donation towards a marquee for use at PFA and school events. RESOLVED to award the donation of £250 to the PFA towards purchase of a marquee.

1057. To consider arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 8:00pm on Tuesday 6th May, immediately after the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. RESOLVED to provide refreshments and a light finger buffet with a budget of £200. Cllrs Preece and Wilkins will organise the refreshments and buffet.

1058. General Updates and Actions

a. Highways: Traffic Management at Somerset Council have confirmed the following have been authorised and relevant orders placed to improve road safety through the village: Introduction of "Road Liable to Flooding" warning signage at Broadway Street; Replacement of missing 30mph signage near the war memorial; Refurbishment of worn junction and warning markings along Broadway Road during the summer months; Vegetation to be cut back where 30mph signage is obscured on Broadway

Road; Replacement of damaged road narrow warning signs on Broadway Road and new 30mph roundel road marking to be introduced by the upright signage by the church.

Problems in the road such as potholes and other hazards can be reported to Somerset Council online: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/report-a-problem-on-the-road/>

- b. Flooding: No updates.
- c. Rights of Way: The following issues were noted: Broken slats on Bridge ID 856. Handrail missing on Bridge ID 853; Broken slat on Bridge ID 854. Although reported to Somerset Council, councillors are aware that repairs are unlikely to be undertaken any time soon and will look into cost for the repairs. Residents can report issues direct to Somerset Council using the Explore Somerset interactive map: <https://roam.somerset.gov.uk/roam/map>
- d. Playpark: Remedial works to the equipment are booked for 1st May.
- e. Defibrillator: Defibrillator checks have been carried. Pads were replaced but with a short expiry date of 31/5/25. Cllr Toms will monitor to check they are replaced as necessary.
- f. Speed Indicator Device: Device is being moved regularly, and data downloaded and will continue to be reviewed to build a picture of vehicle movements.
- g. Volunteering and Community Group Updates: No updates.
- h. Local Community Network: No updates to report at the time of the meeting. More information on LCNs can be found at the following link: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/local-community-networks/>
- i. Clerks Report (in addition to items already reported): No additional items to report.

1059. Correspondence/Matters for Report

General correspondence and updates are circulated to councillors regularly.

There is a committee meeting for the village hall on the 14th of April at 7:30pm.

1060. Other matters raised: None

1061. Items for the next meeting: None requested.

1062. Dates of next meetings: Tuesday 6th May

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council – 7.00pm

Annual Parish Meeting – 8.00pm

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.48pm.

Signed

Date