

BROADWAY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Broadway Parish Council held in Broadway Village Hall on Tuesday 4th November 2025 at 7.30pm

1131. Attendance and Apologies

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

Apologies: Cllr Frayne

1132. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations: None.

1133. Minutes of the meeting held on 7th October 2025

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

1134. Planning Applications

a. New applications to consider:

- i. 24/02475/OUT: Land between Pound Lane 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

RESOLVED to object to the application. Reasons for objection were in relation to sustainability and connectivity of the location for essential services; drainage and flooding risks; and effect on the landscape and environment. The full details of the objection can be viewed against the application on the SC planning portal.

- ii. Review of amended plans and information and consider any comments to the "Potential Leisure Planning Obligations" proposal received from SC Strategic Planning

The council were happy with the content of the proposal, but noted that Channells Lane is in Horton Parish and that this proposal is due to there not being such facilities available within Broadway.

b. Updates and Enforcement

No updates

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](#)

1135. Finance & Audit

- a. Financial statement to 31/10/25: The report with reconciliation to 31/10/25 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 31/10/25 (restricted information under GDPR)	
Blackdown Hill Parish Network Donation	£ 25.00
Grass cutting	£ 1008.00
Traffic management for Remembrance Sunday	£ 290.46
Admin costs	£ 8.78

c. Savings and Investments:

- a. Cambridge & Counties Account Maturity: RESOLVED to re-invest the funds including interest paid to a further 12-month fixed rate investment.
- b. Natwest 95-day notice account: RESOLVED to move funds to Unity Trust 90-day notice account with an improved interest rate.
- c. General funds to be moved to the Unity reserve account in order to receive as high return as possible in interest, with funds moved to the current account when needed for outgoing payments.
- d. Further review to be carried out following decisions for budget and precept setting.

d. 2026/27 budget

The following items are to be added to the draft budget for consideration:

- i. Village gateway signs for traffic calming. Estimated at £2-2.5k per sign.
- ii. PA1 & PA6 pesticide application training (for control of weeds)
- iii. Replacement defibrillator
- iv. New benches at Vardens Pond

1136. Blackdown Hills Parish Network donation

RESOLVED to make a donation of £25 towards the networks running costs for the support they provide to members.

1137. Additional waste bins

DEFERRED. The council felt the additional bin would be beneficial but should be considered within the 2026/27 budget.

1138. Donation request from 1st Ilton & Broadway Scouts

RESOLVED to give a £250 donation for refreshments at the Christmas lights switch on evening.

1139. Defibrillator

RESOLVED to accept the defibrillator from SWASFT, who are no longer providing support services. The council will be responsible for servicing, repairs and consumables. Budget will also be considered for provision of a replacement when needed.

1140. Updates and actions on the following areas:

- a. Village Maintenance: No further items raised.
- b. Highways:
 - Request has been made to Highways to attend and assess potholes and fall away along Church Street and drainage under Paulls Lane. Awaiting response.
 - Request to be made for "SLOW" and "Pedestrians in Road" markings by the cricket club to help address concerns with vehicle speed.
 - Costs for a road sweep to be obtained.
- c. Flooding: No updates.
- d. Rights of Way: No updates
Plant
- e. Play Park: The Clerk commented that the large multiplay frame is showing signs of age and wear, with some parts needing replacement. It was agreed to seeking some advice on repair vs replacement.
- f. Defibrillator: Checks completed, and monthly report submitted by Cllr Toms.
- g. Speed Indicator Device: No movement from Highways regarding Chapter 8 training as discussed at recent Highways WG. Suggest Cllr Toms is booked onto a course as soon as possible.
- h. Volunteering and Community Group Updates: No updates.
- i. Local Community and Parish Networks: No updates.

1141. Matters for report only:

- a. Contact received regards to a stone dam built in the ding near Tanyard. The clerk advised the person that they should report to the EA who are responsible for waterways.
- b. The council noted resignation from Cllr Wilkins.

1142. Items for the next meeting:

Motions to be submitted to the Clerk in line with standing orders.

1143. Date of next meetings: Tuesday 2nd December 2025, 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

SignedS. Neate, Chair.....

Date ...2nd December 2025.....