# BROADWAY PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Broadway Parish Council held in Broadway Village Hall on Tuesday 13 October 2026 at 7.30pm**

**1269. Attendance and Apologies:**

Present: Cllrs Neate, Champion, Preece, Toms, Murray and Schina; Mrs Larsson (Clerk)
Apologies: Cllr Frayne; Unitary Cllr Osborne
Members of the Public: None.

**1270. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations**

None.

**1271. Minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2026**

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

**1272. Planning Applications**

**a.** New applications: None.

**b.** Updates and Enforcement

i. Members noted road and pedestrian number surveys have been taking place in Horton and expect to see a variation of the recently rejected planning application for 150 dwellings submitted.

ii. Bell Field development – Members noted occupancy levels increasing and queried delivery of the community car parking spaces and footpath improvement. Clerk will contact Unitary Cllr for an update on delivery of the conditions.

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

**1273. Accounts and Financial Information**

a. Financial statement: The latest financial report with reconciliation to 30/9/26 was circulated in advance of the meeting, and verified by Cllr Toms. There were no queries raised.

b. Payments requiring authorisation

The Council RESOLVED to authorise the following payments:

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| Quarterly bin emptying (play park) | £101.40 |
| Chapter 8 training | £360.00 |
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Members notes the following payments made since the last meeting:

| Clerk salary & HMRC liabilities to 31/8/26 (restricted information under GDPR) | |
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| Unity Trust service fee x 1 | £7.00 |
| External audit fee | £252.00 |
| GDPR Course | £9.24 |
| SLCC Clerk membership | £75.90 |

1274. **Play park improvement project**

The Council RESOLVED to proceed with all elements of the play park improvement project, comprising the replacement of the existing multi-play unit, the creation of a new inclusive play area, and improvements to the pathway network to ensure all elements of the site are accessible.

Members noted that external funding opportunities are currently limited, although these will continue to be explored where available.

The Council agreed that proposals should be sought on the basis of a target project cost of approximately £28,000 plus VAT, funded primarily from existing CIL funds, the Play Park Reserve and CIL monies expected shortly. Members noted that the anticipated April CIL receipt should not be relied upon when assessing affordability; if received, it could instead support other parish infrastructure and investment opportunities.

The Council confirmed that the project remained deliverable on this basis and agreed to proceed accordingly.



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**1275. Chapter 8 training update and SID movements**

Cllrs Toms and Champion successfully completed signing, lighting and guarding training, including the assessment.

Although the content exceeded the requirements for SIDs, the comprehensive training will be useful for wider parish activities. An orange beacon, a "men at work" triangular sign and high-visibility clothing with sleeves and two bands are required and will be arranged where these are not already available.

**1276. Proposals for parish events**

Suitable venues are still being investigated. The matter will be revisited once further information is gathered.

**1277. Village Gateway installations**

Somerset Council has granted the Section 171 licence, allowing the installation to proceed.
Installation is expected to take place shortly.

**1278. Updates and actions on the following areas:**

**a.** Training: No requests at present.

**b.** Village maintenance: The Ranger will be instructed to clear the gullies and clean the kerb edges and clear around signage. Councillor Neate will carry out a site tour as part of the initial visit.

**c.** Highways: Various road closures noted.
Hedge at Knights has been partially cut. Property to be contacted to address remaining.
he pound and ROW bridge

**d.** Flooding: Nothing at the moment

**e.** Rights of Way:

iii. Bridge at the rear of the Bell has not had further issues recently, but a review with the ROW Officer would be helpful.

iv. Standerwick Orchard: Members received further correspondence about concerns regarding bicycles and scooters using the footway. Having previously decided not to support installing either a mirror or signage, members did not wish to request a rescission of that decision. Highways remained the responsible authority and had confirmed to residents that the route was classified as an "urban footway"; any such measures would therefore require its permission. The Parish Council's role was limited to deciding whether to support the proposal, which it had declined to do. No further action will be taken.

**f.** Play Park: Refer to minute 1274.

**g.** Defibrillator: Checks completed.

**h.** Speed Indicator: Device will be moved next week.

**i.** Volunteering and Community Group Updates:

i. Christmas lights switch on will take place on Friday 27 November, starting at 6pm. A donation request for refreshments is expected soon from the Scout group.

ii. Remembrance road closure warning signs are due to be erected soon. The Service is on Sunday 8 November.

**j.** Local Community Network: Upcoming meeting dates are as follows:

Highways Working Group: 13 October
Main LCN Meeting: 14 October

BHPN is focused on planning

LCN meetings are open to members of the public and information on the LCN's can be found on the Somerset Council website at the following link https://lcn.somerset.gov.uk/

1279. **Matters for report only**

None.

**1280. Items for the next meeting**

**1281. Dates of upcoming meetings:** Tuesday 3 November, 7.30pm at Broadway Village Hall
Tuesday 1 December, 7.00pm at Broadway Village Hall
*(note earlier start time of 7pm)*

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**Exempt Business:** The Parish Council resolves 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, and they are instructed to withdraw.
Local Government pay increase –

**1282. Local Government Pay Award 2026/27**
Members noted the agreed national award of 3.3%, effective from 1 April 2026

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

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