BROAD CHALKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 1090th Meeting of the Broad Chalke Parish Council

held at the Village Hall, Broad Chalke on Wednesday 8th April 2026 at 7.00pm

ATTENDANCE

Mr T Hitchings (Chairman)
Mr T Kimber (Clerk)
Mr M Pickford
Mr M Altham
Mr S Carter
Mrs E Richter
Mr M Roe/Mr A Truluck

AG E N D A

1 **To receive apologies for absence.** Mr J Fry

2 **To record declarations of interest from Members regarding items on the agenda.** None

3 **Chairman's Announcements and any updates from Wiltshire Council and Wiltshire Police.** Including any petitions and or representations from members of the Public which the Chairman agrees to hear:

- Mr Truluck and Mr Roe attended to seek support to try and find a new dynamic Chair for the Hub – a people person with commercial flair who likes to get things done.
- The Chair read out an email from Chris Littlemore stating that he had not given any professional opinion on the Cherry Bank planning application, or the Parish Council's decision. The contents of his email were noted and appreciated.
- The Parish Council will support the campaign to keep Wilton Fire Station open.
- A resident has raised the question of the brightness of the light outside the Village Hall from a Dark Skies perspective. *Clerk is progressing the question with Wiltshire Council*.

4 **Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th March 2026 as a true and accurate record.** Approved

5 **Matters Arising from the Minutes**. All agreed that John Fry should take on the Social Media account for the Parish Council. *Clerk has shared login details*.

6 **To consider Planning applications**: None

7 **To receive an update on the Playground.** Some minor monthly maintenance. FoBCP no longer need a separate bank account and will merge their finances with the Parish Council. *Clerk is setting up a new high interest business savings account.*

8 **To discuss the Council's grounds maintenance.** The sports centre and playground are being well looked after by idverde. The lime trees are due to be professionally pollarded in the next 2 weeks. The grass areas continue to be taken care of by Justin Allison.

9 **To discuss Councillor vacancies and co-option.** Ongoing.

10 **To discuss Sustainable AND a Resilient Broad Chalke.** SSEN have a grant fund available, up to £20,000 per applicant, for solar and batteries on village public buildings, for which the sports centre is deemed highly suitable. There is also the additional possibility of further Govt grants for an air-to-air heat pump to minimise reliance on oil for heating the sports centre. This project is being progressed by the Parish Council.

11 **To receive update on the Affordable Housing planning application.** No update.

12 **To receive update on the Neighbourhood Plan and Wiltshire Council's Local Plan.** Unanimous decision to continue with the review, adapting if necessary when Wiltshire's Local Plan gets adopted in future.

13 **To receive Clerk's update and Finance report.** Yearend analysis is finalised and has been sent to Clifford Fry for internal audit. Balance in the bank is £30,491.71 (£850.22 VAT claim is pending, plus 50% of precept is due at the end of April).

14 **To finalise arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting on 13th May.** Clerk to re-confirm attendance from The Police, Paul Cleary (Wessex Internet), Derek Brown, Nabil Najjar and Dan Richter. Clerk will purchase wine from Majestic. Mr Altham will create a rolling presentation of photos from the last year. No printouts required. The Annual Parish Council Meeting, with all the usual regulatory formalities, will follow.

15 **Standing item: Highways and related matters to refer to Wiltshire Council**

- **Potholes and deep roadside ruts in Broad Chalke and the Chalke Valley.** No update
- **Causeway bridge railings.** No update

Any other business.

Date of Next Meeting. 13 May 2026

Clerk to the Council: Mr T Kimber Dated 11 April 2026 Meeting closed at 8:55pm