BROAD CHALKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 1089th Meeting of the Broad Chalke Parish Council

held at the Village Hall, Broad Chalke on Wednesday 11th March 2026 at 7.00pm

ATTENDANCE

Mr T Hitchings (Chairman)
Mr T Kimber (Clerk)
Mr M Altham
Mr J Fry
Mr S Carter
Mrs E Richter
Cllr Nabil Najjar

AG E N D A

1 **To receive apologies for absence.** Wiltshire Police, Mr M Pickford

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. **Police** could not attend but reported attended a vehicle on fire in the Vernditch woods. **Cllr Nabil Najjar** updated on the new WCC budget that has been approved with increases to council tax, introduces a booking system to household recycling, and rejects additional finance for road repairs. Area board budgets reset in April, so get grant requests in by July.

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

5 **Matters Arising from the Minutes**. None

6 **To consider Planning applications**:

6.1.1 PL/2026/01222 (Cherry Bank, South Street, Broad Chalke SP5 5DN) full replacement dwelling. No objection comment submitted.

6.1.2 PL/2025/09177 (Stoke Farm, High Road, Broad Chalke, SP5 5EF) Two wildlife ponds. No objection comment submitted.

7 **Playground update.** Minor repairs to the book library shed.

8 **To discuss the Council's grounds maintenance.** The council agreed to do a pricing exercise to see if there's a more cost effective and safer way of doing the lime tree coppicing around the memorial area.

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

10 **To discuss Sustainable AND a Resilient Broad Chalke.** No new update.

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

12 **To receive update on the Neighbourhood Plan and Wiltshire Council's Local Plan.** The National Planning Policy will be published in summer '26. This cascades to Wiltshire CC who is behind schedule, resulting in their local plan being rejected, meaning it now needs re-writing and would then be adopted in spring '29. Broad Chalke can carry on with our neighbourhood plan, and then update the housing element based on WCC's new plan in '29.

13 **To discuss Village Hall and Village Maintenance morning on Saturday 28th March 09:15-11:15.** Noted.

14 **To receive Clerk's update and Finance report.** The balance in the bank is £32,254.

15 **To discuss the date and arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting (13th May, same format as last year).** Clerk to invite Wessex Internet, the Police, Hub representative (Derek), an affordable housing representative (TomH), and the Parish Council. Save the date to go in the April Broad Sheet. Achievement photos needed from all for slideshow and Tom's talk.

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

- **Potholes and deep roadside ruts in Broad Chalke and the Chalke Valley**
- **Howgare Road**
- **Causeway bridge railings**

Any other business.

Date of Next Meeting. 8 April 2026

Clerk to the Council: Mr T Kimber Dated 12 March 2026 Meeting closed at 8:30pm