

BROAD CHALKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 1077th Meeting of the
Broad Chalke Parish Council
held at the Village Hall, Broad Chalke on
Wednesday 12 February 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Mr T Hitchings (Chairman)

Mr M Altham Mr M Altham

Mrs E Richter Mr S Carter

Mr M Pickford Mr T Kimber

Mr J Fry Mr J Allison

Mr S Dawes Cllr Nabil Najjar

Two local Police representatives

The Clerk, Mr C Rothwell was away on holiday.

- 1 **Police report.** No crime to report (Police did mention that they have put in a “new process” with neighbouring forces, which is delivering significant results). Chair discussed speed limits, reiterating our position. Police discussed putting their ‘collision investigation team’ in touch with TH (jonathan.brunt@wiltshire.police.uk).
- 2 **Cllr Nabil** provided a brief update on speeding traffic, budgets, the forthcoming Council tax 4.5% increase, the confirmed 1st May elections and confirmation of South Street resurfacing.
- 3 **To receive apologies for absence.** None
- 4 **To record Declarations of Interest.** None
- 5 **Chairman’s announcements.** None
- 6 **To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 December 2024.** Agreed
- 7 **Matters Arising.** None

- 8 **To Consider Planning Applications-** PL/2025/00803. No objections. PL/2025/00994. Support. PL/2025/00995. No objections. PL/2025/00532. No objections. PL/2025/00640. No objections.
- 9 **Update on the young peoples' initiative** TK updated on the meeting in Tisbury on 29th January. Disappointing that Broad Chalke was the only PC in attendance. Heard that some progress is being made on the survey that we've agreed to partially fund.
- 10 **To receive outline Specification and update on grounds, ROW and village assets maintenance.** Written report from Clerk; second version is better. Recommendation to proceed and start seeking expressions of interest.
- 11 **To receive update on Affordable Housing planning application.** Written report from Clerk. Dan Richter is now slightly more positive, hoping that the existing sewage plant will be upgraded properly, although realistically individual sewage plants remain more likely (possibly partially funded by WCC).
- 12 **To discuss GP surgery future and any response from the Council.** SC/ALL. No further update from the Practice Manager at Sixpenny Handley. TH to write to Sarum Health, inviting them to our Annual Village Meeting.
- 13 **Update on VE Day activities for the village.** Written report from the Clerk. All shaping up nicely and general agreement in the meeting.
- 14 **Consider approach to Annual Village Meeting 14 May 2025.** Parked until the March PC meeting.
- 15 **To update on Playground matters.** MH. All finished, all paid for, nothing more to report. Remove from agenda going forward.
- 16 **To receive update on Village Noticeboard Project.** TK reported that the frame is nearly complete and will be ready for collection next week. Thereafter we'll need to 'plant it', temporarily shroud it, then invite villagers and other involved parties to an opening ceremony. TK/CR to circulate an email to PC proposing who should be invited and how.
- 17 **To receive update on C12 Speed Limit Assessment.** TH and Cllr Nabil reported that the revised 20/40 mph limits are now approved and LHFIG priority funding is likely after the May elections.
- 18 **To receive update on Neighbourhood Plan.** SC reported that he's been in touch with 'Locality' in London for grants, not getting any response, so will be re-applying.
- 19 **Update of Sustainable, Resilient Broad Chalke. Project.** ER/TK/MA met with CR last week discussing items such as funding for a village generator for during power cuts (does this overlap with the 'Village Emergency Group?'), an electric car charging point in the pub car park, and solar/batteries for the village buildings. General feeling that we need to stay focussed on the sustainability element.

20 Councillors to update on Priority areas not otherwise included on Agenda.

JF updated on forming a Scout Group in the village – Salisbury Scouting will support us to get started if we can show the need (will fit neatly with the Young Person’s survey).

TH discussed the book-keeping and maintenance of the Village Hall and the Sports Centre, with a view to the Hub book-keeper or another person taking on this extra (paid) work.

21 2025 Parish Council elections. Nobody is planning to stand down.

22 Village Maintenance morning. Saturday 15 March 2025, all encouraged to attend.

23 To receive Clerk’s update and Finance report. Written Report from the Clerk. The bank statement is a balance of £30,517.17 (includes the C12 and neighbourhood plan funds).

24 Standing item: Highways and related matters to refer to Wiltshire Council. Reiterated that nothing gets done unless it’s reported on the MyWilts App. Any previous/outstanding gulley clearing requests have been deleted by MyWilts and will need to be resubmitted. Road surface at junction of High Road and Newtown is in a terrible state and dangerous – please can all report on MyWilts.

There being no further business the Meeting ended at 8.52pm

Date of next meeting 12 March 2025