

BROAD CHALKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 1087th Meeting of the
Broad Chalke Parish Council
held at the Village Hall, Broad Chalke on
Wednesday 14th January 2026 at 7.00pm

ATTENDANCE

Mr T Hitchings (Chairman)
Mr T Kimber (Clerk)
Mr M Altham
Mr M Pickford
Mr J Fry
Mr J Allison
Mr S Carter

AG E N D A

1. **To receive apologies for absence.** Mrs E Richter, Mr S Dawes, Wiltshire Police
2. **To record declarations of interest from Members regarding items on the agenda.** Mr Allison, regarding the village maintenance.
3. **Chairman's Announcements and any updates from Wiltshire Council and Wiltshire Police.** Wiltshire Police could not attend and forwarded a report detailing a car on fire, a road traffic accident and hare coursing.
4. **Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 December 2025 as a true and accurate record.** Approved
5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes.** None
6. **To consider Planning applications.**
 - a. Solace House, High Lane SP5 5HA [PL/2025/09998](#) (Willow remove, Acacia reduce). *No objection*
 - b. All Saints Church, South Street SP5 5HD [PL/2025/09816](#) (Yew crown reduce) *No objection*
7. **Playground update.** Positive response from Homefront, who have now carried out maintenance.
8. **To discuss replacement of 4 benches (3 by war memorial, 1 in playground).** £550 has been committed by residents sponsoring benches, plus £200 from FoBCPG (£750 in total). Other sponsors are being sought for the balance of the £1,300+VAT total cost. Order to be placed.
9. **To discuss the Council's grounds maintenance requirements and costs.** Current contract with Mr Allison to be continued.
10. **To receive update on councillor email address'.** Initial quotes seem quite expensive. To be discussed further at next meeting.

11. **To discuss Councillor Vacancy and co-option.** 2 vacancies, to be discussed further.
12. **To update on data protection online training.** All complete (except Cllr Allison)
13. **To receive an update on South Street to Causeway footpath fencing works.** Work completed on Tuesday 16th December 2025. A job well done.
14. **To discuss Sustainable AND a Resilient Broad Chalke.** The Village Hall generator backup input will be installed as part of the forthcoming electrical works. Mr Altham to discuss the sustainability project with Richard Wardlaw.
15. **To receive update on Affordable Housing planning application.** Solicitors are now tying up the final legal points (with thanks to Ian Walkden for his help and support on this)
16. **To receive update on Neighbourhood Plan and Wiltshire Council's Local Plan.** Brief written for Place Studio consultants, now awaiting a meeting date. Update at next PC meeting.
17. **To receive Clerk's update and Finance report.** Balance in the bank is £32,397.60
18. **To discuss the date and arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting.** Identical format as last year, on the date of May's Parish Council meeting. Discuss further next month.
19. **Standing item: Highways and related matters to refer to Wiltshire Council.**
 - a. **South Street** Extensive works planned for 20th February (road will be closed for 3 days).
 - b. Reminder to report potholes on MyWilts app.

Any other business.

Date of Next Meeting. 11 February 2026

Clerk to the Council: Mr T Kimber Dated 14 January 2026 Meeting closed at 8.20pm