BROAD CHALKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 1094th Meeting of the Broad Chalke Parish Council

held at the Village Hall, Broad Chalke on Wednesday 9th September 2026 at 7.00pm

ATTENDANCE

Mr T Hitchings (Chair)
Mr T Kimber (Clerk)
Mr S Carter
Mr M Pickford

A G E N D A

1 **To receive apologies for absence.** *Mr M Altham, Mr J Fry, Mrs E Richter*

2 **To record declarations of interest from Members regarding items on the agenda.**

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.

- Written Police report details 'a caravan obstructing road causing traffic' and 'no crimes recorded between 01/08 and 07/09'.

4 **Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th July 2026 as a true and accurate record.** *Approved*

5 **Matters Arising from the Minutes**.

- Discuss the WCC's Parish Information Survey leading to Community Governance Reviews. *Clerk has sent a note about this to Cllr Nabil Najjar, requesting more information.*
- Discuss WCC's 'Discretionary Gully Service' to identify five priority Broad Chalke gully's for pre-winter clearing. *Form filled during the meeting and sent back to WCC.*
- Update on the new Fingerpost and repairs to the Church Walk Chicanes. *The new fingerpost by the pub is successfully installed, with thanks to Tom Hitchings for building it and to Matthew Pickford for providing the installation equipment. The Church Walk chicane posts are purchased, prepared and ready for imminent installation and painting.*
- Request for help clearing the Chapel Lane culvert. *The Chair reiterated that this is a responsibility of the landowner.*

6 **To consider Planning Applications**:

- PL/2026/01222 - Cherry Bank, South Street SP5 5DN - Alterations following re-consultation. *The Parish Council has reviewed the revised plans and now supports this application, as discussed and agreed at this Parish Council meeting.*
- PL/2026/05451 – Kings Old Rectory SP5 5DH – Tree works. *No objection*
- PL/2026/05103 – Manor Farm Barns SP5 5DW – Tree works. *No objection*
- PL/2026/05552 – Butlers Farm House, South St, SP5 5DN – Tree works. *No objection*
- PL/2026/05550 – Berry Barn, North Street SP5 5EN – Tree works. *No objection*
- PL/2026/05018 - 53 High Road SP5 5EH - New porch, utility extension and insertion of roof light & two dormers. *No objection*
- PL/2026/04843 - Land south of Plough, Mt Sorrell - Field Barn for storage of agricultural machinery – Prior notification. *Withdrawn*
- PL/2026/05198 - Underhill SP5 5DN – Fell and replace three dead trees – Info only, decision notice. *No action required.*

7 **To receive an update on the Playground.** *The Parish Council is still awaiting delivery of the replacement sail.*

8 **To discuss the Council's grounds maintenance.** *Ongoing.*

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

10 **To discuss Sustainable and Resilient Broad Chalke.** *The grant application from SSEN for solar CVSC was not successful, with feedback requested on the reasons for rejection. The Parish Council is also pursuing The National Lottery for a similar grant.*

11 **To receive update on the Affordable Housing planning application.** *The S106 agreement is in the final stages of legal review before signing, a contractor is being selected and it is hoped work will start this winter.*

12 **To receive update on the Neighbourhood Plan and Wiltshire Council's Local Plan.** *Cllr Carter attended a WCC meeting in Salisbury detailing their local plan, and will attend a further meeting in Trowbridge later in September. The Broad Chalke Steering Group's first meeting is scheduled for the end of October.*

13 **To receive Clerk's update and Finance report.**

- August/September finance overview. *A busy couple of months with lots of expenditure on the new fingerpost, the CV fete, the sports centre and grounds maintenance. The Parish Council reserves and maintenance funds remain healthy, earning 4% interest.*
- AGAR/External Audit. *Completed, invoice paid and all regulatory documentation posted to the Parish Council website.*
- VAT return. *A VAT reclaim for £1,019.04 has been received in the Parish Council bank account*

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

- **Potholes and deep roadside ruts in Broad Chalke and the Chalke Valley.** *All residents please report potholes and ruts via the MyWilts App*
- **Causeway bridge railings.** No update.

Any other business. None

Date of Next Meeting. 14th October 2026

Clerk to the Council: Mr T Kimber Dated 9th September 2026 Meeting closed at 8:40pm