

BROAD TOWN **PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th May 2025 at 6.30pm
In the Village Hall**

Present: Councillor R Pearce – Chairman
Councillor S Hartley – Vice Chair
Councillor G Morley
Councillor J Rawlins

Officers: Caroline White – Parish Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were two members of the public and newly elected Wiltshire Councillor Martin Denz in attendance.

25/60 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

To elect a Chairman of the Parish Council for the year 2025/26

Councillor Rawlins proposed Councillor Pearce, seconded by Councillor Hartley, and
UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Rupert Pearce as Chairman.

25/61 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

To elect a Vice Chairman of the Parish for the year 2025/26

Councillor Rawlins proposed Councillor Hartley, seconded by Councillor Pearce, and
UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Sandra Hartley as Vice Chairman.

25/62 APOLOGIES

There were apologies from Councillor Davis.

25/63 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

25/64 MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th April 2025, having been previously circulated were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman, Councillor Pearce.

25/65 CORRESPONDENCE

Green Square responded that they would arrange for the reported container to be removed from Redhills.

Grantscape were told of the problem caused by the mismatch in our annual grant provision. Martin Rose informed the parish council that a satisfactory compromise had been reached regarding the commencement of the 40mph limit on entry into the village that would include the houses the PC had noted as needing that protection. Councillor Rendell reports that she hopes to be back in Broad Town in June.

25/66 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Application Number	Applicant	Location of Development	Description of Development
PL/2025/03543 Comment by: 13/5/2025	Mr & Mrs Fuoco-Bridges	The Long Barn, Thornhill, Royal Wootton Bassett, SN4 7RY	Conversion of Stable Building to provide 1No dwelling
PL/2025/03926 Comment by: 27/5/2025		94 Broad Town, Swindon, SN4 7RL	Proposed terracing of part of the garden into 3 tiers with retaining walls

PL/2025/03543. Councillors queried whether it is being lived in currently as a dwelling, and noted that there may be tax breaks for stud operations, so if it was sold as such, does that create an issue. It was questioned why isn't there a change of use for the land to convert to residential. It was agreed the impact of a new house wouldn't be too great in the setting but there could be impact on neighbours if a property became a holiday let, for example.

Action: PC to submit No Objection subject to the condition that the land has change of use to residential only, not a holiday let.

PL/2025/03926.

Action: PC to submit No Objection and note that at least one neighbour did not receive the letter of notification, nor the Village Hall.

25/67 PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED

Application Number	Location of Development	Description of Development	Decision
PL/2025/00326	Springfield Villa, Broad Town, Swindon, SN4 7RU	Replace an existing equestrian barn with a similar, smaller, barn for the same purpose, plus associated hardstandings.	Approve with Conditions

Noted

25/68 BANK BALANCES AND BANK RECONCILIATION at 30.4.2025

Balances:

Treasurers Account	£193.91
Capital Projects Account	£20,222.71
Community Fund	£20,300.40

Bank reconciliation:

Treasurers Account	£193.91
Less unpresented cheques	Nil
Cashbook Balance	£193.91

The cashbook and bank balances were noted.

25/69 PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL**25/69.1 CLERK SALARY**

Members are requested to approve the May payments of **£387.39** to the Parish Clerk and **£6.00** to HMRC

Salary	£355.94
WFH allowance	£26.00
Less Tax	6.00
Net Salary	£349.94
Mileage	£11.45
Expenses	
Total Due	£387.39

Proposed by Councillor Hartley, Seconded by Councillor Morley and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

25/70 REVIEW OF PC ANTI CORRUPTION POLICY

Policy accepted by Councillors.

Policy to be put on June Agenda for approval.

25/71 NAME SELECTION FOR NEW BIN

Binderella was chosen by Councillor vote.

Action: Clerk to email school to thank children for imaginative entries and report that Binderella was chosen as the overall winner. Runners up were Dippy Do; Berti Bin; Beti Bin; Hippy

25/72 WILTSHIRE COUNCIL BRIEFING NOTES

None

25/73 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Please note no decisions can be made on these items. Anything raised which requires a decision of the council will be included as an agenda item at the next Parish Council meeting.

Councillor Hartley reported that two unattended children had been seen climbing on the roof of the fort piece of playing equipment. Councillors discussed non climb paint, putting a notice up, placing a note in the newsletter, mentioning to the school, contacting manufacturer for its advice on safe equipment use.

Action: Clerk to contact manufacturer, PC to mention issue in next newsletter.

Councillor Pearce reminded that the Annual Parish Meeting is next week 19th May 2025. He noted that in the absence of former Councillor Holland, a new representative of the Footpaths group is needed, but discussion about possibilities did not arrive at an obvious willing candidate at this time.

Councillor Morley said he had observed that Highways signs are sometimes very poor quality; Councillor Pearce suggested that if observed, to take photos and upload to MyWilts.

ACTION POINTS

Person responsible	Action	Notes
Clerk	Submit No Objection to PL/2025/03543 and PL/2025/03926 as noted	
Clerk	Email school to thank children for imaginative entries and report that <u>Binderella</u> was chosen as the overall winner	
Clerk	Actions re reported play equipment misuse	

ACTION POINTS [previous month]

Person	Action	Notes	Completed
Clerk	Sumbit planning comment		Y
Councillor Pearce	Revert to Highways to extend 40mph limit. Liaise with Steward re tasks		Y

Next Meeting Monday 9th June

Meeting closed at: 1938

Signed: Dated:

Chairman, Councillor R Pearce

