

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING | 15th October, 2025

Present: Cllrs J Hull (Chair), Cllr E Morfett, Cllr J Morris and Cllr L Lewis

Others in attendance: L Law, Clerk and Ward Cllr C Taylor. There were two members of the public in attendance.

25.69 Apologies for absence.

To receive apologies for absence. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Morawiecka, on holiday and John Wade, Footpaths officer. **Noted.**

25.70 Declarations of interest and written requests for dispensation.

Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests (DPI) and any other registerable interests in items on the agenda. Requests for dispensation must be in writing to the Clerk as soon as possible before the meeting. There were no declarations of interest declared and no written requests for dispensations had been made. **Noted.**

25.71 To approve the minutes of the Council.

To confirm as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th September, 2025. The minutes of the meeting held on the 17th September 2025 were **resolved** as a correct record and the Chairman signed a copy.

25.72 Ward Councillor Report. To receive a ward councillor report, if available.

Cllr Taylor has been trying to contact planning case officers in relation to the Little Breinton planning application. Herefordshire Full Council meeting agenda items included the following topics; the provision of transport for 16-19 year olds ,PCSOs finishing at 8pm and the reduction of police services due to budget constraints. **Noted.**

25.73 Public Open session: To receive comments from the public on parish matters. No comments were made from members of the public in attendance. **Noted.**

25.74 Planning. For members to consider the following planning application to be decided by Herefordshire Council.

1. [252629](#) Arncroft, Breinton, Hereford HR4 7PD. Proposed extensions and alterations. Valid. Comments by 21st October. Members discussed the planning application and it was **resolved** to make no comment on the application.

25.75 Hydrology Report for Breinton Parish. For members to receive an update on a Hydrology report and consider any actions. Feedback from neighbouring parishes to gauge their interest in participating in the hydrology report; Stretton Sugwas was more involved in local speeding issues, and we had not received a reply from Credenhill parish. Cllr Hull questioned whether Breinton parish would pursue the hydrology report without financial support from other parishes to contribute. The importance of a hydrology report for the parish was emphasised by a member of the public in relation to planning applications, to support the parish council's comments, particularly regarding large planning applications such as Breinton Lee (P222769/F) and Three Elms (P222138/O), where surface flooding, sequential testing and drainage were issues. **Noted.**

25.76 Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs). For members to consider a SID device for the parish. Cllr Taylor informed members that she had acquired a SID device for the parish, and it was currently being assessed to ensure it would be a functioning unit. The SID would need a base purchased and agreement from Herefordshire Council Traffic Management as to where it could be sited. Members agreed to wait until the unit had been confirmed functioning before considering continuing and ongoing costs involved. **Noted.**

Cllr Taylor left the meeting at 7.45pm

25.77 Biodiversity Action Plan. For members to receive an update and consider any actions. Cllr Morfett reported that a specialist would be needed to further the Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP). The working document of the BAP has been published on the parish council website. Cllr Morfett has enquired about the Herefordshire Council Nature and Biodiversity Community Grant before the closing date, 13th October, to see if the parish council would qualify to apply for funding to pay for specialist expertise to add to the BAP and highlight any gaps. Awaiting a reply. **Noted.**

25.78 Localities. To receive an update from the Locality Steward and consider any actions needed. Cllr Hull had a meeting with the new localities steward with Cllr Taylor in attendance to highlight problem areas such as Pidgeon barns and the drains on the Kings Acre Road. Drainage works at Warham. Further work needed to complete, a site visit will be arranged for November with a senior drainage technician from Balfour Beatty, to consider actions needed.

To ask the localities steward to check the grit bins as some are damaged and some are filled but contents cannot be accessed. **Noted.**

25.79 Parish Footpath Officer. To receive a report and consider any actions needed. The footpaths officer was not in attendance, however, previously reported overhanging branches on a bridlepath had been cut back.

25.80 Lengthsman. To receive a report and consider any actions. A works order had been sent to the Lengthsman for quotation, however at the time of the meeting the quote had not been received. To see if item 2 on the works order could be put forward to the drainage grant. Clerk to contact the lengthsman.

Noted.

25.81 Village Hall Committee. To receive a report and consider any actions. Recent community coffee morning raised £250.00 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Alterations to the hall, aiming to rearrange storage and toilets to make more storage space. Date for work to be carried out yet to be determined.

Noted.

25.82 Plaque for bench. For members to consider budget for purchasing a commemorative plaque and wording. It was **resolved** that Cllr Hull purchase a plaque for the bench with the agreed-upon wording.

Two members of the public left the meeting at 8.20pm

25.83 Finance.

25.83.1 For members to consider the payment of the following:

Clerk's Salary September, £769.32

Breinton Village Hall, INV 502, £18.00

Richard Mills 3794, £348.00

Invoices will be available for scrutiny at the meeting by members.

Members **approved** all invoices for payment.

25.83.2 Domain site. For members to consider the renewal of domain name Breintonparish.uk for £12.99. It was **resolved** to keep and renew the domain name Breintonparish.uk for £12.99.

25.83.3 For members to note the receipt of the following payments from Herefordshire Council: Precept £6,610.00 Noted.

25.83.4 For members to note the following payments made between meetings: Bank Charges £4.25, FMS Hereford 3623 £45.42 Noted.

25.83.5 Bank Reconciliation. Members to approve the Bank Reconciliation dated 8th October, 2025. See finance report. The bank reconciliation dated 8th October was **approved**.

25.83.6 Draft Budget 2026-27. Members to review the draft budget for 2026-27. Members went through the prepared draft budget for 2026-27 and made some adjustments. It was **resolved** that the draft budget be considered at the next council meeting in November.

25.84 To consider items for the next agenda. Budget 2026-27

Date of next meeting is Wednesday 19th November, 2025 at 7pm at Breinton Village Hall.

Meeting Ended at 21.10pm

Signed:

Dated: