

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING | 10th December, 2025

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

Others in attendance: L Law, Clerk, John Wade, Footpaths Officer and Ward Cllr C Taylor. There were no members of the public in attendance.

25.101 Apologies for absence.

To receive apologies for absence. No apologies all members in attendance.

25.102 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. Cllr Morawiecka declared an other interest in agenda item 25.110 Local Transport Plan. All members were given a dispensation on agenda item 25.117 Precept. Discussion of the Precept is a pecuniary interest for all Breinton Parish Councillors. Councillors of Breinton Parish Council hereby grant all Breinton Parish Councillors a dispensation to discuss and vote on issues relating to the Precept until 31 March 2027. The reason for granting the dispensation is that it is appropriate to grant the dispensation."

25.103 To approve the minutes of the Council.

To confirm as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 19th November, 2025. The minutes were **approved** with one amendment and the chair signed a copy.

25.104 Ward Councillor Report. To receive a ward councillor report, if available. Cllr Taylor reported that she was attending a site meeting tomorrow at Pigeon Barns to discuss flooding and that she was scheduled to meet a new planning officer. **Noted.**

25.105 Public Open session: To receive comments from the public on parish matters. No members of the public were in attendance at the meeting.

25.106 Planning. S106 wish list. For members to review the S106 wish list for Breinton Parish Council and to consider any additions. Members reviewed the S106 wish list, and it was **resolved** to add two items to the list, upgrading local drainage systems and to consider contributions to the parish Biodiversity Action Plan.

25.107 Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs). To receive an update and consider any actions. Cllr Taylor still waiting for compatible cables. Ongoing. **Noted.**

25.108 Biodiversity Action Plan. For members to receive an update and consider any actions. Cllr Morfett reported that the council had been refused a grant from the FCC Environmental Biodiversity Fund 2025. However, a meeting has been arranged for 16th January, 2026 at the Village Hall, for ecologist Will Watson to give a talk on the biodiversity of the parish concentrating on the traditional orchards. **Noted.**

25.109 Hydrology Report for Breinton Parish. For members to receive an update on a Hydrology report and consider any actions. Clerk to contact neighbouring parishes and to invite them to join in an area-wide hydrology report. It was **resolved** that a budget line would be added to the budget specifically for a hydrology survey and that £2,000 would be added to the 2026-27 budget.

25.110. Local Transport Plan. For members to receive an update on the Herefordshire Local Transport Plan. For members to note that the Local Transport Plan was approved by Herefordshire Council at their meeting on 5th December. Members wanted to make parishioners aware and it was **resolved** that Cllr Moraweicka would write a small article to go into the next Teamtalk magazine.

25.111 Localities. To receive an update from the Locality Steward and consider any actions. Recent site visit with Balfour Beatty, the Localities Steward and Cllr Hull to discuss drainage issues in the parish. Herefordshire Council and Breinton Parish Council are to contact landowners to request remedial action. Further works are needed from the Lengthsman, Clerk to arrange a site visit between the Lengthsman and Cllr Hull to confirm works.

25.112 Parish Footpath Officer. To receive a report and consider any actions. The footpaths officer reported that BT20 down to Breinton Common has become overgrown. A kissing gate where BT2 and BT8 join the U73023 needs repair, clerk to raise a works order with the Lengthsman to obtain a quote. **Noted.**

The Footpaths Officer left the meeting at 20.50pm

25.113 Lengthsman. To receive a report and consider any actions. All PROW works have been completed. **Noted**

25.114 Village Hall Committee. To receive a report and consider any actions. There had been no meeting of the Village Hall Committee. Recent coffee morning raised £210 for Hereford Food Bank and they were holding tea and tech meetings for parishioners with problems with iPads or iPhones. **Noted.**

25.115 Finance.

1. For members to consider the payment of the following:

Clerk's Salary November, £682.92

Breinton Village Hall, £18.00

Invoices will be available for scrutiny at the meeting by members.
All invoices were signed and **approved** for payment.

2. For members to note the following payments made between meetings: Bank Charges £4.25, FMS Hereford 3632 £45.42 Ionos Email £9.00 203050678754 and 203051259116 HMRC £33.65 Members noted the payments made between meetings.

3. Bank Reconciliation. Members to approve the Bank Reconciliation dated, 5th December, 2025. Members **approved** the bank reconciliation dated 5th December 2025.

25.116 Draft Budget 2026-27. Members to review the draft budget for 2026-27 ahead of setting the precept at the next meeting. Members reviewed the budget and it was **resolved** to set the budget for the financial year 2026-27 at £23,022.00

25.117 Precept 2026-27. For members to agree the precept request from Herefordshire Council for the year 2026-27
Members **resolved** that the Precept request from Herefordshire Council for 2026-27 would be £13,680.00

25.118 Police Community Charter Priorities. For members to review the Community Charter Priorities for January – March 2026. Previously 1. Thefts general 2. Anti-social behaviour at Breinton Springs (car park) 3. Speeding Kings Acre Road from Credenhill junction. It was **resolved** that the priorities for January- March remain the same. 1. Thefts general 2. Anti-social behaviour at Breinton Springs (car park) 3. Speeding Kings Acre Road from Credenhill junction.

25.119 To consider items for the next agenda. Local Government Boundary Commission for England consultation on Ward Boundaries for Herefordshire Council.

Meeting Ended at 21.10pm

Signed:

Dated: