

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING | 21st January, 2026

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

Others in attendance: L Law, Clerk and Ward Cllr C Taylor. There was one member of the public in attendance, Cllr Cresswell, Stretton Sugwas Parish Council.

26.01 Apologies for absence.

To receive apologies for absence. No apologies received, all members were in attendance.

26.02 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. No declarations of interest were made or written requests for dispensation were received by the Clerk.

26.03 To approve the minutes of the Council.

To confirm as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th December, 2025. The minutes were **approved** as a correct record of the meeting held on 10th December, 2025 and the Chairman signed a copy.

26.04 Co-Option For members to consider any applications for co-option. No applications had been received. Cllr Hull to approach a person who had previously shown an interest to apply. **Noted.**

26.05 Ward Councillor Report. To receive a ward councillor report, if available. Cllr Taylor reported that at the recent Cabinet meeting of Herefordshire Council, questions were raised about the cost of the Western By-pass, and the outline business case setting out the anticipated benefits of the by-pass was also queried. Issues with infrastructure in particular, the supply of water and power to new housing projects had also been raised. Cllr Hull asked if there

had been any update on the Little Breinton planning application, Cllr Taylor to contact the case officer. **Noted.**

26.06 Public Open Session. To receive comments from the public on parish matters. The member of the public in attendance was from Stretton Sugwas Parish Council and spoke regarding agenda item 26.09 Hydrology Report. See below. No questions were raised. **Noted.**

26.07 Planning.

1. For members to note the following planning applications already determined by Herefordshire Council.

- **P253587/PA7 Banbh Farm, Breinton, HR4 7PP.** Prior notification for proposed general purpose agricultural building. Prior approval refused.
- **P253564/AM Warham Oak, Breinton HR4 7PD.** Proposed non-material amendment to planning permission 241933 (Proposed single storey extensions) Alterations to the composition of the fenestration at ground floor. Approved with conditions.

Members **noted** the planning applications determined by Herefordshire Council.

2. National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) consultation. The Government have drafted a new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and are now seeking views on its contents. The consultation documents are available to view here: [National Planning Policy Framework: proposed reforms and other changes to the planning system - GOV.UK](#) For members to consider responding to the consultation. Closing date 10th March 2026. It was **resolved** that Cllr Moraweicka would draft a response letter to be considered at the next meeting.

26.08 Biodiversity Action Plan. For members to receive an update and consider any actions. The Parish Council held a public meeting to introduce Breinton's Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP), highlighting the parish's high ecological value, key threats to wildlife, and opportunities for community involvement. It was well attended with 45 members of the public and stakeholders in attendance. Ecologist Will Watson emphasised the importance of protecting priority habitats such as orchards, woodlands, hedgerows, ponds and the River Wye, and encouraged citizen science and local conservation action. Concerns were raised about the potential environmental impacts of planned road infrastructure and western urban expansion, with urgency stressed around gathering ecological evidence. Stakeholders shared updates on ongoing conservation work and

offered support for future projects. The meeting concluded with agreement to form a BAP working group, recruit volunteers, and begin local wildlife monitoring and habitat restoration projects. **Noted.** It was **resolved** that the Clerk to contact the Biological Records Office to see if the Parish Council can access records free of charge and that the slides from the meeting be published on the parish website.

26.09 Hydrology Report for Breinton Parish. For members to receive an update on a Hydrology report and consider any actions. An invitation was sent out to several neighbouring parishes to determine interest and perhaps collaboration on a hydrology report. This includes Hereford City (no response), Burghill (no response), Credenhill (undecided) and Stretton Sugwas, (considering). Cllr Cresswell from Stretton Sugwas Parish Council was in attendance and he commented that it was to be considered at their meeting in March. He also invited members to a meeting in March with Lynda from HALC, Herefordshire Association of Local Councils, where the hydrology report could be discussed. **Noted.**

Ward Cllr Taylor left the meeting at 19.52pm

26.10 Localities. To receive any updates and consider any actions. Carriageway patching had been carried out by the Localities Steward before Christmas. The new highways contractor had been announced by Herefordshire Council as M Group Highways which will take over from Balfour Beatty in June. **Noted.**

26.11 Parish Footpath Officer. To receive a report and consider any actions. No report available as the footpaths officer was not in attendance at the meeting. **Noted.**

26.12 Lengthsman. To receive a report and consider any actions. Confirmation of completed works:

- PROW works completed
- Ditching works completed by Pidgeon Barns

Works outstanding:

- Drainage Grant Works
- Quote for the installation of the posts for TM HGV signage
- Installation of the parish noticeboards.

- Repair to the kissing gate below Warham House where BT8 and BT2 meet the U73023. Gate is reported as good, posts need replacing as rotten.
- To arrange to meet John Hull to discuss ditching and grip work requested by Balfour Beatty prior to jetting, to be quoted for.
- Quote for the summer growth to be removed, cleaning of gullies, drains and grips cleared from the following locations:
 - Shepherds Lane (aka Pidgeon Lane) down to the entrance to the drover's pond.
 - On the C1189 by the white posts west of the Warham/ Magpie Lane junction.
 - Wye Cliff Farm Z bend.

It was **resolved** the Clerk to contact the Lengthsman to confirm works can be carried out before year-end and to obtain quotes were necessary.

CLlr Cresswell left the meeting at 20.21pm

26.13 Village Hall Committee. To receive a report from Cllr Lewis. Cllr Lewis reported that the Village Hall Committee held a meeting on 19th January. They have a new booking officer and had welcomed a new committee member. Works to storage areas has been completed. Looking at purchasing new seating and holding an annual event to do more fundraising for the Village Hall. Next Coffee morning is 7th February at 10.30am. **Noted.**

26.14 Finance.

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

Clerk's Salary December, £682.92

Breinton Village Hall, INV 531 £18.00

Richard Mills 3812 £480.00, 3808 £486.00

Cllr Hull Reimbursement for memorial plaque £40.00

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

2. For members to note the following payments made between meetings: Bank Charges £4.25, FMS Hereford 3861 £45.42, 3840 £45.42
Ionos 203051845623 £9.00, 203052433760 £9.00. **Noted.**

3. Bank Reconciliation. Members to approve the Bank Reconciliation dated, 15th January, 2026. Members **approved** the bank reconciliation dated 15th January, 2026 and noted the cashbook total of £30,121.49

26.15 Correspondence. For members to note correspondence received by the clerk. Members **noted** the invitation received to notify Herefordshire Council of Town of Culture 2028 interest.

26.16 To consider items for the next agenda.

Segregated Cycle route on Kings Acre Road.

SIDs update from Cllr Taylor.

Meeting Ended at 21.00pm

Signed:

Dated: