

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING | 18th March, 2026

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

Others in attendance: L Law, Clerk and Footpaths Officer John Wade. There was one member of the public in attendance.

26.33 Apologies for absence. To receive apologies for absence. Apologies had been received by Cllr Lewis who was ill and Ward Cllr Taylor. **Noted.**

26.34 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 or written requests for dispensation were received by the Clerk. **Noted.**

26.35 To approve the minutes of the Council.

To confirm as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 18th February, 2026. The minutes of the meeting held on the 18th February 2026 were **approved** and the Chairman signed a copy.

26.36 Ward Councillor Report.

To receive a ward councillor report, if available. Cllr Taylor was not in attendance at the meeting so a report was unavailable. **Noted.**

26.37 Public Open Session.

To receive comments from the public on parish matters. The member of the public commented on the potholes in the parish. After discussion, it was advised to report to Herefordshire Council and where possible, to send photographic evidence to support and expedite repairs of not just potholes but surface edge erosion of the highway. **Noted.**

26.38 Planning.

1. For members to note the following planning applications determined by Herefordshire Council.
 - **P250172/FH** 6 Four Acres, Hereford. HR4 OSH Application for variation of condition 2 to amend the drawings to include additional floor space. Approved with conditions.
 - **P260426/PA7** Warham Court Farm, Breinton, Hereford HR4 7PF. Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed

erection of roof above existing dung midden. Planning permission required.

- **P260427/PA7** Warham Court Farm, Breinton, Hereford HR4 7PF. Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed extension to a winter water storage pond. Prior approval is required.

Councillors wanted to formally thank Cllr Taylor for her work on recent planning applications.

Members **noted** the planning application determinations.

2. English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill. The bill is now in its committee stage in the House of Lords. The Bill offers strengthened powers for parish and town councils in protecting and purchasing community assets. However, it raises significant concerns about the future role of parish councils in planning. The proposed shift of powers to regional mayors does not guarantee parish consultation on major strategic developments, potentially marginalising local input and weakening the influence of Neighbourhood Development Plans. For members to consider a request from HALC to write a letter to MP's and Peers who are members of the committee to voice concerns. Members **approved** to write a letter to MP's and Peers to share their concerns.

26.39 Biodiversity Action Plan.

For members to receive an update and consider any actions. Cllr Morfett. Cllr Morfett suggested that as part of the Action plan that the Parish Council consider a reply to the Herefordshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) consultation. It was **resolved** that a response would be made by the Parish Council. Cllr Easter to attend a meeting by the Herefordshire Mammal Group on the Citizen Bat Project. **Noted.**

26.40 Hydrology Report for Breinton Parish.

For members to receive any updates for the Hydrology report. Requests for quotations are ongoing. **Noted.**

26.41 Herefordshire Council Local Transport Plan 5 (LTP5).

To receive an update and consider any actions. It was announced last week that civil engineering firm Graham had been appointed to lead detailed design and early works for phase one of the Hereford Bypass with construction to begin by December 2026. **Noted.**

26.42 Localities.

To receive any updates and consider any actions. Nothing to report.

Noted.

26.43 Parish Footpath Officer.

To receive a report and consider any actions. FPO reported that the stile on SS11B was in poor condition. This has previously been reported to Stretton Sugwas parish clerk. Nothing to report other than a lot of mud on footpaths. **Noted.**

26.44 Lengthsman.

1. For members to consider the Lengthsman Scheme Agreement 2026- from Herefordshire Council. Members **approved** the Lengthsman Scheme agreement for 2026-27.
2. To consider matchfunding of £345.00 for additional works. Members **approved** expenditure of £345.00 for matchfunding.
3. To consider The Annual Maintenance Plan for 2026-27. Application deadline is 15th May 2026. Members reviewed and **approved** the Annual Maintenance Plan for 2026-27.
4. To consider any works for the Drainage grant for 2026-27. Application deadline is 15th May 2026 Members **approved** to bring forward works from this current year and to add the works at Warham.

26.45 Village Hall Committee.

To receive a report from Cllr Lewis. Cllr Lewis sent a report that the Village Hall Committee had thanked the Parish Council for the donation of £200 and that the support was appreciated. The committee is looking to host a line dancing event later in the year and discussed the idea of having its own community publication similar to ones in neighbouring parishes and if the Parish Council would consider a contribution. **Noted.**

26.46 Finance.

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

Clerk's Salary February, £682.92

Clerk's Office Allowance £100.00

Clerk Reimbursement 123 Reg £15.59

Breinton Village Hall, INV 553 £18.00 INV 552 £18.00

Nepeta 2518 £250.00

Richard Mills RM3824 £792.00

Invoices will be available for scrutiny at the meeting by members. For members to approve the following payments:
Clerk's Salary March. As there is no meeting in April for members to approve the payment of the Clerk's salary for March when it is available. John Finch Computers £99.00 for maintenance of the computer and anti-virus software. Members **approved** all invoices for payment.

2. For members to note the following payments made between meetings: Bank Charges £4.25, FMS Hereford £45.42, Ionos £18.00
Members **noted** the payments made between meetings. Invoices were available for scrutiny.

3. For members to note the following payments made: Herefordshire County Council £405.00 PROW Grant. Members **noted** the payment from Herefordshire Council.

3. Bank Reconciliation. Members to approve the Bank Reconciliation dated, 12th March, 2026. Members **approved** the bank reconciliation dated 12th March, 2026.

4. Earmarked and general reserves. For members to review and approve the earmarked and general reserves as of 12th March, 2026. Members reviewed the earmarked and general reserves and it was **resolved** that no change be made and to further review in three months.

5. **For members to consider signatories for the Lloyds Banking Group shares.** Members reviewed the signatories and it was **resolved** that the Clerk and Chairman would be signatories for the Lloyds Banking group shares.

26.47 Council Policies. To prepare for the Internal Audit members are requested to review and approve the following policies:

- a) **IT Policy-** HALC model policy New
 - b) **Publication scheme-** ICO model policy unchanged
 - c) **Privacy Policy-** ICO model policy unchanged
 - d) **Accessibility Statement-** New policy
 - e) **Internal Controls -** review policy unchanged
 - f) **Asset Register** Addition of two new noticeboards and the defibrillator
- All the above policies were reviewed and it was **resolved** to adopt them as written.

26.48 Police Community Charter Priorities April-June 2026.

Members to review and consider Breinton priorities for April-June 2026.

Previously:

1. Thefts in the parish general
2. Anti-social behaviour at Breinton Springs
3. Speeding on Kings Acre Road from the Credenhill junction. **Deferred.**

26.49 Meeting Dates 2026-27.

For members to consider the calendar for

Meeting dates of the Council for 2026-27 Members considered the meeting dates and with a few changes they were **approved.**

26.50 To consider items for the next agenda.

Teamtalk.

Meeting ended at 9.20pm

Signed:

Dated: