

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING | 18th February, 2026

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

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

26.17 Co-option. For members to consider any applications for co-option.

Members considered the application for co-option received and it was **resolved** that Cllr Easter be co-opted to Breinton Parish Council. Members welcomed Cllr Easter and he signed the declaration of acceptance of office, witnessed by the Clerk.

26.18 Apologies for absence. To receive apologies for absence. Apologies

Received from John Wade Footpaths Officer who was ill. **Noted.**

26.19 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 Easter declared an other interest in agenda item 26.23.B as being a neighbour to the proposed works and previously objecting to the planning application. **Noted.**

26.20 To approve the minutes of the Council.

To confirm as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 21st January, 2026. The minutes of the meeting held on the 21st January 2026 were **approved** as a correct record and the Chairman duly signed a copy.

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

available. Cllr Taylor reported that she had had site meetings with the National Trust (regarding issues at Breinton Springs with drainage). She had also met with the Localities steward about several locations in the parish including by pigeon barns. Had attended a public realm meeting at HC where the future of the Localities Steward had been discussed but still unsure of what will happen once the contract with Balfour Beatty ends in June. The next parish summit is scheduled for 3rd March. Cllr Taylor highlighted the HC budget with 20 million pounds in cuts. However have invested in road repairs including potholes, flood resilience, temporary accommodation and repairs to the Shire Hall.

Cllr Moraweicka highlighted a planning enforcement case that members of the public had been in contact about. Cllr Taylor is to contact the enforcement officer for further information. **Noted.**

Cllr Taylor Left the meeting at 19.50pm

26.22 Public Open Session. To receive comments from the public on parish matters. No member of the public raised any questions or queries.

26.23 Planning.

1. For members to comment on the following planning applications to be determined by Herefordshire Council.
 - A. [P260060/FH](#) Rostherene, Breinton, Hereford. HR4 7PR. Single Storey extension to the front elevation. Valid. Comments by 23rd February. Members **resolved** not to comment on this planning application.
 - B. [P250728/F](#) Agricultural buildings north-west of Little Breinton, Hereford. HR4 7PH. Proposed modification of development to 5no dwellings at Little Breinton under the provisions of class Q, to include provision of new access, drainage infrastructure and parking facilities. Valid Comments by 23rd February. It was **resolved** to further object to the application on drainage issues. Any comments to be sent to the clerk before 20th February.
 - C. [P260028/FH](#) 6 Four Acres, Hereford. HR4 0SH. Application for variation of condition 2 of permission [P250172/FH](#) (1st floor side extension and new porch) to amend the drawings to include additional floorspace at first floor and full gable. Valid. Comments by 19th February. Members **resolved** not to comment on this planning application.
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 a response to the consultation. Closing date 10th March 2026. Cllr Morawiecka. For members to forward any comments to Cllr Morawiecka. **Noted.**

26.24 Biodiversity Action Plan. For members to receive an update and consider any actions. Cllr Morfett.
Herefordshire Council has launched the LNRS for public consultation. While the initial mapping data was helpful, concerns remain regarding unmapped ancient woodlands, traditional orchard heritage apple collections, Breinton Gorge river cliffs, and the omission of hedgerows.

The strategy also lacks clear recovery targets and funding support for local biodiversity planning.

The Parish Council's £2,000 biodiversity grant application was unsuccessful. The Council will continue volunteer-led work but is seeking funding for professional ecological input and digital habitat mapping. The roadside pond requires fly-tipped waste removal; however, high water levels are currently preventing clearance. **Noted.**

26.25 Hydrology Report for Breinton Parish. For members to receive an update on a Hydrology report and consider any actions. Members discussed this item and it was **resolved** that the Clerk seek three quotations for a Hydrology Report for Breinton Parish for consideration at the next meeting.

26.26 Localities. To receive any updates and consider any actions. Cllr Hull had Reported various potholes to HC. After the recent flooding again on the Kings Acre Road the ward councillor to check with BB on the jetting of gullies along the section known to flood. Any reports or complaints to the Ward Councillor. Also to encourage reporting of potholes and any drainage issues via the report it app. Clerk to write for the Teamtalk magazine on where to report. **Noted.**

26.27 Parish Footpath Officer. To receive a report and consider any actions. As the footpaths officer was not in attendance there was no report. **Noted.**

26.28 Lengthsman. To receive a report and consider any actions.

Works carried out 26th January. Cut growth from around sign faces and wash as required. Invoice 3818 as below.

To consider the repair of a damaged sign by the entrance to Arran Lodge. Would need to be removed to be straightened. It was **resolved** that the repair of signage was not a priority and would be reconsidered at a future date.

It was **resolved** to accept a quote received by the Lengthsman for £492.00 for the purchase and installation of two posts for weight restriction signage.

26.29 Village Hall Committee.

1 To consider a request from the Village Hall Committee to support a village community Ceilidh taking place in June. Amount requested £200.00. Members considered the request and it was **resolved** that the Parish Council would make a donation of £200.00

2 To receive a report from Cllr Lewis. Recent coffee morning had raised £140.00. Painting of the hall was to be done in February and the next meeting of the Village Hall Committee would take place in April. **Noted.**

26.30 Finance.

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

Clerk's Salary January, £682.92

Breinton Village Hall, INV 538 £45.00

Richard Mills 3818 £237.60

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

Members **approved** the above invoices for payment.

2. For members to note the following payments made between meetings: Bank Charges £4.25, FMS Hereford 3932 £45.42, Ionos £9.00 Will Watson 1912 £100. Members **noted** the payments made between meetings.

3. Bank Reconciliation. Members to approve the Bank Reconciliation dated, 11th February, 2026. Members **approved** the bank reconciliation dates 11th February, 2026.

4. Year-to-date expenditure. For members to review and approve the year-to-date expenditure. Members **approved** the year-to-date expenditure with no queries.

5. Earmarked and general reserves. For members to review and approve the earmarked and general reserves as of 11th February, 2026. It was **resolved** to defer this agenda item until the next meeting.

26.31 Correspondence. For members to note correspondence received by the clerk. No Correspondence received. **Noted.**

26.32 To consider items for the next agenda.

Earmarked and general reserves.

Meeting ended at 9.20pm

Signed:

Dated: