BREINTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING | 16th JULY 2025

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

Others in attendance: L Law, Clerk and J Wade Footpaths Officer. There were no members of the public in attendance.

25.37 Apologies for absence.

To receive apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Cllr T Prosser, Cllr J Morris and Ward Cllr C Taylor. **Noted.**

25.38 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 or written requests for dispensations received.

25.39 To approve the minutes of the Council.

To confirm as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 18th June, 2025. It was **resolved** that the minutes were a correct record of the meeting held on 18th June, 2025 and the Chairman signed a copy.

25.40 Ward Councillor Report. To receive a ward councillor report, if available. There was no report from the Ward Councillor as not in attendance. **Noted.**

25.41 Police Report. To receive a report from SNT North rural police team. A report received had been circulated to members of the council and is summerised as follows:

Incident Summary – Breinton Area

1. Theft from Vehicle (11/05/25, Breinton Springs Car Park)
   Purse stolen from a parked car. No suspect identified.
2. Dangerous Driving (12/06/25, A438)
   Report of dangerous driving by a Sergeant's bus. Under investigation.
3. Anti-Social Behaviour – Fire (03/07/25, Hill Road)
   Youths set fire to a hedgerow. No damage. Fire brigade attended.

4. Dog on the Loose (13/05/25, Breinton Road)
   Loose dog eventually contained. Dog warden called. **Noted.**

25.42 Planning.

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

1. P251780/F 262 Kings Acre Road, Hereford, HR4 0SD. Proposed variation of condition 1 of Planning Permission 241010 (Proposed variation of condition 2 of planning permission 233040 (Delivery and installation of temporary classroom on the car park of the Church. It is proposed that the classroom will be on site for 6 months) - Change of time period of permission from 6 months (24th July2024) to a additional 12 months (24th July 2025) - to further extend the use until 24 July 2026. Valid. The application was discussed by members and it was **resolved** that the Council would make no comment.

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

1. P250753/U 1 Warham Farm Cottage Breinton Hereford Herefordshire HR4 7PD Certificate of Lawful Development for the use of 1 Warham Cottage, without compliance with condition 3. (agricultural occupancy) imposed upon planning appeal decision (Ref: APP/5247/A/80/09481/G9). **Approved. Members noted the decision.**

25.41.2 Herefordshire Council Local Plan Call for Sites. The new standard method for calculating growth requirements has set a mandatory 20-year housing requirement for Herefordshire of 27,260 dwellings. To ensure additional flexibility and choice when identifying development land, the aim is to identify sufficient land to accommodate 30,000 dwellings with all other associated development required.

The call for sites seeks to evidence that the Local Plan can meet this target, accommodating housing, economic development, and infrastructure requirements, while also addressing key environmental goals and ensuring that growth is plan-led.

Further information is available here. **Noted.**

25.43 NDP Grants.

25.43.1 For members to receive an update regarding the removal of funding for NDPs by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. The update summarises the following points:

Background:
Neighbourhood planning has empowered over 2,400 communities, including 92 in Herefordshire, to shape local development. This success has been supported by grants and technical help.

Current Situation:
Due to the Spending Review:

- No new grant/technical support applications will be accepted.
- Current support will end by March 2025 (with some extensions to March 2026).
- The Champions Network and learning programmes are ending immediately.

Implications:
Loss of funding/support may hinder new and ongoing neighbourhood planning efforts, especially in resource-limited communities. The disbanding of the Champions Network could reduce mentorship and momentum.

Continued Importance of Support:
Neighbourhood planning supports:

- Local control over development
- Sustainable, high-quality outcomes
- Community cohesion
  Sustained support—through alternative funding or partnerships—is crucial.

Conclusion/Next Steps:
Neighbourhood planning remains vital. Advocacy is needed to restore MHCLG financial support and to keep promoting the value and development of neighbourhood plans. **Noted.**

25.43.2 For members to consider the following resolutions:

1. Call upon His Majesty's Government to provide increased and sustained funding to support the development, review, and implementation of Neighbourhood Plans.
2. Request that the Government ensures funding is accessible to all communities, to promote inclusivity and fairness in the planning process.

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3. Write to Ellie Chowns and the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities, and Local Government to communicate this resolution and advocate for enhanced support for neighbourhood planning.
   Members discussed the withdrawal of NDP funding for Parish Councils and it was **resolved** that the Council would support the resolutions to provide funding to support NDP's and write to Ellie Chowns MP and the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities, and Local Government, the Rt Hon Angela Rayner MP.

25.44 Localities. To receive an update from the Locality Steward and consider any actions needed. From 1st July our current Localities Steward Mike Gill is moving to South City Area to cover there. Clerk to write to the Localities Steward to thank him formally for his work done within Breinton Parish and to wish him well in the future. Cllr Morawiecka stated that works at Warham Cottages carried out by a subcontractor found tree roots blocking the old pipework. Some of the clay pipework has been dug out and replaced, although the whole section has not been completed. They were unable to dig under the road, as that requires a drainage plan and road closure in the future, and funding. **Noted.**

25.45 Parish Footpath Officer.

25.45.1. To receive a report from the Footpaths Officer and consider any actions. Steps on BT10 need remedial works carried out where soil has eroded and needs to be infilled. Strimming is needed on BT3, BT9 and BT2A. There was a recent report of an adder biting a dog. A notice to warn dog owners of adders has been placed at the location. **Noted.**

25.45.2 For members to consider any works and costs for the PROW grant application**.** Steps on BT10 and BT16 to be repaired or replaced. Cllr Hull to arrange a parish visit with the Lengthsman to discuss any works needed.

25.46 Lengthsman.

25.46.1 To receive a report and consider any actions. For members to note that the Parish Council has been awarded £2,070.00 for the Lengthsman Scheme 2025-26. Final claims to be received by 30th April 2026.

25.46.2 To consider any works and costs needed for the Lengthsman 2025-26. It was **approved** to raise a works order for strimming on BT3 BT9 and BT2A from the Kings Acre Road.

25.46.3 To consider any works and costs needed for the Drainage Grant 2025-26.Cllr Hull to arrange a parish visit with the Lengthsman to discuss works needed for the Drainage Grant. **Noted.**

25.47 Village Hall Committee. To receive a report and consider any actions. Cllr Lewis reported that there had not been a meeting of the Village Hall Committee held since the last Council meeting. **Noted.**

25.48 Parish Council Notice boards. For members to consider the replacement of parish noticeboards at the Village Hall and Green Lane. After discussion it was **resolved** that the Parish Council Notice Boards at the Village Hall and Green Lane be replaced. Members were shown different types of noticeboards and it was agreed that wooden oak finish would work best. It was **resolved** that two noticeboards, single bay 6A4 Landscape External Oak Noticeboards including posts, would be bought at a value of £3,669.93. Cllr Lewis suggested that she check with a local carpenter if they could provide the noticeboards needed at a cheaper price before ordering.

25.49 Plaque for bench. For members to consider purchasing a commemorative plaque and wording. After discussion it was **approved** to purchase a commemorative plaque. Wording to be agreed before purchase.

25.50 Hydrology Report for Breinton Parish. For members to receive an update on a Hydrology report and consider any actions. Item was **deferred** until next meeting due to the absence of Cllr Taylor.

25.51 Finance.

25.51.1 For members to consider the payment of the following:

Clerk's Salary June, £503.21,
Breinton Village Hall, 481 £18.00
Gill Rivers INV-25/2296 £100.00
Richard Mills Drainage Survey 3784 £480.00
SLCC clerk subscription MEM254720-3 £47.50
Invoices will be available for scrutiny at the meeting by members.
Members considered the payments and it was **resolved** that all payments be made. Cllr Lewis scrutinised and initialled the invoices.

25.51.2 For members to note the receipt of the following payments from Herefordshire Council:

£865.00 for PROW grant 2024-25.
£1920.00 for Drainage Grant 2024-25.

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Payments received were noted.

25.51.3 For members to note the following payments made between meetings: Bank Charges £4.25, FMS Hereford 3375 £45.42 Noted.

25.51.4 Bank Reconciliation. Members to approve the Bank Reconciliation dated 7th July 2025. The bank reconciliation dated 7th July was considered and **approved** by members.

25.51.5 Budget against spend. Members to receive and approve the budget against spend year to date totals. The budget against spend and year to date totals were received and **approved.**

25.52 West Mercia Police Charter Update. For members to consider the update of the Police Community Charter for the months July-September. Previous priorities were: 1.Thefts General 2. Anti-social behaviour at Breinton Springs 3. Speeding, Kings Acre Road from the Credenhill Junction to the beginning of the 30mph limit. After discussion it was **resolved** to keep the priorities for the Police Community Charter for the months July-September as 1. Thefts General 2. Anti-social behaviour at Breinton Springs 3. Speeding, Kings Acre Road from the Credenhill Junction to the beginning of the 30mph limit.

25.53 To consider items for the next agenda.

Hydrology report, Local Transport Plan.

Meeting Ended at 21.10pm

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