

Minutes of the Meeting of Brewham Parish Council held at Brewham Village Hall on Tuesday, 11th March 2025

Present: Robert Jackson (Chair), Eddie Harper, Richard Hiscock & Patricia Stainton.

In attendance: Sue Price (Clerk) and one member of the public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Lucy Trimnell and Tom Power.

Since the last meeting the Chairman had received a letter of resignation from Christopher Saxton following his move to Dorset.

2. **Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th January 2025:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2025 were unanimously approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. **Matters Arising:**

There were no matters arising that would not be dealt with elsewhere.

5. **Financial Business:**

Financial transactions:

Since the last meeting there had been no income and all the invoices which had been approved had been paid.

The financial transactions for the period 14th January-10th March 2025 were as follows:

Bank balances brought forward on 14 th January 2025	£5,146.46
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Expenditure:

Royal British Legion – 2 Remembrance Day wreaths	£40.00
Stuart Turnbull – website hosting and domain renewal	88.37

The Fund balances on 10th March 2025 were therefore:

General Fund	£2,883.63
Burial Ground Fund	384.43
Burial Ground Wall Repair Fund	250.00
Reserve Fund	1,500.00

Represented by Bank a/cs:

National Savings Bank Investment a/c	£859.03
Lloyds Bank Treasurers a/c	4,159.06

Total	£5,018.09
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Bank balances carried forward on 10 th March 2025	£5,018.09
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The Clerk requested authorisation to pay her annual salary & PAYE - £1,000 and the invoice for the Churchyard tap in the sum of £132.91 which is due on 1st April so before the May meeting . **It was unanimously agreed** that these be paid.

The Clerk confirmed that she has yet to set up the Microsoft business account.

6. Planning Applications:

i. Decisions on applications already considered by the Parish Council:

- a. 22/01688/FUL - Land OS 0006, Gladwill Farm, North Brewham, BA10 0JS –Application for change of use of agricultural hard standing to allow for siting of a mobile showman’s wagon trailer conversion for holiday let accommodation. Decision awaited.
- b. 3/00864/FUL - Lindum Farm, Bruton Road, Brewham, BA10 0JF - The erection of steel framed agricultural machinery storage shed. Decision awaited.
- c. 24/02267/LBC – Charcroft Farm, South Brewham, BA10 0LG – replacement of windows and doors on all elevations of dwellinghouse. Application approved.
- d. 25/00485/FUL - Border Farm, Border Lane, Brewham, Bruton, BA10 0JQ – replace stable building with artist studio and bat roost. Decision awaited.

ii. New application to be considered:

- a. 25/00503/FUL - Batts Farm, Hutchins Lane, Brewham, Bruton, BA10 0QN - Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement self-build dwelling, associated landscaping and formation of access. Councillors discussed this application and whether it would set a precedent by allowing the dwelling to be re-sited but agreed that in this case they were happy to support it because of the view from the nearby Tithe Barn.

iii. Any new applications received:

No new applications had been received.

7. Burial Ground, Churchyard, Common Land and Village Amenities:

New Parish Councillors -.Christopher Saxton had tendered his resignation and Eddie Harper advised that he too wished to tender his resignation with immediate effect. It was agreed that the Clerk would post notices advising that there are two vacancies and giving parishioners the opportunity to gather ten signatures in order for a formal election to be called should there be more than two prospective candidates. It was further agreed that Councillors would approach anyone they thought might be interested. Whether new Councillors are elected or co-opted then ideally they will be able to join the Parish Council by the May meeting.

The sheep have been grazing in the closed Churchyard and done a good job eating the long grass. The snowdrops have been very good this year.

8. Roads:

a. Outstanding matters:

Although the Highways Department continue to mend potholes others are constantly appearing and there are currently a number throughout the parish following the winter weather. The drains throughout the parish have recently been cleared although a number are still blocked and the intention is for them to be jetted.

b. New matters:

The surface at the bottom of Border Lane needs attention. The Clerk will continue to monitor and report new problems throughout the Parish.

9. Footpaths & Bridleways:

Outstanding matters:

The bridge repair department still need to repair the bridge beyond that and the Clerk is waiting for an answer from them about when they envisage doing this work which is now very overdue.

10. **Report from County Councillors:**

Neither of the County Councillors were able to attend the meeting but Tom Power had said that he will send his report shortly and the Clerk will circulate this once received.

11. **Report from the Police:**

The Clerk had not received a report from the Police but members of the Council updated on recent local thefts and suspicious vehicles seen around the village in the early hours of the morning.

12. **Dates of future meetings:**

At the January meeting it was agreed that meetings would continue to be held bi-monthly on the second Tuesday. Meetings for the year 2024/25 will therefore be held on Tuesdays, 13th May, 8th July, 9th September, 11th November 2025 and Tuesdays, 13th January and 10th March 2026. The Clerk requested whether it would be possible to bring forward the January 2026 meeting to 6th January as she is likely to be away on the 13th. Councillors were happy to agree that the January 2026 meeting be brought forward.

13. **Open Forum:**

On behalf of the members of the Parish Council the Chairman thanked Christopher Saxton and Eddie Harper for their valuable contributions during their time as Councillors.

There were no questions or comments and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.12 pm.

Signed RL Jackson Date..... 13th May 2025.....