

**Minutes of the meeting of Bronington Community Council
held at Whitewell Parish Rooms
on Wednesday 21st May 2025 at 7.00 pm**

Present	Cllrs Sue Clarke, Dave Evans, Louise Lindsay, Ben Martin (Chairperson), Robert Millington, Ian Rowley, Mark Watson. The Clerk. Two members of the public attended part of the meeting.					
1- Apologies	Cllrs Anna Edwards, Rob Hill, Ethna Norris, Steve Swinden.					
2- Declarations of Interest	Cllr Lindsay declared a pecuniary interest in:- item 12 as she is member of the Whitewell Parish Rooms Committee; item 13.1 as she is related to the applicant.					
3- Police Update	The police report had been circulated previously. Concerns were raised regarding reports in the local area of drivers of vehicles observing young children. Residents are advised to report any suspicious activity to the police.					
4- Open Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Council has received an anonymous letter regarding a request to cut the hedges and to install traffic calming measures on New Hall Lane.- Mrs Nunnerly spoke to the meeting in support of the grant application for Whitewell Church.					
5- Adoption of the minutes	Resolved:- The Council approved the minutes of the Business Meeting held on Wednesday 17th April 2025. Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Lindsay.					
6- Casual Vacancy	The Clerk has informed WCBC of Cllr Adams resignation from the Council. The vacancy has been posted on the website; WCBC is to advise whether there has been a request for an election.					
7- Matters Arising	There were no matters arising.					
8- Corres.	List previously circulated.					
9- Internal Procedures	Resolved:- The Council agreed to the following:- 9.1 To adopt Councillors Code of Conduct 9.2 To confirm the appointment of Responsible Financial Officer as Ruth Shackleton 9.3 To confirm and agree bank signatories – Cllrs Evans, Swinden, Martin and the Clerk. 9.4 To approve the Risk Assessment 9.5 To approve the Standing Orders 9.6 To approve the Financial Regulations Proposed by Cllr Watson and seconded by Cllr Evans. The Clerk is to book Cllrs Martin and Millington onto the Planning Training Courses.					
10- Accounts	<div>10.1 <u>Financial Year 2025 – 2026:-</u> The reconciled bank balance as at 30th April 2025 is as follows:- Lloyds Current Account £ 31,618.33.</div> <div>10.2 <u>Payments:-</u> To approve the following payments:-</div> <table><tr><th>Chq</th><th>Payee</th><th>Amount</th></tr></table>			Chq	Payee	Amount
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11- Annual Audit	<p>Resolved:- Councillors agreed to approve the following:-</p> <p>12.1 The Annual Governance Statement with respect to the Council’s accounting statements for the year ended 31st March 2025.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Evans.</p> <p>12.2 The Annual Return for year ended 31st March 2025 (including Explanation of Year on Year Variance, Fixed Assets and Allocation of Closing Balance).</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Evans.</p> <p>12.3 <u>Internal Audit:-</u></p> <p>Jake Gurr FCA has carried out the Internal Audit; there were no issues / concerns raised.</p> <p>The Council noted the report.</p>																								
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13- Planning	<p>13.1 <u>Applications Received:-</u> P/2025/0356 Listed building consent for construction of agricultural track to improve existing access and all associated works at Brunett Farm, Tybroughton Resolved:- The Council agreed to support the application. P/2024/1654 – erection of agricultural building for storage and workshop at Church Holding Whitewell Resolved:- The Council agreed to support the application.</p> <p>13.2 <u>New Applications Received:-</u> None received.</p> <p>13.3 <u>Decisions:-</u> Refused:- P/2025/0178 - Lodge Cottage, Drury Lane, Tybroughton Granted:- P/2025/0183 - Cranberry Farm, Drury Lane, Tybroughton Withdrawn:- P/2025/0192 - High Ash, Little Green, Bronington</p>
14- Vehicle Activated Signage (VAS)	<p>Cllr Martin updated the meeting regarding concerns about TWM who were due to supply and install the VAS's. He is to liaise with Cllr Swinden regarding the matter; the Clerk is to confirm that no payment has been made.</p>
15- VE Commemorations	<p>Cllr Martin updated the meeting regarding the three events which took place to commemorate VE Day (the lighting of the beacon; the Bronington coffee morning and the evening event at Whitewell).</p> <p>There has been a post meeting debrief; it was felt that three events was too much for just the Council to be responsible to organise. In future, the Council are happy to support events and will look to allocate responsibilities. The Council thanked all volunteers involved who made the events happen.</p>
16- Barry Barlow Play Area	<p>16.1 <u>Updates:-</u> Cllr Millington expressed concerns regarding the state of the play area e.g. the grass, the swing seats and the seesaw. The equipment is to be inspected immediately by the BBPA Working Party and de-commissioned if not fit for purpose.</p> <p>16.2 <u>New Equipment:-</u> There is to be a site meeting of the working group to discuss the short / medium / long term requirements of the play area.</p> <p>16.3 <u>Annual Inspection:-</u> The Clerk is to make arrangements for ROSPA to carry out the annual inspection and for Cllrs to attend.</p>
17- Community Room	<p>17.1 <u>Updates:-</u> Cllr Martin advised that Whitchurch Rotary are at the next coffee morning and will be promoting the prostate cancer testing programme.</p>

	<p>17.2 <u>Coffee Mornings:-</u> No update.</p> <p>17.3 <u>Risk assessment:-</u> Deferred.</p> <p>17.4 <u>Community Room Agreement:-</u> Cllr Martin advised the meeting that the agreement is out of date and there is a further amendment regarding use of the Community Room by the school.</p>
18- Annual Reports	<p>18.1 <u>2023 and 2024:-</u> Cllr Martin is to email the Annual Report to the Clerk so as it can be posted on the website.</p> <p>18.1 <u>2025:-</u> Work in progress.</p>
19- Roads Working Group	There is to be an informal meeting to discuss plans.
20- Street Furniture	<p>20.1 <u>Bench:-</u> The Clerk has contacted the Ward Cllr regarding the request who has advised that permission will be required from WCBC.</p> <p>20.2 <u>Gateway entrance signage:-</u> The Clerk has contacted the Ward Cllr regarding the request and further information is required to progress e.g. location, style.</p> <p>20.3 <u>Noticeboard for Bronington:-</u> Cllr Lindsay is to advise regarding quotes.</p>
21- Defibrillators	All defibrillators are in working order.
22- Possible Council Name Change	This item was deferred.
23- Historic Community Fundraising	There has been a meeting of the group to decide how to distribute the funds.
24- Biodiversity	Cllr Clarke is to update the Council's biodiversity document which is to be considered by the Council at the June meeting.
25- To receive updates / reports from outside organisations	No updates.
26- Any Other Ward Business	<p>To receive any updates from the Wards:-</p> <p><u>Ty Broughton:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Millington raised concerns about the potholes. <p><u>Iscoyd:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Clarke commented on the condition of road signs. <p><u>Bronington:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Martin is to forward the concerns raised regarding New Hall Lane to Ward Cllr Newton. - Cllr Watson commented that the 20 mph speed signage on School Lane is not legal.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm