



Bronington Community Council

serving the wards of Iscody, Bronington and Tybroughton

Minutes of the meeting of Bronington Community Council held at Whitewell Parish Rooms on Wednesday 16th July 2025 at 7.00 pm

Present	Cllrs Sharon Beddow, Rob Hill, 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 Sue Clarke, Dave Evans, Anna Edwards, Ethna Norris, Steve Swinden.
2- Declarations of Interest	Cllr Beddow declared a pecuniary interest in item 13.2 as she works for the Bradbury Centre.
3- Police Update	The police report had been circulated previously. Residents are advised to report any suspicious activity to the police.
4- Open Forum	There was no consideration of this item.
5- Adoption of the minutes	Resolved:- Item 13.2 was amended from The Rainbow Centre to Nightingale House. The Council then approved the minutes of the Business Meeting held on Wednesday 16th June 2025. Proposed by Cllr Lindsay and seconded by Cllr Watson.
6- Casual Vacancy	The Council has received four Expressions of Interest from Sharon Beddow, William Davy, Carol Graves and Tori Watson to fill the one vacancy on the Council Resolved:- The Council voted to co-opt Sharon Beddow; she duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Lindsay.
7- Matters Arising	7.1 20 mph signage on School Lane:- The Council agreed to write to the Head of Highways at WCBC to express concerns that the 20 mph signage on School Lane is not compulsory and is only an advisory speed limit. 7.2 Speed signage on New Hall Lane:- The Clerk is to clarify the legal speed limit with WCBC. 7.3 Potholes:- The Clerk has reported the poor condition of the road surface on the A495 from Fenns Bank Road to then turning at Fenns bank cottage onto Brick Walls road to the canal; WCBC has carried out repairs.
8- Corres.	List previously circulated.
9- Accounts	9.1 <u>Financial Year 2025 – 2026:-</u> The reconciled bank balance as at 30 th June 2025 is as follows:- Lloyds Current Account £ 26,400.41. 9.2 <u>Payments:-</u> To approve the following payments:-

	Chq	Payee	Amount
	Online	Running Costs	£ 32.85
	Online	Little Red Tractor Company (Jun 25)	£ 262.40
	Online	Planning Aid Wales (training)	£ 20.00
	Online	HMRC Quarter 1	£ 27.06
	Online	ROSPA (annual inspection)	£ 160.80
	Online	DONATION:- Riding for the Disabled (Clwyd)	£ 340.00
	Online	DONATION:- Wales Air Ambulance	£ 320.00
	Online	DONATION:- Whitchurch Rotary	£ 230.00
	Online	DONATION:- Nightingale House	£ 215.00
	The Clerk's salary was paid by standing order. <u>Receipts:-</u> Coffee Morning donations - £170.00 Resolved: - Councillors agreed to accept the Financial Report and to approve the above payments. Proposed by Cllr Hill and seconded by Cllr Watson.		
9.3	<u>Bank Signatory:-</u> The Clerk is in the process of adding Cllr Lindsay as a bank signatory.		
10- Planning	10.1	<u>Applications Received:-</u> P/2025/0498 – conversion of outbuilding into residential annexe at High Ash, Little Green, Bronington Resolved:- The Council agreed to support the application. Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Lindsay.	
	10.2	<u>New Applications Received:-</u> None received.	
	10.3	<u>Decisions:-</u> Granted:- P/2025/0278 - Land at Higher Lanes, Iscoyd P/2024/1654 - Church Holding Whitewell	
	10.4	<u>Shropshire planning application:-</u> 25/02297/FUL change of use to traveller site on A525/A41 junction – the Council expressed concerns regarding that this is a retrospective planning application and could set a precedent; increase in traffic which will impact on the ward of Bronington. Cllr Martin is to prepare a letter of objection to send to Shropshire Council.	
11- Vehicle Activated Signage (VAS)	Cllr Martin informed the meeting that there has been no response to the letter that Cllr Swinden sent to TWM to advise that the order has been cancelled. The Roads Working Group is due to meet to look at alternative suppliers. The Clerk suggested that the Council check with Highways at WCBC before placing an order for any VAS to ensure that they are happy with the		

	specification.
12- Barry Barlow Play Area	<p>12.1 <u>Updates:-</u> Cllr Martin informed the meeting that the grant application that was submitted to the Prosperous Communities Wrexham Key Fund Financial Support Award was successful. The Council has been awarded a grant of £24,682.00 towards new play equipment to replace the current climbing frame. The project is due to be completed by December 2025. The grant will be paid retrospectively after the equipment has been installed; there are arrangements should this cause an issue with the Council's cash flow. When the equipment has been installed the Council is to arrange for ROSPA to carry out an inspection of the new equipment. The Council formally thanked Cllr Martin for all his efforts in preparing the application. He is to circulate a copy of the grant application to Councillors. There is to be a meeting of the BBPA Working Group to draw up a scale site drawing and to agree a time schedule to remove the old equipment and install the new equipment. The Council will need to contribute £7,500.00 towards the improvements; the Clerk is to amend the budget figures to include this amount.</p> <p>12.2 <u>New Equipment:-</u> The Council discussed the proposed improvements.</p> <p>12.3 <u>Annual Inspection:-</u> ROSPA has carried out the annual inspection and the report has been circulated. Cllrs attended a meeting with the Inspector after the inspection has taken place. The report includes a recommendation that the bearings on the roundabout require attention; Cllr Rowley is to attach plastic spikes above the swings to prevent birds making a mess of the seats.</p>
13- Community Room	<p>13.1 <u>Updates:-</u> No updates.</p> <p>13.2 <u>Coffee Mornings:-</u> A total of £130.00 was raised at the May coffee morning in aid of Whitchurch Rotary; the Council is to match fund this by £100.00. A total of £115.00 was raised at the June coffee morning in aid of Nightingale House; the Council is to match fund this by £100.00. The July coffee morning is in aid of The Bradbury Centre. Resolved:- The Council agreed to make the following donations:- Wales Air Ambulance:- £320.00 Whitchurch Rotary:- £230.00 Nightingale House:- £215.00 Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Rowley.</p>
14- Annual Reports	<p>14.1 <u>2023 and 2024:-</u> Cllr Martin and Lindsay are due to meet to finalise the Annual Report for it to be posted on the website.</p> <p>14.2 <u>2025:-</u> See item 14.1.</p>

15- Roads Working Group	See item 11.
16- Street Furniture	<p>16.1 <u>Bench:-</u> Cllr Lindsay is to obtain quotes for the bench which are to be considered at the August meeting.</p> <p>16.2 <u>Noticeboard for Bronington:-</u> There has been a delay with the order for the noticeboard due to a miscommunication and the lack of any response to emails and phone calls made to The Parish Noticeboard Company. Resolved:- The Council agreed change the order from a wooden to an aluminium noticeboard due to a reduction in the cost, less maintenance required and a shorter lead time. The new cost is £1,780.00 plus VAT from The Parish Noticeboard Company with a header of Bronington Community Council. Proposed by Cllr Rowley and seconded by Cllr Watson.</p>
17- Defibrillators	The defibrillators are all in working order.
18- One Voice Wales	Cllrs Martin and Clarke are to represent the Council and attend of OVW meeting.
19- Possible Council Name Change	There was no consideration of this matter.
20- Dog Waste Bins	<p>Cllr Martin has spoken with Edward Wardle about installing a pet waste stations (including a dog waste bag dispenser and dog waste bin) at Bronington Church who is supportive of the idea.</p> <p>WCBC has advised that they do not empty dog waste bins; it was suggested that a private contractor be employed to empty the bin(s).</p> <p>The Council agreed not to proceed with the order until the arrangements to empty the bin(s) have been made.</p>
21- To receive updates / reports from outside organisations	No updates.
22- 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"> - No updates. <p><u>Iscoyd:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Millington advised there is a badger set located under the road (this has been reported to WCBC). <p><u>Bronington:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Martin informed the meeting that the A525 is due to be closed at Horsemans Green for three months from 18th August to carry out works to the water mains. - Cllr Watson advised that the website needs to be updated. - Cllr Rowley informed the meeting on anti-social behaviour regarding dogs in the neighbourhood.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm