



Bronington Community Council

serving the wards of Iscoyd, Bronington and Tybroughton

Minutes of the meeting of Bronington Community Council held at Whitewell Parish Rooms on Wednesday 21st January 2026 at 7.00 pm

Present	Cllrs Dave Evans, Rob Hill, Louise Lindsay, Ben Martin (Chairperson), Robert Millington, Ethna Norris, Ian Rowley, Mark Watson. Steve Swinden. The Clerk. PCSO. No members of the public attended the meeting.
1- Apologies	Cllrs Sharon Beddow, Sue Clarke, Anna Edwards.
2- Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest.
3- Police Update	The police report had been circulated previously. The PSCO attended the meeting. Cllr Martin expressed concerns about the increase of incidents in the local area and is mindful that the rapid expansion of local towns could encroach into what is a relatively crime free rural area. The Council discussed inviting the Inspector to a meeting to address various local concerns. It was suggested that local residents could submit their concerns in advance of the meeting. The PCSO confirmed that the police report does not include RTCs and that the Traffic department may be able to provide figures. A request was made for the speed gun to be deployed on the A495. The PCSO was invited to attend the coffee mornings in both Bronington and Whitewell. The PCSO is to send details of the various ways to contact the police for residents to report issues. <i>Residents are advised to report any suspicious activity to the police.</i>
4- Open Forum	There was no consideration of this item.
5- Adoption of the minutes	Resolved:- The Council approved the minutes of the Business Meeting held on Wednesday 19th November 2025. Proposed by Cllr Norris and seconded by Cllr Lindsay.
6- Matters Arising	Cllr Martin updated the meeting about the proposed works to cut back trees at Fenns Wood; he is due to meet with the landowner to discuss local concerns about the proposed works.
7- Corres.	List previously circulated.
8- Training Plan	Cllrs have attended training courses.
9- Accounts	9.1 <u>Financial Year 2025 – 2026:-</u> The reconciled bank balance as at 31 st December 2025 is as follows:- Lloyds Current Account £19,500.61

9.3 Payments:-
To approve the following payments:-

Chq	Payee	Amount
Online	Running Costs	£ 86.85
Online	Little Red Tractor Company (Nov and Dec 25)	£525.60
Online	HMRC PAYE	£ 27.06
Online	Reimburse Cllr Beddow Santa Event cost	£ 21.69
Online	Reimburse Cllr Swinden Santa Event cost	£ 76.96
Online	Reimburse Cllr Martin Santa Event cost	£155.78
Online	Reimburse Cllr Lindsay Santa Event cost	£ 39.12
Online	Reimburse Cllr Evans Santa Event cost	£ 70.00
Online	Bronington Friendship Club - Coffee morning donation – Oct	£225.00
Online	Guide Dogs - Coffee morning donation - Nov	£385.00

The Clerk's salary was paid by standing order.

Receipts:-

Cadwyn Clwyd (Grant BBPA) - £10,000.00

WCBC (Precept) - £8,452.34

HMRC (VAT reimbursed) - £5,853.19

Resolved: - Councillors agreed to accept the Financial Report and to approve the above payments.

Proposed by Cllr Rowley and seconded by Cllr Norris.

9.3 Internal Audit:-

The current internal auditor has written to advise that he is retiring therefore the Council is to look to appoint a new internal auditor.

10. Budget for the 2026 – 2027 Financial Year

The Council agreed to defer this item to the February meeting.

11. Precept

The Council considered the amount to set the precept for the 2026 – 2027 financial year.

Resolved:- The Council agreed to set the precept for 2026 – 2027 financial year at £26,624.00. This represents a £1,267.00 (5%) increase on the amount that was requested last year.

Proposed by Cllr Swinden and seconded by Cllr Lindsay.

12- Planning

12.1 Applications Received:-

P/2025/0881 – installation of bay windows / door to rear at 4 Old Farm Close New Hall Lane Bronington

Observations:-

The Council made no observations.

P/2025/0887 – conversion of garage into living accommodation with link extension to existing dwelling at Drury Lane Cottage, Drury Lane, Tybroughton

Observations:-

The Council support the application.

P/2025/0949 – conversion of agricultural building to residential dwelling at The Lodge, Drury Lane, Tybroughton

Observations:-

The Council do not support the application based on the following concerns:-

- Parking concerns:- the proposed conversion would result in the loss of the current parking spaces used by the neighbouring property which would result in vehicles being parked on a public highway sited close to a road junction
- Concerns regarding whether the application conforms with the Wrexham Development Plan.

P/2025/0945 – demolition of conservatory and outbuildings and erection of two story side / rear and single storey rear extensions at Tyddyn, Higher Lanes, Iscoyd

Observations:-

The Council made no observations.

Resolved: - Councillors agreed to accept the above observations.

Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Evans.

12.2 New Applications Received:-

The Council discussed the following prior notifications:-

P/2026/0001 - prior notification for erection of agricultural building for storage of machinery, vehicles, tools and produce at Land off Ellesmere Road, Bronington

Observations:-

The Council oppose the application based the overall footprint of 226 m2 for the proposed agricultural building.

P/2026/0002 – prior notification for erection of agricultural building – four polytunnels at Land off Ellesmere Road, Bronington

Observations:-

The Council oppose the application based the overall footprint of 400 m2 for the proposed polytunnels.

P/2026/0003 – prior notification for the laying of hardcode to access entrance area and construction of parking manouvering area at Land off Ellesmere Road, Bronington

Observations:-

The Council oppose the application based on safety concerns regarding access onto the A495.

Resolved: - Councillors agreed to submit the above observations.

Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Hill.

12.3 Decisions:-

Granted:-

P/2023/0360 - Bank Farm Higher Lanes Iscoyd

	<p>Refused:- P/2024/0087 - Chapel Farm Meadows Whitewell P/2024/0086 - Chapel Farm Meadows Whitewell</p>
13- Vehicle Activated Signage (VAS)	There was no consideration of this item.
14- Roads Working Group	There was no consideration of this item.
15- Barry Barlow Play Area	<p>Cllr Martin updated the meeting:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The BBPA project is due to be completed by 31st January 2026. - The Council has to submit a further application form by 10th February 2026 for the balance of the grant from Cadwyn Clywd; Cllr Martin advised that he will complete and submit the form. - The Working Party has met to discuss the scope of works which are due to be carried out this weekend. The Council is to order fifty bags of bark. The original suggestion was to use plastic edging; however, the price has increased and there is currently a shortage of supply; the Council discussed using tanalised timber as cheaper alternative. It was agreed to defer a decision about the edging until later in the year.
16- Community Room	<p>16.1 <u>Donations:-</u> A total of £125.00 was raised at the October coffee morning are to be donated to the Bronington Friendship Club. The Council is to add £100.00 making it a total of £225.00. A total of £285.00 was raised at the November coffee morning are to be donated to the Guide Dogs. The Council is to add £100.00 making it a total of £385.00. The Council discussed the causes for 2026:- January – North Wales Air Ambulance February - Higher Wych Charity March - Bronington Friendship Club April – tba May – tba June – tba July – tba August – tba September – tba October - Bronington Friendship Club November – Guide Dogs December - tba</p> <p>16.2 <u>Inspection:-</u> Cllr Martin informed the meeting that there is an inspection taking place next month to ensure the building is compliant with health and safety regulations. Some work is required in the Community Room e.g. fire extinguisher, labelling doors, risk assessment etc</p>
17- Christmas Events	<p>Cllr Martin updated the meeting about the three events which took place:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the “Neighbourhood Santa Truck”; £160.00 was raised in donations; - the coffee morning in Bronington; - the two events in Whitewell. <p>The Council agreed to do only two events this year – the “Neighbourhood Santa Truck” and the coffee morning in Bronington.</p>

	The Council thanked both Cllr Beddow and Cllr Martin for co-ordinating the events and Cllrs for their help.
18- Street Furniture	18.1 <u>Bench:-</u> Arrangements are in progress for the bench to be installed. 18.2 <u>Noticeboard for Whitewell:-</u> There was no consideration of this item.
19- Defibrillators	The 'used by' dates for pads and batteries for the defibrillators are to be checked.
20- Email Address	This item was deferred.
21- To receive updates from outside organisations	There was no consideration of this item.
22- Any Other Ward Business	To receive any updates from the Wards:- <u>Tybroughton:-</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bright Lights:- from property opposite the Redbook Maelor Junction causing distraction to drivers. Cllr Martin is to speak with the owners. - Blocked grid:- Cllr Lindsay is to advise the location using W3W which the Clerk is to report to WCBC. - Pothole at Holly Bank:- the Clerk is to report to WCBC. <u>Iscoyd:-</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Broomers Lane:- issues with flooding has been reported to Ward Cllr Newton. <u>Bronington:-</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Old Bus Depot site:- grid / telegraph pole
Part Two	
1. Press and Public	This item was deferred.
2. Clerk's Salary	This item was deferred.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm