



# 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 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026 at 7.00 pm

| Present                     | Cllrs Sharon Beddow, Sue Clarke, Dave Evans, Rob Hill, Louise Lindsay, Ben Martin (Chairperson), Ian Rowley.<br>The Clerk. One member of the public attended part of the meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |          |  |     |       |        |        |               |         |        |                                     |          |
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| 1- Apologies                | Cllrs Robert Millington, Ethna Norris, Steve Swinden, Mark Watson.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |          |  |     |       |        |        |               |         |        |                                     |          |
| 2- Declarations of Interest | There were no declarations of interest made.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |          |  |     |       |        |        |               |         |        |                                     |          |
| 3- Police Update            | The police report had been circulated previously.<br><i>Residents are advised to report any suspicious activity to the police.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |          |  |     |       |        |        |               |         |        |                                     |          |
| 4- Open Forum               | A resident spoke to the meeting regarding their planning application P/2025/0949.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |          |  |     |       |        |        |               |         |        |                                     |          |
| 5- Adoption of the minutes  | <b>Resolved:- The Council approved the minutes of the Business Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2026.</b><br><b>Proposed by Cllr Lindsay and seconded by Cllr Evans.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |          |  |     |       |        |        |               |         |        |                                     |          |
| 6- Matters Arising          | There were no matters arising from the minutes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |          |  |     |       |        |        |               |         |        |                                     |          |
| 7- Corres.                  | List previously circulated.<br>The Clerk is to respond to the Town and Community survey on behalf of the Council.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |          |  |     |       |        |        |               |         |        |                                     |          |
| 8- Training Plan            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cllr Lindsay confirmed that the Council's training plan has been updated and is to be uploaded to the Council website.</li><li>Cllr Beddow reported on the recent "Council Meetings" training session she attended, which included guidance on facilitating remote attendance at meetings via Zoom for members of the public and the press.</li><li>Cllr Hill advised that, due to technical issues, he was unable to join the training session that he was booked to attend.</li><li>The Council agreed to investigate the purchase of a laptop to enable Cllrs without suitable equipment to attend online training sessions and to facilitate remote attendance at Council meetings by Cllrs and members of the public where appropriate.</li></ul> |          |  |     |       |        |        |               |         |        |                                     |          |
| 9- Accounts                 | <div>9.1 <u>Financial Year 2026 – 2027:-</u><br/>The reconciled bank balance as at 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026 is as follows:-<br/>Lloyds Current Account £26,452.88</div> <div>10.2 <u>Payments:-</u><br/>To approve the following payments:-</div> <table><tr><th>Chq</th><th>Payee</th><th>Amount</th></tr><tr><td>Online</td><td>Running Costs</td><td>£ 31.46</td></tr><tr><td>Online</td><td>Little Red Tractor Company (Jun 26)</td><td>£ 262.80</td></tr></table>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |          |  | Chq | Payee | Amount | Online | Running Costs | £ 31.46 | Online | Little Red Tractor Company (Jun 26) | £ 262.80 |
| Chq                         | Payee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Amount   |  |     |       |        |        |               |         |        |                                     |          |
| Online                      | Running Costs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | £ 31.46  |  |     |       |        |        |               |         |        |                                     |          |
| Online                      | Little Red Tractor Company (Jun 26)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | £ 262.80 |  |     |       |        |        |               |         |        |                                     |          |

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|                           | Online                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | One Voice Wales (training)                             | £ 86.00  |
|                           | Online                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | ROSPA Annual Inspection                                | £ 388.80 |
|                           | Online                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | GRANT:- Bronington Childrens Club                      | £ 459.74 |
|                           | Online                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | GRANT:- Bronington School                              | £ 300.00 |
|                           | Online                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Reimburse B Martin stationery and coffee morning costs | £ 87.53  |
|                           | <p>The Clerk's salary was paid by standing order.</p> <p><u>Receipts:-</u></p> <p>None received</p> <p><b>Resolved: - Councillors agreed to accept the Financial Report and to approve the above payments.</b></p> <p><b>Proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Beddow.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                        |          |
| <b>10. Annual Reports</b> | The Annual Report for 2025 – 26 is due to be circulated to the Council.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                        |          |
| <b>11- Planning</b>       | <p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>11.1 <u>Applications Received:-</u></p> <p>P/2026/0311 – single storey rear extension at The Cottage, Little Green, Bronington</p> <p><b>Resolved: - The Council agreed to support the application.</b></p> <p><b>Proposed by Cllr Clarke and seconded by Cllr Evans.</b></p> <p>P/2025/0949 - conversion of agricultural building to residential dwelling at The Lodge Drury Lane Tybroughton</p> <p><b>Resolved: - The Council agreed to support the application.</b></p> <p><b>Proposed by Cllr Clarke and seconded by Cllr Evans.</b></p> <p>P/2026/0072 – two storey side extension, single storey extension, alterations to roof including loft conversion and dormers to front and rear at Villa Kontich, Tybroughton</p> <p><b>Resolved: - The Council resolved not to support the application and made the following observations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposed scale, massing and design of the extensions and roof alterations are considered to be out of keeping with the character and appearance of neighbouring properties and the surrounding area.</li> <li>• The Council is concerned that approving the application could set an undesirable precedent for similar forms of development within the locality.</li> <li>• The Council would welcome a revised proposal that is more sympathetic to the local vernacular and better reflects the rural character of the area.</li> </ul> <p><b>Proposed by Cllr Clarke and seconded by Cllr Evans.</b></p> <p>11.2 <u>New Applications Received:-</u></p> <p>No new Planning Applications have been received.</p> <p>11.3 <u>Decisions:-</u></p> <p>None received.</p> <p>11.4 <u>Bronington Against Waste Facility:-</u></p> <p>Cllr Martin is in the process of drafting the Council's response.</p> |                                                        |          |

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|                                            | <p>11.5 <u>Enquiry regarding land for local needs:-</u><br/> The Council considered correspondence regarding the potential development of a parcel of land in Bronington for local needs / affordable housing.<br/> The landowners were invited to attend the meeting to provide further information but declined the invitation.<br/> In the absence of further details, the Council agreed that it was unable to make any comments on the proposal at this stage and would require more specific information before forming a view.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>12- Vehicle Activated Signage (VAS)</b> | <p>Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elan City has clarified the expected six-month battery lifespan is 2 – 3 years with a guarantee for 6 months; the cost of replacement battery is £68.00 plus VAT.</li> <li>• The Clerk has contacted Ward Cllr regarding the permissions required for the installation of the VAS to request that WCBC relocate the existing pole on the A495 and install a new pole on the A525 at The Chequer and to enquire with WCBC regarding the installation arrangements and associated requirements for the VAS. WCBC require the What3Words references for the proposed sites for the poles to progress the request. Cllrs are to make a site visit to establish the preferred sites which will be submitted to WCBC.</li> </ul> |
| <b>13- Roads Working Group</b>             | <p>Cllr Martin updated the Council on progress with the petition seeking a reduction in the speed limit on the A495 through Bronington.<br/> The petition has been prepared and is to be circulated to residents, with a target of obtaining 600 signatures.<br/> The petition will be submitted to WCBC in support of a formal request to reduce the speed limit. Andrew Ranger MP has expressed his support for the proposal.<br/> The Council is also compiling a record of accidents that have occurred along this stretch of the A495 since 2020 and intends to submit a Freedom of Information request to North Wales Police for the official collision data.</p>                                                                                                            |
| <b>14- Barry Barlow Play Area</b>          | <p>14.1 <u>Update:-</u><br/> The Clerk has contacted the grounds maintenance contractor to request that they remove the grass cuttings at the play area.</p> <p>14.2 <u>ROSPA:-</u><br/> ROSPA has carried out the annual play area inspection and the post-installation inspection of the recently installed play equipment. The report has been circulated to Cllrs.<br/> Cllr Rowley updated the meeting of some of the minor works required as indicated on the report.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>15- Community Room</b>                  | <p>15.1 <u>Updates:-</u><br/> To receive update</p> <p>15.2 <u>Coffee Mornings:-</u><br/> Donations raised to date included as below:-<br/> January - North Wales Air Ambulance (£150 plus £100 match fund)<br/> February - Higher Wych Charity (£190 plus £100 match fund)<br/> March - Bronington Friendship Club (£130 plus £50 match fund)<br/> March - Bradbury Centre (£130 plus £50 match fund)<br/> April - Bronington Children's Club<br/> May - Nightingale House Hospice</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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|                                                          | <p>June – Rainbow Foundation<br/> July – Charriotts<br/> August – no coffee morning<br/> September – Riding for the Disabled<br/> October – Bronington Friendship Club<br/> November – Guide Dogs<br/> December – tbc</p> <p>15.3 <u>Expansion Project:-</u><br/> See part 2.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>16- Street Furniture</b>                              | <p><u>Noticeboard for Whitewell:-</u><br/> Cllr Martin is in the process of obtaining three quotes for a 3 panel oak, wooden noticeboard.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>17- Defibrillators</b>                                | <p>Cllrs Lindsay and Martin are due to meet with Andrew Watts to discuss ongoing support of the defibrillators and arranging defibrillator training sessions<br/> Cllr Norris has provided the Clerk with details of the pads for the defibrillator at Iscoyd; the Clerk is in the process of making arrangements to replace them.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>18- Email Address</b>                                 | <p>There was no consideration of this item.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>19- To receive updates from outside organisations</b> | <p>There was no consideration of this item.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>20- Any Other Ward Business</b>                       | <p>20.1 <u>Iscoyd War memorial:-</u><br/> Concerns were raised again regarding the condition of the oak tree at the memorial. Cllr Martin is to make enquiries to establish ownership of the land before any works are considered.</p> <p>20.2 <u>Parcel Deliveries:-</u><br/> Cllr Clarke reported residents' concerns regarding parcels being delivered to incorrect addresses. The Council discussed possible ways to address the issue, including the provision of a local parcel collection/drop-off point or encouraging residents to make alternative arrangements with neighbours through existing local WhatsApp groups.</p> <p>20.3 <u>New Hall Farm:-</u><br/> Councillors raised concerns regarding the poor condition of the property and the two static caravans located on the site. It was agreed that the matter be referred to WCBC Planning Enforcement Team for investigation.</p> |
| <b>PART TWO</b>                                          | <p><b>Resolved:- The Council agreed to exclude the press and members of the public as the items to be discussed relate to contractual matters. Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Evans.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

**The meeting closed at 9.15 pm**