

## **BRAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL**



### **Minutes of the Braunton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10 February 2026 at 7pm in the Parish Hall, Chaloners Road, Braunton.**

	<b><u>Present</u></b>	Cllrs: M Shapland, R Shapland, T Kirby, A Bryant, V Cann, M Cann and E Blackmore, R Byrom, G Bell, E Spear and D Spear  Officers: A Corner, Senior Council Officer  District Councillor Simon Maddocks
254/2025/26	<b><u>Apologies</u></b>	Received from: Cllr D Relph - attending a course Cllr L Childs – on holiday District Cllr P Maskell
255/2025/26	<b><u>Items not on the agenda, which in the opinion of the Chairman should be brought to the attention of the Council</u></b>	The Chairman reminded councillors of the Council Surgery being held in the Parish Hall on Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 10.30am.
256/2025/26	<b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b>	Cllr R Byrom declared a non-registerable interest in Minute Reference 272/2025/26 v) as he is a member of Braunton Caen Rotary Club.
257/2025/26	<b><u>Public Participation</u></b>	None present.
258/2025/26	<b><u>Minutes</u></b>	RESOLVED: That the: a. Minutes of the Council meeting held on 13 January 2026 be approved and signed as a correct record.  (7.0.4abs)
259/2025/26	<b><u>Action Sheet</u></b>	The action sheet was noted.  The Senior Council Officer reported to members that the transfer over to the RingGo car park payment app was going ahead through the North Devon Council account. No date had been given

		for the transfer but was expected to be soon.
260/2025/26	<b><u>Police Representation</u></b>	<p>a. There was no police representative present.</p> <p>b. The Councillor Advocate was not present.</p>
261/2025/26	<b><u>Report from Devon County Councillor</u></b>	The report from Devon County Councillor was noted and is attached as <b>appendix one</b> . County Cllr G Bell also reported that the DCC Budget, which will be announced next week' looks impressive and is balanced. There is an extra £700,000 for SEND and additional funding for improvements in Highways.
262/2025/26	<b><u>Report from North Devon District Councillors</u></b>	<p>District Cllr E Spear confirmed the positive news that the Trade Waste service will continue and congratulated the Senior Council Officer on her letter sent on behalf of the Parish Council.</p> <p>Cllrs commented that clarification was required as the Trade recycling had not been resolved.</p> <p>District Cllr S Maddocks reported that NDC are looking at a 46% uplift to provide the trade waste service.</p> <p>Cllrs also requested clarification from NDC on the 46% uplift.</p>
263/2025/26	<b><u>Planning</u></b>	<p>a) 81204</p> <p>Proposed: Demolition of garage together with alterations and extension to dwelling to include works to roof Location: 8 Longfield Close Braunton EX33 2HG Applicant: Peter Golding</p> <p>Moved by Cllr M Cann, seconded by Cllr D Spear to propose to make a comment.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Council comments that the information on the application is not clear enough to make a decision.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(NC)</p> <p>b) 81306</p> <p>Proposed: Conversion of barn to dwelling together with associated works Location: Buttercombe Barn Buttercombe Lane Braunton Devon EX33 2NW Applicant: Crispian Purtell</p> <p>Moved by Cllr V Cann, seconded by Cllr G Bell to recommend approval.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Council recommend</p>

approval subject to:

- i. The building work being carried out outside of bird nesting season.
- ii. The dwelling being for principal residency in accordance with Policy H1 of the Braunton Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

(7.1.3abs)

264/2025/26

**North Devon**  
**Council**  
**Planning**  
**Decisions**

81042

Description: Listed building consent for removal of concrete render & re-render with lime render  
Site Address: Gordons Farm, 13 North Street, Braunton, EX33 1AJ  
Applicant: Jayne Morgan  
Decision: APPROVED  
Decision Date: 19/01/2026

81144

Description: Rear extension to dwelling & extension to front of dwelling to create bike garage  
Site Address: 18 The Brittons, Braunton, EX33 2HE  
Applicant: Mike & Maria Sharple  
Decision: APPROVED  
Decision Date: 22/01/2026

80791

Description: Change of use from agricultural land to sui generis for use as a secure dog walking field, with associated fencing, gates, access, parking and erection of field shelter  
Site Address: Land West of Silver Street, Braunton  
Applicant: Sean O'Reilly  
Decision: REFUSED  
Decision Date: 30/01/2026

78176

Description: Conversion & alteration of redundant store/workshop into 2 dwellings  
Site Address: 6 The Square, Braunton, EX33 2JD  
Applicant: Peter Fidge  
Decision: APPROVED  
Decision Date: 29/01/2026

81184

Description: Single storey extensions to side and front, pitched roof over garage, first floor balcony and recladding of existing dormer  
Site Address: 15 Willoway Lane, Braunton, Devon, EX33 1BS  
Applicant: Mr and Mrs Lehan  
Decision: APPROVED  
Decision Date: 30/01/2026

81137

Description: Extension to dwelling & installation of air source heat pump  
Site Address: Upper Combe, The Coombes, Lower Park Road, Braunton, EX33 2LH  
Applicant: Philip Slater  
Decision: APPROVED  
Decision Date: 27/01/2026

- 265/2025/26      **Finance**
- a. RESOLVED: That the supplier payments on the schedule from 14 January – 9 February 2026 were approved and drawn in the total sum of £10946.67.
  - b. RESOLVED: That the Council's January 2026 direct debits and standing orders for the sum of £8075.07 be retrospectively approved. That the Council's corrected December 2025 direct debits and standing orders for the sum of £7261.88 be retrospectively approved.
  - c. RESOLVED: That the PAYE, NI and pension contributions for February 2026 were approved and drawn in the total sum of £20388.66.
- (NC)

The Chairman of Finance and Administration thanked the Senior Council Officer for her continued support in completing the financial records.

- 266/2025/26      **Representatives on Outside Bodies**
- As Parish Representative on Braunton Youth Club, Cllr R Byrom had nothing to report except that he had recently been informed by Mark Sumner, who runs Braunton Youth Club, that there are around 40 young people currently attending the club and that numbers had reduced following Covid.

- 267/2025/26      **To ratify decision taken under delegated powers 14 January 2026-9 February 2026**
- RESOLVED: That the decisions taken under delegated powers from the 14 January 2026-9 February 2026 be ratified and adopted, attached as – **appendix two**.
- (NC)

- 268/2025/26      **Payment App in Parish Council Car Parks**
- This was reported on earlier.

- 269/2025/26      **DCC Shaping the future of Devon Library**
- Councillors commented that individual libraries should be able to choose their opening hours according to their needs. They felt that the

**Services  
consultation**

consultation was biased and a cost-cutting exercise.

RESOLVED: That the Senior Council Officer draft a response to the survey and email out to Councillors for approval based on the following:

- i) The Council does not want to see a reduction in opening hours.
- ii) The library is highly successful and award winning with a large catchment area.
- iii) The proposed hours are wrong, suggesting closure on busy periods.
- iv) If a reduction in hours is required, that the library considers adjustments to opening and closing times as suggested by the Senior Council Officer including remaining open on a Friday and closure on Wednesday afternoons.

(NC)

270/2025/26

**Local  
Government  
Reorganisation,  
Transfer of  
Assets**

The Council considered the request from North Devon Council for Expressions of Interest as detailed on the Weekly Information Sheet dated 31 January 2026. The Senior Council Officer had received a list of assets and requested more detailed information including maps. She reported that only 2 maps had been received and some of the information was unclear.

RESOLVED: That the Council submits Expressions of Interest in all the areas owned by North Devon Council in Braunton Parish and to request additional maps of areas together with costs of transfer.

(NC)

271/2025/26

**Memorial  
Garden Hedge**

RESOLVED: To approve the repairs to the Memorial Garden Hedge as quoted by Countryside and Garden at a cost of £2063.80

(NC)

Cllr R Byrom declared a NRI

272/2025/26

**Bookings**

The Council considered the booking requests noting that ii) and iii) were no longer proceeding.

RESOLVED: That the Council approve the following events:

- i) The North Devon Health Fest on 10 April 2027 on the Recreation Ground.
- ii) Event cancelled
- iii) Event cancelled
- iv) Ceilidh with bar on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026 from 7.00pm to 11.00pm in the Parish

- Hall.
- v) A fundraising Swing Dance evening on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2026 from 7.00pm to 11.00pm in the Parish Hall.
- (NC)

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Signed by the Chair: .....  
(Cllr M Shapland)

Date: .....