

BRAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL



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

	<u>Present</u>	Cllrs: M Shapland, R Shapland, T Kirby, A Bryant, V Cann, M Cann and E Blackmore, R Byrom, E Spear and D Spear, L Childs Officers: A Corner, Senior Council Officer District Councillor Simon Maddocks
1/2026/27	<u>Apologies</u>	Devon County Councillor G Bell North Devon Councillor P Maskell
2/2026/27	<u>Items not on the agenda, which in the opinion of the Chairman should be brought to the attention of the Council</u>	None
3/2026/27	<u>Declarations of Interest</u>	Cllr R Byrom declared a non-registerable interest in Minute Reference 20/2026/27 i) & ii) as he is a member of Braunton Caen Rotary Club.
4/2026/27	<u>Public Participation</u>	None present.
5/2026/27	<u>Minutes</u>	RESOLVED: That the: a. Minutes of the Council meeting held on 10 February 2026 be approved and signed as a correct record. (10.0.1abs)
6/2026/27	<u>Action Sheet</u>	The action sheet was noted. The Senior Council Officer (SCO) reported to members that the cleaning and maintenance of the Public Conveniences was going well. The Councillors wished to pass their thanks on to the Relief Caretaker for his help with the maintenance work. The SCO also reported that there had been some antisocial behaviour reported and the police had been notified.

7/2026/27	<u>Police Representation</u>	a. There was no police representative present. b. The Councillor Advocate had nothing to report at present.
8/2026/27	<u>Report from Devon County Councillor</u>	Devon County Councillor G Bell had given his apologies and his report was noted. Attached as appendix one .
9/2026/27	<u>Report from North Devon District Councillors</u>	District Cllr E Spear confirmed the positive news that the Ebrington Arms had been added to the list of Assets of Community Value. This had been applied for by Knowle Community Group. District Cllr S Maddocks had nothing to report.
10/2026/27	<u>Planning</u>	There was no planning.
11/2026/27	<u>North Devon Council Planning Decisions</u>	79175 Description: Outline application for the erection of 20 dwellings & associated works with all matters reserved (amended location plan) Site Address: Land at Knowle, Braunton, Devon Applicant: Warwick Decision: APPROVED Decision Date: 17/02/2026 81174 Description: Part demolition of dwelling & erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension Site Address: Greenhurst, 1 Selbourne Villas, Barton Lane, Braunton, Devon, EX33 2AY Applicant: Karen Murray Decision: APPROVED Decision Date: 23/02/2026
12/2026/27	<u>Finance</u>	a. RESOLVED: That the supplier payments on the schedule from 10 February – 9 March 2026 were approved and drawn in the total sum of £8408.98. b. RESOLVED: That the Council's February 2026 direct debits and standing orders for the sum of £4246.14 be retrospectively approved. c. RESOLVED: That the PAYE, NI and pension contributions for March 2026 were approved and drawn in the total sum of £20388.66. (NC)
13/2026/27	<u>Representatives on Outside</u>	As Parish Representative on Braunton Men's Shed, Cllr V Cann submitted a report attached as appendix two .

	<u>Bodies</u>	She drew attention to the exciting award that the Branton Sheddars had received and said she believed that it was a good service to have in the village. Cllr Cann also commented on the very good nativity scene on the Village Green at Christmas.
14/2026/27	<u>To ratify decision taken under delegated powers 10 February 2026-9 March 2026</u>	RESOLVED: That the decisions taken under delegated powers from the 10 February 2026 - 9 March 2026 be ratified and adopted, attached as – appendix three. (10.0.1abs)
15/2026/27	<u>Local Government Reorganisation</u>	Cllr M Cann briefed members on the Local Government Reorganisation and the Council reviewed the options available. RESOLVED: That the Senior Council Officer responds to the consultation favouring the Devon Option of a single authority. Response attached as – appendix four. (9.0.2abs)
16/2026/27	<u>Branton Beacon</u>	The Senior Council Officer presented a quote from Countryside and Garden to replace the steps to the bat platform at the Beacon. RESOLVED: To apply for funding to replace the steps at a cost of £380.00. (NC)
17/2026/27	<u>Mobile Coffee Van</u>	A request from a local business owner had been received to operate a coffee van at Branton Recreation Ground. RESOLVED: That the Council refuse the request as it would take business away from existing small businesses in the village. The Council has turned down similar requests in the past and it would set a precedent. (NC)
18/2026/27	<u>Northern Devon Railway Development Alliance (NDRDA)</u>	RESOLVED: To become a member of the NDRDA at no cost to the Council. (10.0.1abs)
19/2026/27	<u>Branton Craft Market</u>	The Council considered the request to use the Community Shared space. RESOLVED: That the Council approve the following dates: Every Wednesday from June 24th to Sept 23rd inclusive. Every 2nd & 4th Saturday from 27th June to 19th Sept inclusive. Outside of that schedule the following dates: Saturday 4th April - Easter Weekend Saturday 16th May - part of Branton Beats

Saturday 23rd May - Late Spring Bank Holiday
 Saturday 29th August - August Bank Holiday
 Saturday 24th & Wednesday 28th October - Half Term
 Saturday 14th November - Christmas Market

(NC)

Cllr R Byrom declared a NRI

20/2026/27 **Bookings**

RESOLVED: To approve the dates for use of the Recreation Ground:

- i) Braunton Village Fair – Monday 25th May 2026 – Rotary Clubs of Braunton
- ii) Braunton Wheels 2026 – Sunday 26th July 2026 – Braunton Caen Rotary Club
- iii) Braunton Fun Fair – arriving on 22nd June and operating from 25th June to 5th July 5pm-8pm (weekends starting at 2pm)

To approve the request for the use of the Parish Hall from 7.30pm-11.00pm:

- iv) DJ Night with bar - As part of Big Beats Music Festival – Saturday 15th May 2026
- v) Panel and Talk Event with own bar - Museum of British Surfing – Friday 12th June 2026
- vi) Fundraising Party with own bar – Museum of British Surfing – Saturday 13th June 2026

(NC)

21/2026/27 **Exclusion of Press and Public – Part II**

RESOLVED that, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the following matters be taken in the absence of press and public (Public (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960) as the items contain exempt information as defined by the Local Government Act 1972 Sch. 12a Pt(3).

22/2026/27 **Planning Proposal**

The Council considered a planning proposal from North Devon Council

RESOLVED: To agree in principle

(NC)

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed by the Chair:
 (Cllr M Shapland)

Date: