

BRAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Braunton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12 May 2026 at 7pm in the Parish Hall, Chaloners Road, Braunton

Present

Cllrs: M Shapland, R Shapland, T Kirby, L Childs, V Cann, M Cann and E Blackmore, and R Byrom

Officers: A Corner, Senior Council Officer
J Mills (Locum Clerk)

District Councillor

1 member of the public

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| 41/2026/27 | <u>Election of
Chairman for the
Municipal
Year2026/7</u> | It was resolved to elect the Chair, Vice-Chair and all other appointments unchanged en-bloc
Proposed Cllr M Cann, seconded: Cllr Kirby (all in favour) |
| 42/2026/27 | <u>Declaration of
Acceptance of
Office</u> | The Chair read and signed the prescribed
“Declaration of Office” |
| 43/2026/27 | <u>Election of Vice-
Chairman for the
Municipal
Year2026/7</u> | See above |
| 44/2026/27 | <u>Election
Chairman of the
Finance and
Administration
Committee for
the Municipal
Year 2026/27</u> | See above |
| 45/2026/27 | <u>Elect Finance
and
Administration
Committee for
26-27</u> | See above |
| 46/2026/27 | <u>Elect Parks and
Gardens</u> | See above |

	<u>Committee 2026/27</u>	
47/2026/27	<u>Elect Property Committee for 26/27</u>	See above
48/2026/27	<u>Elect Lead Member For Planning 2026/27</u>	See above
49/2026/27	<u>Elect Deputy Lead Member For Planning 2026/27</u>	See above
50/2026/27	<u>Apologies</u>	Apologies were received from Cllr Bryant, NDC Cllr Pru Maskell
51/2026/27	<u>Declarations of Interest</u>	Councillors Byrom and Childs declared interests as members of Live Well in Braunton
52/2026/27	<u>Public Participation</u>	A member of the public spoke about planning application 81671
53/2026/27	<u>Minutes</u>	This item was deferred to the next meeting
54/2026/27	<u>Action Sheet</u>	This had been updated to cover the gardeners work and noted
55/2026/27	<u>Police Representation</u>	There were no police representatives present, (newsletter attached to the minutes) Councillor Advocate advised there will be a meeting by zoom in June
56/2026/27	<u>Report from Devon County Councillor</u>	Cllr Bell had sent a report and further advised of his concerns about the playpark in Challoners Rd and children climbing over the fence towards the river. He also spoke on the road adoption process and advised that County Cllr Thomas is looking to simplify this. He understands the police and fire brigades are very happy with the new safety cameras. He went on to speak about cycle trails and the hope to open new routes. He also spoke about speed restrictions Wrafton Rd 20mph not supported by the police and the cost. This is not a priority with DCC. He is getting officers to look into residents parking. He spoke about benches on the Tarka Trail and sewage discharge, an improving picture in Braunton. He also spoke about a bike rack which had been removed but the remover was unknown. He went on to speak about harassment, where leaflets had been placed on windscreens, the police were

		not interested. Finally he advised that grants have now re-opened.
57/2026/27	<u>Report from North Devon District Councillors</u>	Cllr Maddocks advised there was not a great deal to report N D Homes are preparing a business plan to move forward. LGR is not moving forward. It will be difficult to be ready for the unitary. There will be a new local plan, which will supersede the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Maskell's report is attached to the minutes
58/2026/27	<u>Planning</u>	a) 81671 Proposed: Erection of a dwelling Location: Dunecliff Saunton Braunton Devon EX33 1LG Applicant: Mr & Mrs Jones Members thanked the applicant's representative for the presentation. It was resolved to recommend approval Proposed: Cllr M Cann, seconded: Cllr Kirby (all in favour) b) 81029 Clarity requested on reasons for refusal of application Proposed: Regularisation of site as a single residential unit and associated works (amended description) Location: Holes Farm Barn Nethercott Braunton EX33 1HT Applicant: Ruth Garland Members noted that this was the first time an officer had queried a response. It was resolved to note the planning response and withdraw previous comments submitted. Proposed: Cllr Shapland, seconded: Cllr Cann (4 in favour 4 abstentions)
59/2026/27	<u>North Devon Council Planning Decisions</u>	(Noted) 81204 Description: Demolition of garage together with alterations and extension to dwelling to include works to roof Site Address: 8 Longfield Close, Braunton, Devon, EX33 2HQ Applicant: Peter Golding Decision: APPROVED Decision Date: 20/04/2026 81147 Description: Erection of a dwelling Site Address: 2 Mint Park Road, Braunton, Devon. EX33 1LE Applicant: Mr and Mrs J Poland Decision: APPROVED Decision Date: 27/04/2026
60/2026/27	<u>Finance</u>	a. To examine and agree the accounts due for payment for the period 9 April to 13 May 2026 It was resolved to examine and agree the accounts due for payment for the period 9 April to 13 May 2026 Proposed: Cllr M Cann, seconded: Cllr E Blackmore (all in favour) b. To approve direct debit and standing order payments for April 2026 It was resolved to approve direct debit and standing order payments for April 2026

		Proposed: Cllr M Cann, seconded: Cllr R Byrom (all in favour) c. To approve PAYE, NI and pension contributions for May 2026 It was resolved to approve PAYE, NI and pension contributions for May 2026. Proposed: Cllr M Cann, seconded: Cllr R Shapland (all in favour) d. To agree payment of Parish grant awards for 2026/27 totalling £15698 Members agreed the grants as per the schedule
61/2026/27	<u>To ratify decision taken under delegated powers 9 April - 13 May 2026</u>	No decisions required ratification
62/2026/27	<u>Warm Space Request</u>	Consider request from National Grid to use the Parish Hall as a warm space It was resolved to go ahead with the request. Proposed: Cllr V Cann, seconded: Cllr R Byrom (all in favour)
63/2026/27	<u>Disposal of Land</u>	Consider request from North Devon Council Estates re disposal of land to the rear of 1 Palmers Close, Braunton It was resolved there were no objections Proposed: Cllr R Shapland, seconded: Cllr Childs (all in favour)
64/2026/27	<u>Devon County Council (North Devon HATOC) (Traffic Regulation) Tranche 3 Amendment Order</u>	Consider proposed amendments Some residents expressed concern about Easthill and Hillview It was felt the proposals were a waste of money and served no purpose. There were no problems with proposals for Exeter Road And Sylvan Drive, but Pixie Dell and the Quantocks were not needed, It was resolved to submit the above comments. Proposed: Cllr Childs, seconded: Cllr R Byrom (all in favour)
65/2026/27	<u>Street Cleaning Proposal</u>	Consider request from Livewell in Braunton set up a clean sweep group. Cllr Byrom and Cllr Childs declared an interest (Live well in Braunton) It was resolved to support the volunteers, but for Live well to check with the County Council whether a licence was required. Proposed: Cllr V Cann, seconded: Cllr R Shapland (all in favour)
66/2026/27	<u>North Devon Adventure Quest</u>	Consider request to put up outdoor stickers in Chaloners Play park and the recreation ground for family 'Adventure Quest' app

This was delegated to the office to respond suggesting plaques instead of stickers

Part B

To resolve: that under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that the public and press be excluded from the Meeting.
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Proposed: Cllr M Cann, seconded: Cllr V Cann (all in favour)

67/2026/27

Staffing Issues

Receive Occupational Health report
It was resolved to accept the Occupational Health report
And the Chair and Vice-Chair to approve any additional expenses required to meet policy requirements.
Proposed: Cllr M Shapland, seconded: Cllr R Byrom (all in favour)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed.....Dated.....