

BRAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Braunton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14 April 2026 at 7pm in the Parish Hall, Chaloners Road, Braunton.

Present

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 Pru Maskell
1 Member of Public

23/2026/27

Apologies

None received.

24/2026/27

Items not on the agenda, which in the opinion of the Chairman should be brought to the attention of the Council

Cllr R Byrom updated members on a fire at the Public Conveniences. The toilet roll and holder had been set alight but fortunately it had extinguished itself. It had been reported to Police. A quote of £500 plus VAT had been received to give it a full professional clean. It was suggested to post costs and pictures on social media and ensure Guarantor check the toilets before locking.

25/2026/27

Declarations of Interest

Cllr T Kirby declared a non-registerable interest in Minute Reference 38/2026/27 as he is the Council representative to North Devon Environmental Trust.

Cllr T Kirby declared a non-registerable interest in Minute Reference 39/2026/27 as he is a member of St Brannocks Church.

Cllr M Shapland declared a non-registerable interest in Minute Reference 39/2026/27 as she is a member of St Brannocks Church.

Cllr R Shapland declared a non-registerable interest in Minute Reference 39/2026/27 as he is a member of St Brannocks Church.

Cllr V Cann declared a non-registerable interest in Minute Reference 40/2026/27 as she is a member of Braunton Together.

26/2026/27	<u>Public Participation</u>	A Member of the public spoke regarding planning application 81541.
27/2026/27	<u>Minutes</u>	The Minutes of 10 March 2026 were not yet available.
28/2026/27	<u>Action Sheet</u>	The action sheet was noted.
29/2026/27	<u>Police Representation</u>	a. There was no police representative present. b. The Councillor Advocate had nothing to report at present.
30/2026/27	<u>Report from Devon County Councillor</u>	Devon County Councillor G Bell apologised for arriving late. He reported that some benches were being installed on the Tarka Trail on North Devon Council land. He asked if the Parish Council would consider taking them on.
31/2026/27	<u>Report from North Devon District Councillors</u>	The report from Cllr P Maskell was noted and attached as - appendix one . She added that a lot of signs had gone up by Lobb Campsite. She passed on a comment regarding accessibility for mobility scooters at the entrance to the Recreation ground. She also mentioned some County Lines activity which had been reported to her which she will speak to the Police about. She also reported on young people purchasing vapes in Branton which she had passed on to Trading Standards and suggested the Council also contact them and report to the Police to make them aware.
32/2026/27	<u>Planning</u>	81585 Proposed: Application for a lawful development certificate for existing works carried out under planning permission 76750 (Erection of single dwelling and amendments to existing access) to ensure the permission remains extant Location: Land adjacent 6 Willoway Lane, Branton, Devon, EX33 1AS Applicant: Mr & Mrs Tamlyn The Council were unable to make a comment on this application. 81455 Proposed: Enlargement of existing parking area, demolition of rear/side extension, removal of wrap around canopy to front and side elevations, erection of new wraparound canopy and erection of side extension. Re-location of main entrance door to front/west elevation together with internal alterations Location: Mapledene Exeter Road Branton Devon EX33 2JR Applicant: Mr Michael and Mrs Cherry Squire RESOLVED: That the Council recommends approval. (NC)

81209

Proposed: Regularisation of site as a single residential unit and associated works (amended description)

Location: Holes Farm Barn Nethercott Braunton Devon EX33 1HT

Applicant: Ruth Garland

RESOLVED: To defer to the next council meeting as there was correspondence not yet available on the portal.
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81574

Proposed: Application for a Lawful Development

Certificate for the existing use as residential dwellinghouse and associated garden land

Location: Land on the south side of Ash Road, Braunton, Devon, EX33 2EF

Applicant: Mr K Drake

RESOLVED: To make no comment.

(NC)

33/2026/27

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81306

Description: Conversion of barn to dwelling together with associated works

Site Address: Buttercombe Barn, Buttercombe Lane, Braunton, Devon EX33 2NW

Applicant: Crispian Purtell

Decision: APPROVED

Decision Date: 19/03/2026

80182

Description: Constuction, operation and subsequent decommissioning of a solar farm, comprising ground moun solar photovoltaics (PV) together with associated infrastructure, including inverters, transformers, substation, cabling, CCTV, fencing, access and landscaping (further/amended plans & documents)

Site Address: Land South of Buttercombe Lane, Braunton, EX33 2FF

Applicant:

Decision: APPROVED

Decision Date: 26/03/2026

81375

Description: Demolition of garage and conservatory, extension to dwelling, new access & associated works

Site Address: 3 South Lea, Braunton, Devon, EX33 2HN

Applicant: Dr B Staley & Miss F Lobban

Decision: APPROVED

Decision Date: 23/03/2026

34/2026/27

Finance

- a. RESOLVED: That the supplier payments on the schedule from 10 March – 13 April 2026 were approved and drawn in the total sum of £8457.86.

(NC)

		b. RESOLVED: That the Council's March 2026 direct debits and standing orders for the sum of £3517.53 be retrospectively approved. (NC) c. RESOLVED: That the PAYE, NI and pension contributions for March 2026 were approved and drawn in the total sum of £20388.66. (NC)
35/2026/27	<u>Representatives on Outside Bodies</u>	As Parish Representative on One Northern Devon Local Care Partnership, Cllr M Shapland had not been invited to attend any meetings so had nothing to report.
36/2026/27	<u>To ratify decision taken under delegated powers 10 March 2026-13 April 2026</u>	RESOLVED: That the decisions taken under delegated powers from the 10 March 2026 – 13 April 2026 be ratified and adopted, attached as – appendix two. (NC)
37/2026/27	<u>Cycle Parking</u>	Following a request from the County Cllr G Bell members confirmed that there were no suggested locations for new cycle parking. Cllr T Kirby declared a NRI
38/2026/27	<u>Braunton Countryside Centre</u>	Members noted the annual report received from the Centre. They observed that the report had been beautifully put together. They commented on the centre being an asset to the village with a great team of volunteers. RESOLVED: i) The Council to write to thank the Countryside Centre. ii) To link to it on the website and mention in social media (NC)
39/2026/27	<u>Village Green Bookings</u>	Cllrs M Shapland, R Shapland and T Kirby declared NRIs. RESOLVED: To approve requests to use the Village Green in August to sell ducks for the annual duck race – Wednesday 19th & 26th, Friday 21st & 28th and Saturday 29th August. (NC)
40/2026/27	<u>Bookings</u>	Cllr V Cann declared a NRI RESOLVED: To approve request to use the Parish Hall from 7.30pm to 11.00pm for a Fundraising Silent Disco with bar on Saturday 23rd May 2026. (NC)

The meeting closed at 8.18pm.

Signed by the Chair:
(Cllr M Shapland)

Date: