MINUTES OF THE BROMPTON REGIS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT BROMPTON REGIS VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 3rd June 2026

The meeting opened at 735 pm

709. PRESENT: Mr J Andrews, Mr S Coates (vice chairman), Ms L Luxton, Mr M Headley (from 745pm, Chairman).

Also present: Three members of the public, Cllrs Nicholson and Pugsley (from 745 and 750), and Parish Council Clerk, Ms S Buchanan.

710. APOLOGIES: Mr M Arnold and Ms T Davies (personal reasons), Mr L Ringrose (work reasons).

711. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS RELEVANT TO THIS MEETING

None.

Mr Headley advised on his arrival that he had no interests to declare.

712. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS AND MEETING MANAGEMENT

The Vice Chairman took the chair in the absence of the chairman who was delayed by travel arrangements. He welcomed members of the public to the meeting and invited them to contribute at any point in the agenda.

713. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BRPC MEETING HELD ON 6TH MAY 2026

714. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS BRPC MEETING, HELD ON 6TH MAY 2026
These having been circulated prior to the meeting, Mr Coates proposed and Mr Andrews seconded their adoption as a correct record and this was unanimously AGREED and the minutes were signed as such.

715. POINTS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

715.1 Updates of Councillors' register of interests (minute 699). There were none.

715.2 Sportiva Wimbleball events 28,29 and 30 August 2026 (minute 683.1). The Clerk reported that Sportiva has advised that no road closures have been arranged. The meeting requested the following actions:

- Sportiva to provide information for the August issue of the Brendon Beacon and to deliver flyers of information to properties on the road routes
- in future Sportiva be asked to discuss safe routes with the parish council.

ACTION: CLERK

715.3 Pulham river outflows/discharges (minute 530). The Clerk advised that further information requested has not been received.

The Chairman took the chair at 745 and thanked the vice chairman for standing in.

715.4 Village hall car parking area (minute 682). From the floor, Mr Sherring advised that the Chairman had received quotations on three options. The Chairman outlined the options together with quotes. The meeting agreed that further quotes be sought and that option 1 (clear off vegetation and dispose off site) be progressed with a review of further actions thereafter.
ACTION: CHAIRMAN/ CLERK

716. PLANNING

716.1 Application EXM/26/103/FULL Hiccombe House, Hartford Road, Brompton Regis. Dulverton TA22 9NS. Proposed erection of replacement dwelling and associated works together with temporary retention of 2 static caravans (minute 703.2)

The Chairman outlined the proposed works and their relationship to the building previously on the site. He invited the applicant to speak to the proposal and it was agreed that she respond to questions during the meeting.

The meeting discussed the nature and content of the proposal and with comment from Cllr Pugsley clarified the relevance of the application being for a replacement rather than a new building, including the relevance of the 'red line' around the proposed building rather than the entire site.

The following points were addressed:

- the oil tank will not be used, solar power will be installed (either on the house roof or, with a further separate application, on the stables roof)
- the value of an ecological enhancement plan
- clarification of the size and mass of the proposed building in square meters rather than hectares and the relationship between the proposed and former buildings
- the siting of the proposed building, further from the road than the original building
- the nature and colour of timber facing/cladding
- a potential future application for a wind turbine
- the intended and expected timescale for the works, and the definition of temporary in terms of retention of the two caravans and the need for new permissions after a 3 year permission.

Mr Andrews proposed and Ms Luxton seconded that BRPC support the application with the following comments to be submitted to ENPA and this was unanimously AGREED:

- The ENPA is asked to consider encouragement for an ecological enhancement plan for the entire site
- The size and mass of the proposed building in relation to the former building is not clear in the application and the ENPA is asked to ensure clarity (by using square metres rather than hectares)

- The BRPC would like to see timber facing/cladding treated in a sympathetic colour which is in keeping with the local environment and properties
- BRPC wishes to be assured that there will be a requirement to remove the temporary caravans when the new building is occupied
- BRPC wishes to be assured that should the building take longer to complete and occupy than the planning permission for the temporary caravans allows a further planning application for their permission is required.

717. SOMERSET COUNCILLORS' UPDATES.

717.1 Planning updates: Cllr Pugsley advised that section 106 has been agreed for application 63/22/111. The Chairman advised that correspondence had been received raising concerns that work prior to the application being determined had begun. Cllr Nicholson noted that this is a risk taken by the applicant. It was AGREED that an update be brought to a future BRPC meeting.
ACTION: CLERK

717.2 Exmoor Local Community Network (LCN): Cllr Pugsley reminded the meeting that Somerset Council will consider a report about LCNs on which the parish council will be consulted. The next meeting is on 11 June and will be preceded by the winter maintenance meeting. The Clerk has presented apologies to both meetings.

717.3 The George Inn: It was suggested that discussions are ongoing between the owner and a potential tenant.

Cllr Nicholson left the meeting at 850pm.

718. AUDIT
718.1 Internal audit report: This having been circulated prior to the meeting was accepted and Mr Pollard thanked for his role.

718.2 Annual governance statement: This having been circulated prior to the meeting was approved and signed as such.

718.3 Accounting statements: These having been circulated prior to the meeting and having been reviewed by the internal auditor were approved and signed as such.

719. CORRESPONDENCE

719.1 Bessom Bridge litter and anti social behaviour. The Clerk reported residents' concerns at recent disarray in the area. These were reinforced by Mr Andrews who reported evidence of drug use, bonfires, dangerous driving, noise and litter. The meeting noted that this issue has been a concern for many years and that limited action seems to be taken by SW Lakes Trust.

Mr Andrews asked that ENPA be requested to consider if the SW Lakes Trust / SW Water are in breach of the planning permission granted to the formation of Wimbleball Lake.
ACTION: CLERK

After discussion it was AGREED that the ENPA be asked to convene a meeting of relevant parties (incl SW Water, SW Lakes Trust, ASP and parish councils) to review and seek resolution to the issues.
ACTION: CLERK

719.2 River Pulham (minute 703.3): The Clerk has received notice from ENPA of an investigation into developments on and adjacent to the river Pulham. The Chairman noted that this is in addition to ongoing work by the ENPA regarding a possible planning application on land adjacent to the river.

719.3 Dog incident. The Clerk reported that the PCSO is investigating a dog incident in the parish.

720. FINANCE
720.1 Clerk's quarterly salary (£400): Ms Luxton proposed and Mr Andrews seconded payment and this was AGREED.

720.2 Zen invoice for website support (£24): The invoice having been approved by the Chairman prior to the meeting the Clerk advised that this was paid by her to meet payment deadlines and asked for reimbursement. Mr Andrews proposed and Ms Luxton seconded payment and this was AGREED.

720.3 Clerk's sundries (£30): Mr Andrews proposed and Ms Luxton seconded payment and this was unanimously AGREED.

720.4 SALC/SC grant payment to the Crafternooners (£113): The meeting noted payment made.

721. HIGHWAYS
- Visibility problems at White Post
- Road surface degradation between Haddon Hill car park and Upton.

ACTION: CLERK to raise with the HA,

722. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA
- Village hall car parking area
- Planning applications and determinations.

723. DATE TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 3rd June 2026,
Cllr Pugsley gave apologies for the meeting.

The meeting closed at 920 pm.

Signed as a correct record: ……………………………………………………………………..

Name: ……………………………………………………… Date: ………………………….