MINUTES OF THE BROMPTON REGIS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT BROMPTON REGIS VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 4th November 2026

The meeting opened at 735 pm

759. PRESENT: Mr D Cherry, Mr M Headley.

Also present: Parish Council Clerk, Ms S Buchanan.

760. APOLOGIES: Mr J Andrews, Mr S Coates, Ms T Davies, Ms L Luxton, Mr L Ringrose, Cllr FM Nicholson and Cllr Pugsley (other commitments).

761. CHAIRMAN'S NOTICES AND MEETING MANAGEMENT

The meeting was not quorate and some matters were therefore forwarded to the next available meeting for decisions. The Chairman advised that Mr Ringrose had submitted comments prior to the meeting regarding minute 764.2 and a decision could therefore be made about that matter.

762. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS RELEVANT TO THIS MEETING

Mr Cherry and Mr Headley declared interests in the Millennium Green (minute 766.1).

763. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS BRPC MEETING, HELD ON 7th October 2026

These having been circulated prior to the meeting, and this meeting not being quorate, the approval was postponed to the following meeting.

764. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

763.1 Village hall car park (minute 715.4). A second independent quote had been secured and circulated to councillors. Councillors had been invited to comment on the matter with reference to minute 715.4 and the further quote. The Clerk had checked the validity of the original quote.

Those present discussed the matter and referred to the decision taken at the parish council meeting on 3rd June 2026 to proceed with option 1 pending a second independent quote. Given the decision made on 3rd June, the subsequent receipt and circulation of a higher quote and a preference for work to be undertaken before hard weather, it was agreed that the first quote should be accepted and the contractor advised of this.

It was agreed that the contractor liaise with the Chairman or Clerk during the works regarding any unexpected issues such as a requirement for stone to cover scraped areas and that he liaise with Mr Andrews regarding equipment and disposal.

ACTION: CLERK to advise relevant parties to progress the work.

763.2 Police and Crime Commissioner's fund and Probation Service work groups (minute **753).** Information having been circulated prior to the meeting the opportunities for the parish were discussed. It was felt that there were no immediate opportunities and that the information be retained for future reference.

764. PLANNING
764.1 Application EXM/26/22o5/PNS/CA/2: Prior approval part 6 Class A buildings Withiel Farm TA24 7DE. Prior approval for the construction of an agricultural storage building and associated yard area.

No Comment.

764.2 Application EXM/26/249/HRN: Land at Hownell Lane. Hedgerow removal notice for the proposed removal of approximately 4.5 m of hedgerow for access to field for maintenance.

Mr Ringrose had submitted comments on this item prior to the meeting, The Chairman read the comments out and these were discussed in light of comments on the application recorded on the ENPA website.

Mr Ringrose raised questions about the rationale for the removal, highlighting the installation in the field of a caravan which appeared to be used for occasional residential use. The meeting noted that there is no direct access to the field in question from the highway and that it appeared that in the past access had been via adjacent fields. The meeting noted comments made by the Highways Authority and also questioned whether the removal of the hedgerow and bank would require a full planning permission.

It was **Agreed** that these comments be submitted to the planning authority as an objection to the application.

ACTION: CLERK

765. CORRESPONDENCE/ MEETINGS

765.1 Sportiva events (minute 754.6). The Clerk reported that Cllr Nicholson had raised the BRPC concerns with ENPA and Somerset Council with a specific question regarding road closure requirements.

765.2 ENPA follow up meeting re anti social behaviours at Bessom Bridge (minute 754.5). The Clerk advised that SWLT has agreed to look into the possibility of Public Space Protection Orders banning disposable barbecues in the area. The Chairman noted the sheets of possibly asbestos seen in the lake in 2025 appear to have been removed.

766. FINANCE

766. Grant request by the George Meadow Millennium Green (£350). Mr Cherry and Mr Matthew having declared interests in this matter, there were insufficient councillors to make a decision on this. It was forwarded to the next meeting. Thos present hoped that the delay would not inconvenience the Green1

767. HIGHWAYS

767.1 Drainage Ridge Cottage area (minute 756.2). The Chairman reported that the area had been flooded during recent storms and that the water had subsided.

768. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- Millennium Green grant request

769. DATE TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 2nd December 2026 in Brompton Regis Village Hall, starting at 730pm.
The Clerk gave her apologies for this meeting and noted that Miss Luxton had agreed to take minutes. Due to unavoidable circumstances the Clerk will publis the agenda on 23rd November and requested any items for the agenda be sent to her before 22nd November.

The meeting closed at 8 pm.

Signed as a correct record: ……..

Name: …… Date: …….