BROKENBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL
Quarterly Parish Council Meeting

at Mia Famiglia, Brokenborough on Thursday 12th March 2026 at 18.00

MINUTES

Present: Councillors: John Bartholomew (Chairman), Fi Carpenter, Charles Carpenter, Catherine Aird, Tom Pitman, Sue Sterry (Parish Clerk), Councillor Joe Sterry,

Parishioner: Caroline Bromley-Gardener

1.Apologies: Cllr Martin Smith

2. **Declarations of Interests** - None

3. **New Councillor welcomed.** Councillor Joe Sterry officially welcomed to Brokenborough Parish Council.

4. **The Minutes of the Meeting** of Thursday 18th December 2025 were reviewed and then signed by Chairman.

5. **Old Chapel** Councillor Bartholomew updated that the chapel has sold at auction by Strakers and completed on the date of the BPC meeting. We wait to hear updates on the plans for it and potential planning applications.

6. **Bank balances and reserves** - £2136.80 total in bank.

a) Total balance consists of £1747.40 of Parish Council funds and £389.40 of Elizabeth Hodges Trust money which is ringfenced following amalgamation of the bank accounts (see previous meeting minutes for more details).
b) The application for an increase in the precept has been authorised by Wiltshire Council.
c) Discussion regarding whether to pay the remainder owing in full to Wiltshire Council for (non-) Election costs. Until now, this has been paid in monthly instalments of £20 but Clerk agreed that we might as well pay this off.

7. **Elizabeth Hodges Trust (EHT)** – Councillor Aird unable to get in contact with Bob Tallon due to bereavement. It was decided Councillor Aird would try to compile a list between Parish Council members. A thankyou letter was circulated from Imi Fraser who was in receipt of EHT money for a school trip to Germany including Auschwitz.

8**. Planning Applications** -there are no new Applications

9. **Update on The Horse Guards Pub**. Councillor Aird aware of potential buyer for the pub who wishes to run it as a pub. Discussion about the land not included in the sale due to the owner wishing to place a covenant.

10. **Lime Down** – Councillor Pitman reported that the examination stage of the application starts on Tuesday 21st of April at the Neeld Community and Arts Centre, Chippenham. The 'Stop Lime Down'

campaign is encouraging as many people as possible to attend this meeting to peacefully protest and oppose the plans.

11. **Neighbourhood Local Plan**- Councillor Pitman reported that the Malmesbury neighbourhood plan feeds into the Wiltshire plan but is frequently ignored. There is a suggestion to withdraw the plan although this may put the council in a weaker position with future development applications.

12. **Wiltshire Council Local Highway and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG)** -
Councillor Bartholomew met with the owner of property (Grace Michael) regarding the fencing which partially obscures the view of the road when pulling out of the junction. The owner is reluctant to adjust the fence line and instead wants the speed limit to be reduced. As advised by Cllr Martin Smith in the previous meeting, this is unlikely to happen. Highways to be contacted to ensure that the verge is kept cut to maximise visibility as promised by them.

13. **Update on County Highways Dept**.
Brook Farmhouse drain is back to square one. The rubble and tarmac that was used to fill the drain has since been washed away and water is again running down the road. Councillor Bartholomew has contacted Highways again to push for full investigation and resolution of the issue.

14. **AOB**
Concerns raised by residents over the parking of a livestock trailer in one of the laybys coming into Brokenborough from B4014 for over a month. Positioning within the layby is causing issue when trying to pass farm machinery. Councillor Bartholomew spoke to owner of the trailer who had various problems but intends to move it elsewhere at some point. Highways responsibility is that of Wiltshire Council and not strictly the Parish but it was agreed we should all try to act as good neighbours. Councillor Sterry suggested that a local farmer would be happy to store it elsewhere. Councillor Bartholomew to discuss with owner and Councillor Sterry to facilitate removal.

NEXT MEETING AGM on Tuesday 19th May 2026 at 6pm and Quarterly Parish Council meeting at 6.30pm in St John the Baptist Church, Brokenborough