BROKENBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL
Quarterly Parish Council Meeting
at St John's Church, Brokenborough on Tuesday 19th May 2026 at 18.30

MINUTES

1. **Present:** Councillors: John Bartholomew (Chairman), Fi Carpenter, Charles Carpenter, Catherine Aird, Tom Pitman, Joe Sterry; Sue Sterry (Parish Clerk).
   Rob Baker
   Apologies: Cllr Martin Smith

2. **Declarations of Interests** - None

3. **Review and Signing of Minutes** The minutes of the previous meeting in March were reviewed and signed by Chairman Bartholomew.

4. **Bank balances and reserves** - £5065.56 total in bank.
   Total balance consists of £4676.16 of Parish Council funds and £389.40 of Elizabeth Hodges Trust money which is ringfenced following amalgamation of the bank accounts (see Dec 2025 meeting minutes for more details).

5. **Elizabeth Hodges Trust (EHT)** – Councillor Aird struggling to compile list of eligible candidates. Discussion about how best to do this other than going door-to-door. Decision made for Clerk to put information about the trust and eligibility criteria on the Parish Council website and Councillor Aird to then circulate the link to the website in village whatsapp groups asking members to share with any parish families to whom it may apply.

6. **Planning Applications** – new application to replace like-for-like the air-con units at Whatley Manor. Clerk updated that there is an issue with the planning section on the website which is not displaying applications. Clerk to contact web host to resolve issue.

7. **Update on Entertainment Licence on Long Newnton border –** Councillor Charles Carpenter updated Council on the meeting of the Cotswold

District Council licensing committee which he attended. The application was for Existance, a psytrance festival to be held at Land East Of Boldridge Farm, Crudwell Lane, Long Newnton from 11th-14th June. The license has been granted despite objections on the grounds of noise and light pollution, traffic distruption, crime and disorder and water source concerns.

The following amendments were made to the original application:

- Licence granted for a period of 1 year instead of 5 years
- Reduced hours of plays and performance of dance – No amplified music between 02.00am and 11.00am
- Festival goers are encouraged to use public transport and will be charged for car parking and traffic banned from access through Crudwell Lane.

Councillor Carpenter disappointed with result of meeting (as are remainder of the council) as didn't feel that there had been full research by deciding bodies who hadn't visited the sight to assess access etc.

8. **Update on plans for The Old Chapel –** Plans presented by Rob Baker who is the new owner of the Chapel. The plans for a sympathetic restoration of the chapel are in the pre-application stage of planning with the intention of creating a dwelling with a mezzanine floor for use as an Airbnb or private rental property. Intention is to use the same footprint and indeed as much as possible of the existing walls. The plan is to clear some trees which are very close to the property or are too large for the plot and create garden and parking areas. Council members raised points regarding water supply and sewage disposal which Rob Baker is to do further research into. Council overall happy with the intentions of restoration and will await the planning application.

9. **Update on Horseguards Pub**. A letter from the Parish Council was sent to the owner 24th March 2026 raising some concerns regarding the exclusion of some land from the sale and the property not being marketed sufficiently as an attractive business prospect. There has been some back and forth from this letter but little progress or signs of nearing resolution. Some further points to be raised to owner.

10. **Update on County Highways Dept –** Councillor Sterry taking over responsibility for highways and managing the Parish Steward.

a) Contact made re: drain above Brook Farm which has not been resolved. Councillor Sterry to chase and push for a proper assessment and repair of drain.
b) Steward visits resuming 1st June and potholes in 'Dead Mans Gully' flagged as in need of repair again. Gold Hill and Sunset Hill requiring verge cutting to maintain respectively use of path and optimal visibility of the road.
c) Application for pavement to be installed from Parklands to turning off B4040 towards Shipton Moyne for runners and cyclists. This application is partly in Brokenborough and partly in Malmesbury boundary. Decided by this Council that this would be a very costly installation benefitting few people as it doesn't go as far as the playing fields and Mia Famiglia, and that the money would be better spent elsewhere. Malmesbury PC have forwarded on to LHFIG for further consideration and we await an update on this.

11. **Update on Junction on to the B4014 (Sunset Hill) –** No update here. Cllr Martin Smith has previously advised that this junction isn't deemed as a high priority for funding for reducing speed limits.

12. **Lime Down** – Councillor Pitman attended Examination stage meeting 21st April in Chippenham. Very well supported and attended by the Stop Lime Down campaign supporters and many local speakers were able to raise their objections. This process is still in process, and the second Open Floor hearing is on 30th June.

13. **Neighbourhood Local Plan**- No update. Councillor Pitman to chase this up.

14. **AOB -** None

NEXT MEETING on Thursday 10th September at 6pm in Mia Famiglia, Brokenborough