BROKENBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL
Quarterly Parish Council Meeting
at Mia Famiglia, Brokenborough on Thursday 10th September 2026 at 18.00

MINUTES

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

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** - £4284.72 total in bank.
   Total balance consists of £3845.32 of Parish Council funds and £439.40 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 handed prev list of eligible candidates which has been in Bob Tallons possession. List was then gone through in the meeting identifying who was no longer eligible and adding potentially eligible candidates. New section created on the Parish Council website to aid navigation about the trust and eligibility, 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. 4 x letters received from Gloucestershire Scouts requesting a grant but deemed not eligible as not residing in Brokenborough or other eligible parishes. Clerk to contact regarding this.

6. **Planning Applications** – No new applications. For Horse Guards application see minute 8. The Old Chapel has had some clearing work undertaken and a pre-application has been submitted but no further forward than that. Clerk updated that the issue with the planning section on the website is resolved.

7. **Update on Entertainment License on Long Newnton border –** Recent application approved by Cotswold District Council for postponed September date but organisers cancelled event. Planned to go ahead in June 2027. Councillor Charles Carpenter updated council on the meeting of the CDC in which the licence for Sept date was approved. Another disappointing meeting in which the concerns raised didn't appear to be properly considered.

8. **Update on Horseguards Pub**. Planning application withdrawn- reason unknown. Pub back up for sale on Rightmove but without plans and no 'For Sale' sign. Councillors noted the new provisions of the National Planning Policy Framework effective 17th August 2026.

9. **Update on County Highways Dept –** Councillor Sterry has taken over management of the Parish Steward and plans to contact Highways ASAP to continue pressure on local issues.
   a) Drain at Brook Farm: Councillor Sterry to chase and push for a proper assessment and repair of drain.
   b) Steward to repair potholes in 'Dead Mans Gully'. Gold Hill and Sunset Hill requiring continued verge cutting to maintain use of path/optimal visibility of the road – especially since resumption of rain.
   c) 'Give Way' sign to be re-instated following RTC.

10. **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. Verge being cut by steward which does maximise visibility as far as is possible.

11. **Lime Down** – Councillor Pitman not present but Lime Down Application is in Examination period. There is a further meeting in November with a decision to be made next April.

12. **Neighbourhood Local Plan**- Councillor Pitman not present but discussions underway about contributing towards Wiltshire plan and suggesting sites for further development. Concerns raised about local infrastructure (doctors, schools etc) and the capacity to cope with more residents. Continued concerns about building along Park Road due to flooding issues, and recent rain highlighting issues with the recent development near BuildBase. Planning permission has already been granted for further building along Park Road. Councillor Pitman to

attend September 22nd meeting to represent BPC in further local plan discussions.

13. **AOB -** None

NEXT MEETING: TBC December 2026