

BROOME PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Broome Parish Council held on Wednesday 3rd September 2025, 7.00pm, Broome Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs. A Allen (AA) (Chair), Don Billington (DB), M Billingham (MB), S Riding (SR) and M Whitehouse (MW).

Also present were: The Clerk Mrs B J Drew (BD) and County / District Councillor Mr M J Hart (MJH).

1. **Apologies:** Lorraine Hill, District Cllrs. Mr R Drew and Mr I Hardiman.
2. **Declarations of Interest and dispensations:**
SR in item 1 in Ongoing Issues in the County Councillor Report and DB in the Village Hall.

Public Question time: None
3. **Minutes of the last meeting held on 7th May 2025:** These were duly approved and were signed by the Chair as a true record.
4. **Police Report/Policing Priorities:**
The Police report had been circulated and there was nothing to note for Broome.

Police Priorities to remain as Livestock Burglaries, Vehicle Burglaries and Horsebox thefts.
5. **District Councillor's Report:**
District Councillors Report previously circulated and appended to minutes.
6. **County Councillor's Report:**
County Councillor Report previously circulated and appended to minutes.
7. **To discuss latest VAS data and VAS sign on Hackman's Gate Lane:**
MW is collecting data and monitoring speeds. MB advised the average speed is 38mph. MJH was asked to look for a new site to position the VAS on Hackman's Gate Lane. He will meet with the Highways Liaison Engineer to agree a suitable location.
8. **Planning Report:**
The Planning Spreadsheet had been previously circulated. Clerk reported on Planning since last meeting:

Applications:

25/0426/HOU - Single storey rear extension at Hundred Acre Farm, Broome Lane. The Parish Council have no objections to the proposed extension in terms of design but cannot determine if the proposal is compliant with WFDC policy.

25/0506/CLP - New outbuilding to rear garden at Lowood, Belbroughton Road. Recommend Refusal.

Decisions:

24/0824/HOU - Erection of single storey porch to front elevation at Beechfield, Belbroughton Road. Approved

25/0029/LBC – Listed building consent for the replacement of an existing porch and installation of an EV charging point at Hackman's Gate Watch, Hackman's Gate. Approved.
25/0207/HOU – As above. Approved.

25/0182/CLP – Construction of two detached outbuildings, one containing a swimming pool and one containing WC and garden/kitchen/BBQ area at Broadfields, Belbroughton Road. Approved.

25/0308/TCA – Tree works at Laburnum Cottage, Church Road. Approved.

MB advised that the Gora Villa application has been withdrawn (25/0051/HOU).

After discussion it was agreed the Planning Sub Committee to be MB, AA, SR.

9. Financial Report:

- a) To update the PC on the financial position,
The Clerk had circulated the Cashbook and reported balances as follows;

Bank Balance as at 1 st September 2025 Treasurers Account	£246.26
Bank Balance as at 1 st September 2025 BB Instant Online	£16,809.27

- b) To approve schedule of payments,
Already Paid;

2025/2026

Lengthsman April 25	£216.00
Zurich Insurance	£241.00
Norton Antivirus	£20.00
Lengthsman May 25	£216.00
Lengthsman June 25	£216.00
Lengthsman July 25	£216.00

- c) To discuss additional signatories for on-line banking,
AA suggested that SR and MW be added as signatories on the bank. This was unanimously agreed.
- d) To note new Pay scales.
Noted.
- e) To discuss correspondence from Churchill & Blakedown Parish Council regarding contribution for use of trade waste bin.
BD advised of email received from Churchill and Blakedown Parish Council asking for a contribution towards emptying of their bin at the sports field as our Lengthsman deposits the litter from our bin there. They are, apparently charged by WFDC for emptying. MJH was surprised they are being charged and will look into it.

9. Date of Next Meetings.

10th December 2025

28th January 2026

13th May 2026

2nd September 2026

9th December 2026

Meeting closed at 7.34pm

Signed..... Amanda J Allen (Chair)

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