

BROMPTON TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 14th May 2026, 7:30pm, Weavers Pavilion.

Present: Cllr Shiel-Dods, Cllr Carter, Cllr Hird, Cllr Potter, L Bleach (Clerk)

267-001 Election of Officers and Declarations of Acceptance

- 1.1 No resignations of offices were received.
- 1.2 Cllr Shiel-Dods was elected as Chair; proposed Cllr Potter, seconded Cllr Carter.
- 1.3 Cllr Langthorne was elected as Vice-Chair; proposed Cllr Shiel-Dods, seconded Cllr Hird.

267-002 Appointments to external bodies

- 2.1 Cllr Shiel-Dods and Cllr Langthorne were appointed as voting representatives of the Town Council at the YLCA Branch Meetings.

267-003 No updates to declarations of interest not already declared under the council's code of conduct or members' Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests were recorded.

267-004 Apologies and reasons for absence

- 4.1 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Langthorne, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Kelly, Cllr Hazelwood.
- 4.2 All reasons for absence were approved.

267-005 Cllr Carter declared an interest 267-009.2 as one of the payments was a reimbursement.

267-006 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17th March 2026 were confirmed as a true and correct record.

267-007 Public session.

A discussion was held on the status of Brompton Beck as a main river and the siting of flood zones. Concerns about the condition of the Beck and the siting of self-seeded trees were noted. It was noted that an ecology survey had been commissioned that would provide further information on the condition of the area and the status of flora and fauna; this would provide the basis for a future work plan. A further area of concern for attending members of the public was traffic movements, especially agricultural vehicles since the lights and noise were causing issues at times. Although this is not within the remit of the Town Council, it was

noted that they could try and assist by contacting NYC. It was suggested that individuals also contact NYC providing as much detail as possible of individual instances.

267-008 **Assets**

8.1 **Battle of the Standard**

It was noted that the plaque for the Battle of the Standard has been ordered. It was resolved for the Clerk to look into arrangements for its unveiling.

8.2 **Village Green & Common Land**

An update from the Clerk regarding the status of village green and common land was received. The next steps are to continue going through the archive material and determine a timeline with associated paperwork.

8.3 **Play Equipment**

It was resolved that regular visual inspections of the play equipment should be carried out and noted. The Clerk was also asked to look into the use of software in the long-term to streamline the process and link to both asset management and any potential maintenance tasks etc.

8.4 **Cemetery Gates**

It was noted that 3 quotes (if possible) would be sought for the replacement or repair of the cemetery gates. Councillors are to contact the Clerk if they know of suitable contractors.

267-009 **Financial matters**

9.1 The Statement of accounts to 31 March 2026 was noted and approved and it was noted that the council will undergo an external audit for the fiscal year 2025/26.

9.2 The advice of the Finance Working Group was noted and it was resolved to make the payments as previously circulated.

9.3 The advice of the Finance Working Group and the payments already made were noted as previously circulated.

9.4 The advice of the Finance Working Group and receipts were noted.

9.5 It was noted that the Clerk will be paid in accordance with the contract of employment and that there is the likelihood for regular overtime.

267-010 **Highways & Transport**

10.1 No future events within the parish that would be impacted by potential roadworks or closures were noted.

267-011 **Planning**

11.1 To consider ZB26/00809/CAT

Application for works to fell 8 Conifer trees in a conservation area.
Noted and no objections.

11.2 To consider ZB26/00587/MRC

The Removal or Variation of Condition 5 to previously approved application ZB24/01136/OUT (Application for Outline Planning Permission with some matters reserved (except access) for the erection of 4 no. self/custom build dwellings [Use Class C3]). *N.B, an extension has been requested from the planning officer*
Noted and no objections.

11.3 It was noted that the Call for Sites has been reopened and a response was not deemed necessary.

12 **Matters raised by the Clerk**

It was noted and resolved that the Clerk would have delegated authority for planning decisions, making urgent payments and taking decisions necessary for the proper function of the council in respect of emergency decisions or in months with no meetings. Proposed: Cllr Hird; seconded Cllr Carter.

267-014 **Housekeeping** (items for future meetings; items for discussion, not resolution)

Dates for future meetings were suggested of 30th June, 28th July, 29th September.
Cllr Carter noted that the new post box was in use.

267-015 It was noted that the Town Council then sat as Brompton Burial Board (reserved business)