

10th June 2025

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED to attend the ordinary meeting of Braybrooke Parish Council which will be held at the Village Hall, Braybrooke on TUESDAY 17th June 2025, commencing at 7.30pm when the undermentioned business will be transacted.

Agenda

- 25/20 **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE:**
a - Apologies from councillors not in attendance
b - Declarations of interest related to business on the agenda/Dispensations
- 25/21 **MINUTES** – To approve & sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meetings 20th May 2025
- 25/22 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – To receive representations from Members of the Public
- 25/23 **NNC DESBOROUGH WARD REPRESENTATIVES** – To receive an update and consider any action proposed
- 25/24 **MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS** - To receive updates and determine future actions
a – 25/11 a – Request for a closed bin in the children’s play area
b – 25/11 b – Fly Tipping
c – 25/11 c – Speeding and the proposal of 20 mph zones
d - 25/11 d – repair of several streetlights in the parish
e – 25/11 e - reflective posts on School Street
- 25/25 **GREENWAYS PROJECT:** To receive an update on the Griffin Trail project and consider and agree any actions proposed
a - ‘No parking beyond this point’ sign to help alleviate the increase in cars being parked in Braybrooke
b - Legal maintenance agreement between BPC and The Landowner
c - Purchase of the interpretive sign
d - The purchase of finger posts and any other posts/signage required
- 25/26 **FINANCE:**
a - To receive the finance report, bank statements and reconciliation
b - To consider and approve the accounts for payment
c – Confirm the date for the internal controls review and Q1 budget monitoring for 2025/26
d – To confirm that the annual audit submission to the external auditor has been made
e – To confirm the VAT return has been submitted
f – To consider the Clerk’s overtime hours and accrued holiday pay
- 25/27 **HIGHWAYS/TREES/FOOTPATHS/TRAFFIC/SIGNAGE/STREET LIGHTING/FLOODING**
a - To receive an update on trees on the village green
b - To receive an update on the new access to the traveller’s site
c – To receive an update on Highways action to maintain the verges and green areas in the parish
d – To receive an update and consider action regarding the ‘Give Way’ issues on Newland Street
e – To receive an update on the overhanging branches on Newland Street
f – To receive an update on the complaint received regarding the ongoing obstruction of Public Right of Way – Footpath GC7 and consider any further action
g – To consider the invitation from The Woodland Trust to apply for free community tree packs with a view to enhancing the green spaces. Consider potential locations for planting and if agreed, obtain landowner permission
- 25/28 **POLICIES & PROCEDURES** – To receive the Clerks proposal for the readoption of the councils policies & procedures

- 25/29 **PLANNING** Consider the response to any new planning consultations received:
- a - NK/2025/0213 - Eckland Lodge Business Park - Section 73 Application - Variation of condition 2 of NK/2022/0010 in respect of amended plans
 - b - NK/2025/0216 - Eckland Lodge Business Park - Variation of condition 2 of KET/2014/0655 in respect of expiry date
 - c - To review and consider a potential proposal to be submitted to BESS construction firms, outlining opportunities for community investment, in the event that any of the BESS planning applications are approved (Appendix A)
 - d - To receive and note the Planning Report for May/June
- 25/30 **TO CONFIRM THE DATE, TIME, AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING**
- 25/31 **CLOSE**

Becky Jones

Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer, Braybrooke Parish Council

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Exploratory Proposal for Braybrooke Community Development Options

This document presents a balanced exploratory overview of potential community improvement projects for Braybrooke, to be considered if funding from one or more proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) developments becomes available. The community is encouraged to assess the merits of each project and determine priorities through further consultation. All proposed options have been considered considering the Braybrooke Neighbourhood Plan (2019), aligning with its objectives to protect landscape character, enhance recreational opportunities, preserve heritage assets, and support sustainable development.

Option 1: Community Sports Ground

Aligned with Objective 5 of the Neighbourhood Plan, which supports improved recreational provision, this proposal involves the creation of a dedicated community sports ground on privately owned land. The site would feature off-road parking for around 30 vehicles, easing congestion and improving accessibility. A junior play area designed for children aged 5–14 would complement the existing infant playground. Facilities would include changing rooms, toilets, and a refreshment shelter. Multi-use sports pitches would promote physical wellbeing and social inclusion, consistent with Policy BNDP 9 supporting health and wellbeing infrastructure.

Option 2: Heritage Park around Braybrooke Castle Site

This proposal addresses Objectives 2 and 3 of the Plan, promoting access to the countryside and protection of historical assets. It proposes the transformation of fields around the historic castle site into a heritage park, with a new footpath linking the bridge location to the Jurassic Way. The existing cricket pitch would be preserved and improved under local stewardship. The proposal enhances public access while safeguarding landscape and heritage significance in accordance with Policy BNDP 5.

Option 3: Jordan Valley Heritage Trail

Supporting Policy BNDP 3 and Objective 2, this initiative would introduce new signage and associated media along existing public footpaths to enhance awareness and understanding of the Jordan Valley's historical and ecological significance. Rather than constructing a new trail, the project would make use of existing routes, adding interpretive boards and visual materials that highlight features such as Braybrooke Castle, ridge and furrow landscapes, and native wildlife. The initiative would respect the landscape character and offer informal recreation and learning opportunities for families and visitors.

Option 4: Community Orchard or Woodland

In keeping with Policies BNDP 4 and 6, which promote environmental enhancement and biodiversity, this option proposes a community-managed green space with native planting. It would increase natural habitats and contribute to landscape character. The orchard or woodland would also serve as a focal point for youth engagement and informal family activity.

Option 5: Flood Alleviation Initiatives

Addressing Objective 4 and Policies BNDP 2 and 6, this proposal supports the use of sustainable drainage and natural flood management to reduce risk downstream. Interventions such as attenuation ponds and rewilded banks would deliver ecological benefits while improving land resilience. Target areas would be selected based on known flood zones, aligning with recent Environment Agency mapping.

Option 6: Community Renewable Energy Fund

Aligned with Policy BNDP 8 on climate change mitigation, this fund would enable households and community buildings to improve energy efficiency and adopt small-scale renewable energy. It reflects the plan's vision for reducing Braybrooke's carbon footprint while enhancing sustainability.

Option 7: Griffin Trail Enhancement

Supporting Objectives 2 and 5, this option would improve access to and enjoyment of the countryside.

Enhancements to the Griffin Trail—including surfacing, seating, and interpretation—would reinforce its role as a key community asset. The project also supports Policy BNDP 7 by encouraging active lifestyles and sustainable transport.

Option 8: All Saints Church Restoration

This proposal aligns with Policy BNDP 5, which recognises the importance of local heritage. Restoration and community use enhancements would secure the long-term future of All Saints Church as both a place of worship and a valued village venue. Sensitive upgrades would ensure heritage is preserved while broadening its accessibility and relevance.

Suggested Next Steps:

- Initiate preliminary conversations with private landowners and relevant authorities.
- Undertake initial cost and feasibility studies for each proposed project.
- Conduct community engagement sessions to gauge preferences and establish clear priorities.

This proposal provides a neutral platform from which community stakeholders can deliberate and ultimately select projects that best meet the needs and aspirations of Braybrooke residents, while remaining fully aligned with the Braybrooke Neighbourhood Plan.

Appendix: Relevant Objectives and Policies from the Braybrooke Neighbourhood Plan (2019)

- **Objective 2:** To maintain and improve access to the countryside and footpath network.
- **Objective 3:** To protect and enhance Braybrooke's heritage assets and historic environment.
- **Objective 4:** To address flood risk and promote environmental resilience.
- **Objective 5:** To improve opportunities for community wellbeing, sport, and recreation.
- **Policy BNDP 2: Sustainable Development** – Supports well-planned development that meets current needs without compromising future generations, with a focus on flood risk and infrastructure.
- **Policy BNDP 3: Valued Landscapes and Vistas** – Protects key views and landscape features, including the Jordan Valley.
- **Policy BNDP 4: Green Infrastructure** – Encourages enhancement of public green spaces.
- **Policy BNDP 5: Heritage Assets** – Protects designated and non-designated heritage features, including the church and castle site.
- **Policy BNDP 6: Biodiversity and Wildlife** – Promotes natural habitat enhancement and ecological connectivity.
- **Policy BNDP 7: Transport and Accessibility** – Supports sustainable travel, path improvements, and inclusive access.
- **Policy BNDP 8: Climate Change and Energy** – Encourages energy efficiency and community-led renewable energy.
- **Policy BNDP 9: Community Facilities and Infrastructure** – Supports local facilities that enhance wellbeing, recreation, and social cohesion.