

BRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

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The minutes of the September meeting of Briston Parish Council held on Monday 14 September 2026 in the Copeman Centre, Briston

Present: Cllr John Davies Chairman
Cllr Mrs Tracey Kidd Vice Chairman
Cllr John Wing
Cllr Reg Lampard
Cllr Arthur Kidd
Cllr Maurice Gray

Clerk: Mrs Jenny English

2026/129 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Cllr Gavin Nutkins. Work commitments. Apology accepted

The chairman said that owing to family and work commitments Mrs Ava Graves had had to resign from the council. The meeting thanked Mrs Graves for her work on the council and agreed to send her a letter of thanks.

2026/130 To accept declarations of interest from members on any items on the agenda

None

2026/131 To approve the minutes of the meeting of Briston Parish Council held on 13 July 2026

Proposed by Cllr Mrs Kidd. Seconded by Cllr Gray

Approved

2026/132 To invite public participation including reports from the County Councillor, District Councillor and SNT representative

Mr Martin Eggleton and Mr Colin Eggleton presented a cup to the Parish Council, which had been in the safe keeping of, their father the former, long time chairman Mr Ron Eggleton. The cup was originally bought by funds from those who had survived the First World War and was made in 1919 by a firm in Birmingham. The meeting thanked the Eggletons for returning the cup.

District Cllr Andrew Fletcher reported on the latest developments in Local Government Reorganisation. This has been paused. A member of the public asked how much money had been spent on this. Cllr Fletcher will ask the NNDC Overview & Scrutiny Committee what the earmarked funds for this project will be used for. He said that one of the benefits of this exercise is that NNDC were now working closely with other district councils and this will continue.

Food waste collections will start next year.

A mobile connectivity survey is being carried out. Cllr Fletcher will send the clerk the link to this for her to pass onto councillors.

Cllr Fletcher will send details of the 'Ask Annie' initiative which has been developed for victims of domestic abuse.

He is still waiting to hear from the National Lottery with regard to funding for the swings.

Cllr Fletcher is trying to resolve the problem of the abandoned Church Manse and is chasing up other empty properties in Briston.

A member of the public reported that, owing to problems last year the person who built the bonfire for the display is unable to do so this year. This will be discussed at the meeting of the Firework Committee.

2026/133 To discuss matters arising from the minutes of the Briston Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13 July 2026

The clerk reported that she and the tree surgeon, Oliver Husar had visited Garden Close last Saturday morning and Mr Husar had said that there was no problem with any of the trees and none were overhanging any gardens. The only cause for concern was the growth along the path running from Garden Close to the allotments. Cllr Gray offered to cut this back, as he had done last year.

The clerk said that it was not worth doing anything about the abandoned shed on the allotment on the Poores as this allotment is not being worked and will be let to someone else next year.

The contractor who wins the contract for the 2027 grass cutting will be asked if he would not cut in hot, dry weather.

Cllr Wing said that he is no longer able to provide a guy for the firework event and wondered if it was possible to have a making the guy competition.

Cllr Davies reported that the form for a direct debit card had been signed and he will take it into the Banking Hub in Holt.

2026/134 To receive and comment on any planning applications which may be received

None received

2026/135 To approve the date of the 26 June 2027 for the Briston Gala

It was proposed by Cllr Gray and seconded by Cllr Kidd that the Gala Ball be held on 17 October, the Children's Christmas Party on 12 December and the Briston Gala on 26 June 2027 **Approved**

2026/136 To discuss a request from a parishioner with regard to providing a dog poo bin along Craymere Beck Road

Cllr Gray proposed and Cllr Wing seconded that this go on the precept for the financial year 2027/2028. **Approved**

2026/137 To discuss the problem of dog fouling on the open space in Garden Close

After several councillors, who had visited the site said that they saw no evidence of dog fouling it was agreed that nothing further would be done and a dog poo bin was not needed.

2026/138 To discuss a request from a parishioner asking that the patch of grass left wild on the grassed area in Garden Close could be cut in order that there is a large enough area for families to play games such as cricket.

It was agreed that this patch of grass would be left uncut until July and then cut in the normal way.

2026/139 To discuss repairs to fencing round the hills area on Briston Village Green

Cllr Lampard reported that before work can commence the area needs strimming. Cllr Gray said that he can cut it down with a hook. 12 new posts are required and work will commence a little at a time, starting with the most urgent. Cllr Wing said that he has a couple of bags of Post Crete which he will give for this project.

2026/140 To receive information on the report made to the police by Cllr John Davies with regard to anti-social behaviour

Cllr Davies reported that a client had booked the main hall of the Briston Pavilion one evening. He was working there alone when at around 10pm there was loud knocking on the doors and windows. There was a group of about 6 youths trying to get in. The client found this very disturbing and had reported it to the council. Cllr Davies has reported this incident and trial bikes being ridden across the recreation ground to the police. The local policeman has been informed of this.

2026/141 To receive information and costings for the wreath and crosses for the Remembrance Day Service round Briston War Memorial on Sunday 8 November and details of the service

The clerk reported that the wreath will cost £23.00. Wooden crosses are £3 each and 50 are needed. 47 for the war memorial in the church yard and 3 for the airmen's memorial in Wellington Road. She will ensure they arrive this year. The service will commence at 10.30am in Briston All Saints' Church and move outside to the war memorial in time for the minutes silence at 11am. She will contact the bugler.

2026/142 To discuss the Bee Squared Project and whether it would be suitable for Briston

It was agreed that the clerk get more information on this project including costings as many of the councillors would like to take part.

2026/143 To receive an update on the tenders for the grass and hedge cutting contracts for 2026/2027

The clerk reported that tenders were due in by 30 September. So far she had received one. Cllr Davies said that owing to a complaint from the Football Club he would get in touch with another contractor with regard to cutting the recreation ground.

2026/144 To receive an update on the repairs to the pump track

Cllr Lampard reported that this is still ongoing. The large gaps have been filled with sealant and are holding. He will now tackle the small cracks. Once the work is finished the pump track will be repainted.

2026/145 To receive an update from the Speedwatch Group

Cllr Davies reported that the training has been cancelled again by the police

2026/146 To receive an update from the Firework Committee

The first meeting will take place on Monday 5 October at 7pm in the meeting room of the Briston Pavilion

2026/147 To receive a report from the Personnel Committee

This met a couple of times to discuss a grievance which was found not to be proven after investigation

2026/148 To receive a grant request from the Briston Bulls Youth Football Club and decide a course of action

Cllr Kidd proposed that a grant of £250, as requested be given to the club. Seconded by Cllr Mrs Kidd
Approved

2026/149 To discuss and approve changing the Rialtas Alpha Receipts and Payments system from desk based to web based

Proposed go ahead by Cllr Kidd, seconded by Cllr Mrs Kidd
Approved

2026/150 To receive the Quarterly Financial Monitoring Report for the FY26-Q1

Received

2026/151 To receive a financial update and approve where necessary:

Bank statements from the Parish Council current account July, August and September, Firework account and Gala account for 31 March to 29 June

Reconciliations for the Parish Council current account for June, July and August

Payments for September

Forecast for spend to the end of the financial year March 2027

Proposed by Cllr Kidd. Seconded by Cllr Mrs Kidd
Approved

Bank Statement 30 June – 30 July 2026

Date	Description	Money out £	Money in £	Balance £
30 June	Start Balance			23,507.29
30 June	DD Ionos Cloud	30.42		23,476.87
16 July	DD Edf Energy	19.53		23,457.34

21 July	Copeman Centre room hire	15.00		23,442.34
21 July	Repay J Davies fencing	16.43		23,425.91
21 July	Repay J Davies waste bin liners	21.99		23,403.92
21 July	Anglian Water Stone Road allotments	24.37		23,379.55
21 July	MAE Bookkeeping – payroll	25.00		23,354.55
21 July	Repay J Davies barrier tape	26.99		23,327.56
21 July	Anglian Water – The Poors allotments	34.15		23,293.41
21 July	Cartridge Save – inkjet cartridges	68.48		23,224.93
21 July	National Allotment Society – subscription	84.00		23,140.93
21 July	CT Baker	91.20		23,049.73
21 July	Higginbottom – office rent	100.00		22,949.73
21 July	TT Jones – lights inspection	163.19		22,786.54
21 July	Viking – stationery	228.31		22,558.23
21 July	St John Ambulance – first aid cover Gala	278.40		22,279.83
21 July	Higginbottom – repay electricity	316.00		21,963.83
21 July	HMRC	414.75		21,549.08
21 July	Top grass cutting	1,954.80		19,594.28
21 July	Gala takings		380.00	19,974.28
22 July	DD BT	64.74		19,909.54
22 July	T Staff 0 overtime pump track	192.75		19,716.79
28 July	SO clerk salary July	1,004.60		18,712.19
28 July	T Staff – salary July	668.52		18,043.67
29 July	DD Ionos Cloud	30.42		18,013.25
30 July	Balance carried forward			18,013.25
	Total payments/receipts	5,874.04	380.00	
	Bank Statement 31 July – 28 August 2026			
Date	Description	Money out £	Money in £	Balance £
31 July	Start Balance			18,013.25
17 August	BC Landscapes – church yard grass	3,240.00		14,773.25
18 August	DD Edf Energy	18.90		14,754.35
24 August	DD BT Group	64.74		14,689.61
28 August	DD Ionos Cloud	30.42		14,659.19
28 August	SO Clerk Salary August	1,004.60		13,654.59
28 August	Balance carried forward			13,654.59
	Total payments/receipts	4,358.66	00.00	

Payments

		£
Higginbottom – office rent July		100.00
Office rent August		100.00
HMRC Tax and NIC July		531.15
August		531.15

Cartridge Save ink jet cartridges		99.26
The Copeman Centre hall rent July		15.00
Viking plastic pouches and soap dispensers		104.01
Petrol for mower repay T Staff		9.55
Overtime T Staff work on Plantation Hill hedge trimming		
Work on Church Street car park		86.25
MAE Bookkeeping Payroll	July	25.00
	August	25.00
Toolstation flexible filler repay R Lampard		9.59
Jewson Raw MOT Type 1 Sub base repay R Lampard		31.35
Petrol for mower repay T Staff		9.15
Blyth & Wright stuff for pump track		33.04
Top Garden Services grass cutting	July	1,303.20
	August	1,303.20
Total		4,315.90

Paid but need authorisation		
BC Landscapes churchyard cutting (paid 14/08/2026)		3,240.00
People Plan Consultant personnel matter (paid 09/09/2026)		1,034.00
T Staff salary July S/O (paid 28/07/2026) this amount was overpaid		
By £116.40 owing to new tax code		668.52
T Staff salary August with adjustment for overpayment in July		
(paid 01/09/2026)		435.72
J English S/O salary	July	1,004.60
	August	1,004.60

Direct Debit		
BT	July	64.74
	August	64.74
EDF Kiosk village green	July	18.90
	August	19.53
IONOS Cloud		30.42

CCLA

31 July 2026	Total valuation	50,997.19
31 August 2026	Total valuation	51,163.13

2026/152 To receive a report from the Higginbottom Recreational Charity

Cllr Davies reported that the new heating system had been installed in the main hall. The heaters that had been working in there had been reused in the meeting room to replace defunct heaters in there. The main hall and meeting room now needed some redecoration.

Bookings were now coming in after the lull in the summer.

2026/153 To receive a report from the Copeman Centre

Cllr Lampard reported that the new booking system is up and running and bookings are slowly coming in. The accounts are being sorted. There is an issue with some chairs scratching the floor of the hall and the shed outside needs removing. They are looking at holding film evenings.

2026/154 To invite public participation

An allotment holder, on The Poors asked if it would be possible to have another water trough as the current one was a long way from some allotments. Cllr Gray and the clerk will look into this and discuss position and costings. The meeting felt that everything possible should be done to encourage people to grow vegetables

2026/155 Any other business – please note this is for discussion only. No decisions can be taken under this item

It was reported that the seat outside the Co-op has been vandalised and needs repairing.

There is a dead tree on the Plantation Hill allotments. The clerk will look into this and see if it belongs to Briston or Melton Constable.

It was reported that the Salvation Army are looking at installing a defibrillator. The council felt that as there was already one outside Graves and one at the Briston Pavilion another was not needed.

Briston Parish Church will be using the village green on 25 September for overflow parking.

2026/156 Date of next meeting Monday 12 October 2026

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed:

Dated: