

BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Public Session

Anti-Fox hunting posters around Broomfield – should be reported to Somerset Council as fly-posting.

Reports from Somerset Councillors

None

The Minutes

Present: Councillors Ali Aras, Doug Wilson, Jess Osman and Tina Searle.

In Attendance: Clare Sylvester (Clerk), Donna Durham (Assistant Clerk) and 4 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

Somerset Councillors Bill Revans and Councillor Lucinda Garland

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 18th November 2025 were circulated with the agenda of this meeting and unanimously approved.

4. Chair's Report

Last meeting involved a lot of discussion outside of the public session. Please refrain from asking questions during the main session.

Chair thanks Donna Durham as it was her last meeting and presented her with a gift.

5. Wilder Broomfield

Wilder Broomfield will be launched on 26th May 2026. Hoping to involve Fyne Court and the Village Hall. The plan is to take time and not rush to ensure that it is done well. Children's competition will be launched.

A suggestion was made that farmers are included in the project.

Enmore and Goathurst have successfully implemented a 'Wilding' project.

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6. Signposts

Chair asked Paul Trolley if he could assist with photos of signposts and 'what three words' locations for each. Paul Trolley will liaise with the Clerk. Clerk to explore available grants for signposts.

7. Quiet Lanes

Councillor Wilson reported that the quiet lanes initiative required community 'buy in'. Highways are not keen to pay to erect signposts. It is not considered a priority at present.

Highways have also said potholes are not considered a priority at present but they do have a contract with Kier to make repairs.

Clerk has regular contact with Somerset Council – a lot of money is being invested but Broomfield is low priority.

8. Flooding

Chair suggested removing Flooding from agenda. Some people take personal responsibility to keep the drains clear.

All drains are scheduled for cleaning by Highways, but not all are on an annual schedule.

Flooding to be removed from agenda.

9. Landscape Partnership Scheme

Management plan in place. Need to clarify when tree protection orders come off. Clerk will add Management Plan to website.

10. LCN

Councillor Wilson attends regularly.

Somerset Councillor Bradford stated that Broomfield will be in the Cannington Group moving forwards. Chair has discussed with other Parish Councils about linking up.

11. Village Hall

- Bookings are continuing to come in.
- Website has been updated – Chair suggested giving it a boost on WhatsApp
- They also have a donation page
- Discussions ongoing regarding updating the kitchen
- AGM is on 15th May 2026
- Only 4 in committee, so any additional members would be greatly received

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12. Andrew Cross Plaque

Discussed making the plaque prominent. Talks to take place with church. £200 contribution agreed unanimously.

13. Fiannce

13.1 Receipts and Payments

The Council unanimously approved the receipts and payments.

13.2 Budget 2026/2027

The Council unanimously approved the proposed budget.

13.3 Meeting Dates for 2026/2027

The Council unanimously approved the meeting dates for 2026/2027.

The meeting closed at 20:25

Signed _____(Chairman), 26th May 2026