

BRININGHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 11th May 2026, at Briningham Village Hall at 7pm.

Present: Chair Cllr Helena Gregory (Chair of the Parish Council), Parish Clerk – Kerry Harris
5 Residents and electors

Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

Minutes of the meeting held on May 1st 2025

The minutes for this meeting are on the website. They were reviewed at the Parish Council meeting on 1st September 2025 and were an accurate record of the meeting.

Annual Report from the Chair of the Parish Council

Good evening and welcome to the Annual Parish Meeting for 2026. The year in Briningham follows a now familiar pattern governed by the seasons and farming, the influx of holidaymakers, the fortnightly shoot through the winter months, the church and the celebration of festivals – the events which bring us together as a community and as friends. Thank you to all those people who help keep our parish tidy – cutting grass and picking litter, the team who look after the Church – arranging flowers and tidying the churchyard, to those who help raise essential funds for the church – organising fayres and hosting the Summer Garden Party and baking endless cakes,

This year we have, sadly, lost some long-established members of our community, but we have also welcomed new residents.

Under the guidance of Kerry, our Clerk, the Parish Council has carried out its duties – ‘thank you’ Kerry for keeping us on track and making sure all our policies and accounts are up to date. Most of all, ‘thank you’ for setting up our new website with no hiccups.

The War Memorial Field is now beginning to look productive, although the dry start to the year has not helped any of the tenants, and it is lovely to see and hear the sheep now residing on the Recreation Field.

Finally, congratulations to our new County Councillor, Andrew Brown, who, I am sure, will help us all navigate the impending ‘Devolution’.

Reports from other Organisations

There were no other organisations represented.

If any reports are received later, they will be attached to this report.

Residents Forum

Pond on Memorial Field – A resident has noticed that there was a pond shown on the old maps on the Memorial Field, against the field edge, that could feed into the village. A resident will investigate this and report back. This will be added to the July agenda

Solar Panels in the Memorial Field – A resident suggested that Solar Panels could be installed on the Memorial Field which could feed into the village. She has heard about a community where

money had been earned from doing this. A resident suggested that the under-use of the Memorial Field land was a wasted resource in the Village. The Clerk reminded the meeting that this land was designated as Allotments and would need the permission of the Secretary of State to change its use.

There was a discussion about the set-up costs and who would pay. A resident will undertake some research and report back.

This will be added to the July meeting.

Close meeting

The meeting closed at 7.12pm