

## OTTERHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

You are hereby notified that a Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on  
**THURSDAY 12 February 2026, 7.00pm**  
**OTTERHAMPTON VILLAGE HALL**

Members are required to attend – The meeting is open to the press and public

### 1. Apologies For Absence

### 2. Declarations Of Interest and Dispensations

### 3. Public Session (Including Ward Councillor Reports)

**Public Session** (In accordance with our Standing Orders members of the public are entitled to speak in respect of the business on the agenda and shall not speak for more than 3 minutes, a question asked by a member of the public during a public participation session at a meeting shall not require a response or debate).

### 4. To Approve Minutes of The Parish Council Meeting Held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### 5. Planning Matters

- a. 39/25/00007/FHY 31 Estuary Park, Combwich, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA5 2QP – single storey extension. – Decision APPROVED
- b. 39/26/00001/LE Crossway Farm, 60 Brookside Road, Combwich, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA5 2PP - Erection of a detached garage & home office.  
(Refer to objection letter from neighbouring property).
- c. 39/26/00002 Crossways Farm, 60 Brookside Road, Combwich, Bridgwater TA5 2PP. Erection of a detached garage and home office
- d. 39/24/00005 – Manor Farm, Church Lane, Otterhampton, TA5 2PT – Construction of an earth slurry store and associated landscaping – GRANTED PERMISSION

### 6. Finance

To approve the Bank Reconciliation and budget statement for January 2026

- a. Total Closing Balance as of end of Jan 2026 - **£66,496.70**
- b. To approve the following Invoices for payment / receipts (inclusive of VAT), plus any invoices presented after the agenda has been published?

EVAG	Donation for provision of flood prevention equipment S.137	£27.15
SALC	Training Course	£50.00
SC	Emptying bins	£608.40
M Narraway	Clearing Vegetation around salt bin	£83.70
Combwich GC	Speaker fees – SALC Fund	£100.00
Staff Costs	Less overpayment due to typo in previous month (£60.00)	£1388.31
	Internet use and use of office	£26.00
OVH	Use of hall by Shop Committee	£36.00
OVH	Use of hall by Art Club – subsidised by SALC Fund	£18.00

#### c. Income received

Interest received	£34.81
Donation from 1 <sup>st</sup> Combwich Brownies for bench	£450.00

- d. 2026-27 Precept has been lodged with SC.

### 7. Parish Clerks Report

- a. See Annexe A – inc. Action List
- b. Confirm 2026 meeting dates
- c. Clerk annual leave

### 8. Flooding along Brookside

- a. Cllr Dodge proposes that the PC formally recognises the ongoing flood risk affecting properties in the parish as a matter of resident well being and duty of care, noting that elderly residents have been repeatedly undertaking hazardous flood mitigation activities, including operating pumps during dark hours in conditions involving flood water and electricity.
- b. That the Parish Council further resolves to take proactive steps to bring forward a flood mitigation solution as a matter of urgency, including progressing discussions with the land owners and seeking professional advice on feasible works, such as an attenuation pond in the field adjacent to No 54 Brookside Rd and to consider the use of Parish Council funds to enable delivery within a timescale, which more accurately reflects the absolute priority this work should take.

## 9. Governance

To review and approve the following policies

- a. The use of What's App Policy 2026
- b. IT Policy 2026

## 10. Church Lynch Gate – War memorial

- a. Parish Council, having the power to maintain war memorials, support and works in partnership with St. Peters's Church to apply for funding to the HP mitigation Fund for :
  - 1) Temporary scaffolding to support the Lychgate.
  - 2) A structural engineering report
  - 3) Match funding with the War Memorial Trust to restore the village War Memorial
 Cllr Parker

## 11. Dog Bins

To consider the removal of dog bins within the village – Cllr Dodge

## 12. Reports Of Representatives

- a. Public Rights of Way (PRoW) B Birkenhead
- b. Steart Ward (D Dodge)
- c. Social Media (D Dodge)
- d. SALC – Community Health & Wellbeing (S Parker)
- e. OPPT – Village Shop Community (G Parret)
- f. OVH (L Parsons)
- g. Dowsborough LCN (C Sanders)
- h. Transport Forum (D Dodge)

## 13. Correspondence/Communication requiring consideration

- a. Road closure, lack of notification and planning for emergency access
- b. Single County Wide, Public Spaces Protection Order – Dog Fouling and Control (Slides)
- c. Bridgwater Tidal Barrier Scheme amendments
- d. Anchor Inn update from owner.
- e. Surface Dressing Programme within the LCN Area 2026
- f. Letters from Parishioners re: Fly Parking
- g. Bridgwater Parish Council Summit Invite 2026
- h. Citizens Advise request for donation.
- i. Letter from Cllr B Revans
- j. Correspondence from parishioner re: electric fencing across PROW

## 14. Forthcoming Meetings/Events/Training

- Hinkley Point Community Forum 15<sup>th</sup> Jan @ 1800, Bridgwater & Taunton College, Cannington
- Hinkley Main Site Forum 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- Cllrs meeting with the Shop Committee – 17<sup>th</sup> Feb @ 1900, OVH
- Highways Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> March, Stogursey Village Hall
- Transport Forum 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026

- Bridgwater Constituency Parish Council Summit 15<sup>th</sup> March, Woolavington Village Hall
- Hinkley Point A & B SSG – TBC
- Emergency Planning Workshop – 23<sup>rd</sup> March, Wembdon Village Hall at 1730-2030
- Dowborough LCN meeting 31<sup>st</sup> March – 1900

**15. Any other business/Items for consideration next meeting**

**16. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – 12 Mar 26 at 7.00pm.**

Mrs Stephanie Juniper  
Proper Office and RFO

Date: