

Minutes of the Broadwoodwidge Parish Council meeting,

Tuesday 21st January 2020, 7pm

Those in attendance: Cllr James (Chairman), Cllrs Worden, Wonnacott, Nobbs, Crocombe, Hawken, Stratton. Cllr Watson. Cllr Parsons, Clerk.

Members of the public present: 0

5130. Apologies for absence:

Cllr Perkin. PCSO James

5131. Declaration of Interests

The chairman declared that interests be raised as they arise.

5132. Public Open Questions (Standing orders suspended during this session)

No Public present.

5133. Police Report

Holsworthy Rural Policing Update 1/11/19 – 31/12/19:

The following crimes have been reported:

BRADFORD:

Burglary from outbuilding

BRIDGERULE:

Dog worrying livestock
Common assault

HOLSWORTHY HAMLETS:

Theft of used batteries

HALWILL:

Dog not under proper control

ST. GILES ON THE HEATH:

2 x Burglary from outbuilding
Attempted burglary from outbuilding
Burglary to dwelling

TETCOTT:

Harassment without violence

There are a few burglaries on the update again this time. We advise members of the public to always be vigilant, and to contact us if you see anything suspicious, either by calling 999 if it is ongoing, or by calling or emailing 101 if the information is non-urgent.

Thank you.

Crime prevention advice, with links to Farm Watch and property marking, can be found on our website:

<https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/advice/your-community/stop-rural-crime/>

If you have an incident to report, don't hesitate to ring the Police on 101, or email 101@dc.police.uk for non-emergencies.

Always call 999 if you see a crime taking place.

5134. District Councillors Report

The council are still working on the Kivells issue. Cllr Parsons asked if the Kivells costs will come out of Council Tax. Some monies have already been paid out of TDC reserves. The issue is nearly resolved.

New Strategy is coming out for consultation shortly.

The homeless costs are coming down all the time, only two left in a Premier Inn.

5135. County Councillors Report

Cllr Parsons was at the Health and Wellbeing DCC meeting last week, trying to raise awareness of the issues faced in Torridge.

A lot of people slip under the radar, there are a lot of people experiencing difficulties that authorities don't know about to be able to offer help.

Climate Change – the county is leading the way across the country with its climate change declaration, working with business leaders to have a workable plan later this year.

There are new factors regarding parish websites coming into force later this year, regarding accessibility (Blind for example). The clerk should be receiving an update shortly on this matter.

DCC are carrying a 'Negative Reserve' of £21million for the SEN budget. This has largely come about due to the fact age limits for vulnerable adults were lifted a few years ago from 18 to 25, but budgets were not increased to meet the extra demand, and across those past few years, budgets have in fact nearly halved.

Core funding has increased by 1.6%.

The government has put an additional £14million into social care, but that is to be distributed across all local councils.

Likely looking at a 1.9 or 2% increase on precept.

A lot of cross border work is being done with the CCG Devon & Cornwall. Overnight beds at Stratton have temporarily closed down as there are not enough staff. That puts more pressure on Holsworthy. A joint meeting was held last week with the CCGs, working well together and Cllr Parsons will update the council on outcomes.

Ofsted have been in to inspect services in DCC this week.

Regarding the issues of possible dumping in the parish, DCC are keeping it on their radar.

Two Cllrs asked if Cllr Parsons about any police increase on precept – extra officers were promised with last years increase but no figures have been released on this outcome, and speculation is rife about where the extra funding has actually been spent.

Cllr Parsons doesn't have this information as the police budget is not in his remit, Cllr Watson offered to invite Cllr Hackett to the next meeting.

5136. Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the meeting 11th December 2019.
Proposed Cllr Hawken. Seconded Cllr Stratton. Carried nem.com.

5137. Matters Arising

RBL Donation – has been posted.

5138. Planning

1/0009/2020/AGMB The council declined to comment on the application and would refer back to TDC to ensure compliance.

5139. Village Green

Two objections have been received regarding the Green registration. One is regarding a line drawn in correctly. The council agree the line is incorrect and will feedback agreement to the objection with the corrected line drawn. The other objection claims adverse possession for an area. The council have correspondence regarding this area stating it is Village Green. Cllr James will contact TDC legal to confirm position and response. Objectors to be contacted by letter, with copies of the historic correspondence asking for them to reconsider the objection. Carried nem.com

There is an issue regarding drainage with water run off from the Green exacerbated with new properties being built increasing run off, which now discharges on to the Highway. Clerk to contact Matthew Collins at DCC and arrange a meeting to discuss the problem. The water currently discharges into fields, which is becoming a problem for the landowner.

5140. Emergency Plan

The clerk produced different emergency plans from other parish councils for councillors to look at. After discussion the council decided something simple with essential contact information was the way forward for Broadwoodwidge currently. The clerk will do a draft for the next meeting.

5141. Defibrillators

The council discussed the possibility of providing defibrillators for the wider parish, as well as in the village itself. Defibrillators across a rural area, is more difficult as it needs to be accessed within a certain timescale or the Ambulance Trust will not release the access code. After discussion the council agreed that if the project is to go ahead to look at using a reputable project like the Community Heartbeat Trust who have the experience to guide with the project. Clerk to contact the trust to see if they can offer advice to providing defibrillators for a rural area.

5142. To consider a Grant Policy for Broadwoodwidge.

The clerk issued copies of the draft grant policy. Councillors discussed as to whether a policy was necessary, and the clerk suggested that it would provide a structure for grant giving and enable community groups to both gain the knowledge that funding may be available, and access it. The council after discussion would like to look at the policy further. To be deferred to next meeting.

5143. Accounts for Payment

21/01/20 R Perry (Clerks Expenses) £41.30

Accounts proposed by Cllr Stratton, Seconded by Cllr Nobbs. Carried nem.com

5144. To Receive Correspondence

The clerk mentioned correspondence from TDC regarding the PCC Alert community messaging scheme:

The Devon and Cornwall PCC Alert is a community messaging system for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

Registering is free and lets you receive our newsletter as well as getting information about community events and services we commission.

To receive these messages, please register using the link below.

<https://devonandcornwallpcc.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk/>

The information you give when registering lets us send you messages relevant to the areas where you live and work.

Anyone can register, whether you live, work or just have an interest in this fantastic area.

The clerk also informed the meeting of the DCC Traffic Permit Scheme order, which has been introduced and will come into effect in March 2020. For more information go to

www.devon.gov.uk/worksp permit-scheme.

5145. Chairman's Report

No report

5146. Clerks Report

The clerk issued a draft meeting calendar in December. Cllrs agreed to the schedule as set out.

5147. Exchange of Information

Potholes on Kellacott and Lugworthy/Higher Moor road. Clerk to check on Highways progress.

9th February the Bishop is coming to dedicate the War Memorial.

5148. The meeting closed at 20.33pm.

The next meeting is Tuesday 3rd March 2020, 7pm at the Community Hub.