

Minutes of the Broadwoodwidge Parish Council meeting,

Wednesday 30th October 2019, 7pm

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

Members of the public present: 0

5093. Apologies for absence:

Cllrs Wonnacott, Hawken, Cllr Watson. PCSO James

5094. Declaration of Interests

The chairman declared that interests be raised as they arise.

5095. Public Open Questions (Standing orders suspended during this session)

No Questions

5096. Police Report

No new report since last month.

5097. District Councillors Report

Cllr Watson had sent apologies but will update the council at the next meeting on Torridge Enforcement.

5098. County Councillors Report

Upcott – Highways will be starting work soon on this area.

Grinacombe – Will investigate with County and District regarding tipping.

Grinacombe Moor – the road condition is not great, and the camber is wrong. Skanska will be checking the road is suitable for heavy vehicles.

Skanska are now setting up their own potholes repair system – potholes are being done in clusters – trying to remove the faults the meant only a reported pothole got repaired and not the one adjacent.

Thank you for getting the Grit Bin in place in Ashmill.

Highways have been and looked at the village green – the safety defects are not deemed sufficient enough to warrant any immediate works.

Cllr Parsons will speak to Highways again, as Cllrs reiterated the fact that the road around the green needs to be fit for pedestrian use and elderly as it is a main walkway to the church. Many of the rural roads around the village fall in that criteria as there are no footpaths.

More money from central needs to come for the rural road network.

Education Funding – Devon receives £300 less per child than the national average. There is extra money this year to close the gap.

Torridge Band D properties are one of the highest council taxed areas in the country, with lower wages. This also needs addressing – the disparity between council tax in rural areas, versus the salary gap.

The audit commission has voted DCC one of the outstanding authorities in the country.

Holsworthy Hospital – almost 2.5 times as many people use it as did two years ago.

5099. Council Meeting Minutes

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Proposed Cllr Crocombe. Seconded Cllr Worden. Carried nem.com.

5100. Matters Arising

5086 – Footpaths – Kellacott footpath has no access.

5101. Planning

1/00913/2019/FUL Insufficient Information Given – refer to TDC

5102. War Memorial

The war memorial is in situ, with thanks to Cllrs Crocombe, Wonnacott, Worden & James for the installation. There is a service on 10th November.
Dedication service possibly 9th February 2020. Clerk to ask RBL, Scouts and Paul Hamlyn.

5103. Village Green Update

A few queries have come back regarding the land registration and access points – all the information required has gone back.
Letter of objection has gone in regarding de-registration.

5104. Accounts for Payment

30/10/19	D James (reimbursement building materials)	£27
30/10/19	R Perry (Clerks Expenses)	£40.67
30/10/19	R Dymond (Benches)	£120
30/10/19	Markstone Granite	£1200

Accounts proposed by Cllr Worden, Seconded by Cllr Perkin. Carried nem.com

5105. To Receive Correspondence

The clerk mentioned two requests for grants from Devon Heritage and the CAB. Both to go on next meeting agenda.

5106. Chairman's Report

The first aid course was well attended – 11 people.
Could we look at getting a defib for the parish – clerk will find information.
Halwill have an Emergency Plan – to discuss on next agenda.

5107. Clerks Report

No report.

5108. Exchange of Information

No Information.

5109. The meeting closed at 20.10pm.

The next meeting is Wednesday 11th December 2019, 7pm at the Community Hub.