

Minutes of the Annual Broadwoodwidge Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 22nd May 2018, 7pm

Those in attendance: Cllr James (Chairman), Cllrs Crocombe, Perkin, Banbury, Hawken, Durstan, Worden, Wonnacott and Stratton. Cllr Watson, Clerk.

Members of the public present: 3

4993. To Elect the Chairman for the year 2018/2019.

Cllr James was elected Chairman for the forthcoming year. Proposed by Cllr Wonnacott, Seconded by Cllr Hawken. Carried nem.com

4994. The Chairman will Read and Sign the Prescribed 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office'

Cllr James Signed the declaration. Counter signed by the clerk.

4995. To Elect the Deputy Chairman for the Year 2018/2019

Cllr Worden was elected deputy chairman. Proposed by Cllr James, Seconded by Cllr Perkin. Carried nem.com

4996. Apologies for absence:

Cllr Nobbs and Cllr Parsons

4997. Declaration of Interests

The chairman declared that interests be raised as they arise.

4998. To appoint Representatives to the following committees:

i) Planning Committee

Cllr James proposed that all members of the council should be members of the planning committee, as per the last year. Cllr Stratton supported the proposal, and Cllr Perkin seconded. Carried nem.com

ii) Footpaths Committee

Cllrs Nobbs was reappointed to the Footpaths Committee, with Cllr Hawken. Carried nem.com

4999. Public Open Questions

A member of the parish spoke to the council about his concerns over traffic speed through Grinacombe Moor, from Rose Cottage to Ivyhouse.

The road directly through Grinacombe has less than the twenty houses required for a speed restriction to be considered, but the length between Rose Cottage and Ivyhouse has 35 properties.

HGVs speeding through are especially a problem.

It is a main route through from Ashwater to the A30.

The government policy is for villages of over 20 properties. It is a single lane road, with no walkways, blind bends, heavy traffic vibration, and variable road users. This ticks all boxes for government policy. Simon Phillips at DCC has been contacted and is looking at the suitability of the road for a speed limit. Any road history for this stretch from PC records would be appreciated.

Signage is not taken down following events at Roadford.

5000. Police Report

New dog fouling notices were issued.

5001. County Councillor Report

Broadband occupies the thoughts of many people, especially those who don't yet have the faster speeds. CDS (Connecting Devon and Somerset) is only responsible for supporting provision in areas that are not going to be provided with a commercial service.

We concluded the BT phase one delivery and have now agreed the final numbers which will release an additional £4.8m in gainshare funding from BT and how we will spend it has been consulted on. The decisions will be made soon. The numbers are impressive, nearly 300,000 businesses and homes can now access superfast broadband speeds and another 21000 can get faster speeds. We also started construction on phase 2 earlier this year, this is going to provide services for harder to reach areas and others who weren't reached by phase 1. This means a further 56000 homes will get access to a superfast service, most of them getting a fibre to the property (FTTP) supply by 2019/2020.

When the additional commercial supply is added there are over one million businesses and homes in the region that can access faster broadband speeds. There are properties which we have yet to reach and I fully appreciate difficulties here but the progress being made in recent times has, as we can see from the above been highly significant.

Cllr Stuart Hughes has the Cabinet Portfolio for **Highways** and has made the following comments this week:

“Up until December 2017 there were 15 “pothole” gangs operating throughout the County. Last week there were 38 – so significant increase in resources.

In December we had a total of just under 9000 potholes reported in the County – by February this was up to 16,000 and March dropping to 15,000 (equivalents for March 2017 was 9000). Now filling more than is being reported. But still catching up.

Priority is given to repairing safety defects on the A and B Road network. Due to the potential severity of the consequences of an incident and likelihood.

Number of initiatives being pursued at the moment

1 For the May inspections on the A and B road network, the safety inspectors are not only identifying safety defects but also potholes which are likely to become safety defects (serviceability defects) in the next few months (for them to be filled of course, but not necessarily as quickly).

2 We're also piloting a project in part of East Devon, similar to the above, where an inspector, triages publicly reported potholes on the A and B network, to identify whether they are a safety defect warranting immediate attention, or a serviceability defect to be dealt with within the month. (The latter is historically what we haven't done, if it wasn't a safety defect it was not filled). **We are hopeful that if this is successful that we can then roll out to the classified and even maybe the unclassified network**, identifying what changes will be needed to the IT systems and Webpages before a larger scale County wide roll out. The concept that we need to prove is that by filling in the holes (even if they are not a safety defect) is a cost saving as this reduces

the repeat calls, officer involvement in dealing with unhappy and dissatisfied customers and contractor costs in either abortive visits or less material.

At present we are not in a brilliant place, but we are trying to change, but in an informed way. We are equally not trying to jump to solutions, but understand what the real problem is we are trying to address from the customers perspective, before firming up on a solution.

With the increase in workload we are looking at the resources we have available to deliver the works orders to our various contractors. This has been partially successful, but there is more we need in the short term. The service is still exploring various options to not only deliver the expanded programme for this year, but to try and get a bit further ahead so advance programming can be looked at for future years, to reflect the feedback that members and the public have fed back to the service as to what information is needed.

We are still awaiting details from the DfT (Department for Transport) on what the Challenge Fund might be about for the coming year, however all indications point to it being about bridges rather than roads.”

5002. Minutes of the Meeting 11th April 2018

Proposed by Cllr Crocombe. Seconded by Cllr Stratton. Carried nem.com

5003. Matters Arising from the minutes of 11th April 2018

Silent Soldier – The cheque payment is on this month’s accounts, to discuss at the next meeting siting and memorial plaque.

5004. To Ratify the Insurance for the Year 2018/2019

The policy cover was reviewed and approved. Proposed by Cllr Stratton. Seconded Cllr Wonnacott. Carried nem.com

5005. To Approve Risk Assessments and the Asset Register for 2018/2019

The register and risk assessments were distributed at the meeting. All approved and carried nem.com

5006. To agree the the Certificate of Exemption for the Financial Year 2017/18

With the changes to the audit procedure the council have chose to sign the certificate of exemption and have all financial audit documents online for public scrutiny.

Cllr. Perkin proposed the Certificate of Exemption be approved and signed. Cllr. Stratton seconded the proposal which was carried nem.com. (Vote 9 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions). Cllr. James, Chairman, and the PC/RFO duly signed the document.

5007. Annual Adoption of the NALC Standing Orders and Financial Regulations for 2018/19

Proposed Cllr Banbury. Seconded Cllr Hawken. Carried nem.com

5008. Councillors Code of Conduct

The clerk issued the code of conduct to councillors (on email). To be approved at the next meeting.

5009. To nominate the Data Protection Officer for the year 2018/19

The clerk was nominated. Carried nem.com

5010. Repairs to Noticeboards

A member of the public volunteered his services if any of the boards can be removed for maintenance.

5011. Uses for telephone kiosks

All the kiosks need repairing and repainting. To stay on the sites, they are located. Carry forward to next meeting.

5012. Road Issues

The road to Pinnacle and West Week has received a complaint over the condition of the road. Clerk to highlight to Cllr Parsons, as it is affecting business. Copy to highways, Meg Booth, regarding the state of roads in the parish.

5013. Accounts for payment

£6474.00 Green Works
£221.57 Insurance
£250 RBL Silent Soldier
£16.99 Clerks Expenses

**Accounts were proposed for approval by Cllr Banbury and Seconded by Cllr Hawken.
Carried nem.com**

5014. Planning –

1/0436/2018/FUL

Clerk to email for site visit.

1/0403/2018/FUL

Cllr Hawken abstained from discussion as a neighbour and declared an interest.

The council believe the building is in the curtilage of a Grade 1 listed building, and alterations have already been made, that may need looking at, and ask the planning committee to check on the conditions placed on the original plans.

1/0337/2018/FULL

The council support the application.

1/0578/2018/FUL - Appeal

The council stands by their original comments

1/0349/2018/FUL

The council arranged a site visit for next Tuesday.

5015. Correspondence 11/04/18- 22/05/2018

Nothing to note not already covered elsewhere in the agenda.

5016. Chairman's Report

No report

5017. Clerks Report

The clerk informed the meeting that the date of the next meeting needs to be brought forward to approve the new audit documents. Agreed to Tuesday 26th June 2018.

5018. Any Other Business

Post Box – how long? 8 Weeks.

5019. The meeting closed at 20.37pm.

The next meeting is Tuesday 26th June 2018. 7pm at the Community Hub.

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