

Minutes of the Broadwoodwidge Parish Council meeting, Tuesday 5th August, 7pm

Those in attendance:- Cllr Worden (Chairman), Cllrs Crocombe, Woodard, Hawken, Reynolds, Perkin, Banbury and Wonnacott and District Cllr Watson

County Cllr Parsons arrived late.

Members of the public present:- None.

4434. Apologies for absence:- Cllr Nobbs Cllr Wonnacott proposed and Cllr Woodard seconded that their apologies be accepted. Carried nem.com.

4435. Previous Minutes No alterations. Accepted by Council. Proposed Cllr Reynolds, Seconded Cllr Perkin.

4436. Matters Arising None.

4437. Local Plan The Council discussed the North Devon and Torridge Local Plan to formulate a response for Torridge District Council. Matters discussed were that the village had been classed as C, which did not allow for any expansion, the fact that the council thought the plan concentrated on the north of the county and that it appeared to highlight urban areas.

It was brought to Cllr Watson's attention that the Parish Council had produced a village plan previously, which had been passed to TDC, but that the PC did not know what had happened to it.

The Council agreed upon the following three responses to be sent to Torridge District Council: 1. The Council notes the emphasis on the North Devon area. 2. Cllr Watson believes that Broadwoodwidge will not miss out on future development due to not being highlighted in the Local Plan. Please could the Council confirm this? 3. The Parish Council believes there is a need within the parish for a Village Hall and affordable housing. As and when the need arises, could you confirm that any applications for such would be looked upon fairly.

4438. Planning Two planning applications received by the Council were discussed: 1. Torridge Ref: 1/0609/2014/FUL – Downtown Farm. Application for erection of 2 ground mounted solar arrays. The Council proposed to support the application. Proposed by Cllr Reynolds

Seconded by Cllr Woodard 2. Torridge Ref: 1/0279/2013/REMM – Land Adjacent to Lakeside Conference Centre, Roadford Lake. Application for extension and alterations. Cllr Woodard had been delegated to attend a meeting at Torridge District Council on 7th August to discuss this application. He outlined his concerns to the Council, which included sewage works, parking, facilities for locals, lighting, fencing, the link with the watersports centre and also the green credentials of the development.

The Chair also asked that Cllr Woodard put to TDC the possibility of some local community benefit from the development.

4439. The Council was also asked if it wished to comment on an application for a Wind Farm at Swingdon Farm and the Council confirmed that it did not.

4440. Up-dates on previous applications Applications at Tower Hill and Coombe Farm both approved.

4441. Road adjacent to Village Green The Chair confirmed that he had carried out a site visit with Mr Tony Curtis, a South West Highways Surveyor, who had advised that if the full extent of the works suggested were carried out that it would constitute an alteration and therefore the Council could be liable for damages if flooding occurred.

It was, therefore, decided to carry out the works to the top of the road only, as outlined in July's minutes.

4442. Notice boards Update The notice boards had been finished and erected. It was confirmed that Jeffrey Reynolds was to varnish the board outside Cllr Reynold's residence and that Cllr Worden would varnish the notice board outside the old school.

4443. Up-date from Cllr Parsons Cllr Parsons spoke to the Council on a number of matters. He stated that he felt the comments on planning issues from the Parish were taken into account when deciding on action and he congratulated the Parish Council on their handling of the proposals at Lakeside.

He spoke regarding the Clinical Commissioning Group and the fact that a number of beds at Holsworthy had been removed. He confirmed that there was a drive to see people treated in their own homes.

He spoke again regarding highway maintenance and said that an invitation would be received by the Council shortly to attend a highway's event at Merton on the 17th September. He also read out a response to some of the complaints recently received.

The issue of Broadband in rural areas was put to Cllr Parsons and he recommended that the Council contact Sophie Francis or Andrew Leadbetter at Devon County Council, who are the leads in this area. (sophie.francis@devon.gov.uk or Andrew.leadbetter@devon.gov.uk)

4444. Amounts to be paid £850.00 for notice boards, which included the VAT not stated in previous minutes.

The next meeting is to be held on September 16th at 7pm at the Church Rooms

Meeting closed at 8.10pm.