

Minutes of the Broadwoodwidge Parish Council meeting,

Tuesday 3rd March 2020, 7pm

Those in attendance: Cllr James (Chairman), Cllrs Worden, Perkin, Stratton. Cllr Watson. Cllr Hackett, Martin Rich, Clerk.

Members of the public present: 0

5149. Apologies for absence:

Cllrs Hawken, Crocombe, Wonnacott, Nobbs. County Cllr Parsons, PCSO James

5150. Declaration of Interests

The chairman declared that interests be raised as they arise.

5152. Public Open Questions (Standing orders suspended during this session)

No Public present.

5153. Emergency Planning

Martin Rich from Devon Communities Together talked to the council about the benefits of having an emergency plan.

At the highest level all major services have a required plan to work together. A Local Emergency Plan sits on a county database, which is a database that contains all emergency plans.

When an emergency arises, the Incident Commander – the police – are informed of the emergency and are able to access and use the resources as listed on the database. The database is used by County/District/Police/Fire & Environment Agencies.

DCT have a template plan on their website. The full version goes to the database, and a redacted version is placed online on the community website/issued to residents as a public document.

Useful information to include are things such as:

Helicopter landing sites

Assembly sites

Available local resources – diggers etc.

Snow Wardens/Road Wardens

The subject of insurance was raised – the council insurance would need to be checked to see if volunteers would be covered in the event of an emergency using their own equipment – i.e a digger pulling out cars in the snow.

A draft policy can be sent to Martin Rich, and he will check the document, and upload it to the database once complete.

Twice a year DCT do a resilience forum – which is for all parishes that have or are doing an Emergency Plan., with speakers on relevant topics, including the fire service, the Red Cross. There are occasional practical exercises as well.

There is funding available for parishes to aid with set up of an emergency plan, for example printing copies to send out to the parish.

There is a bigger pot of funding available if there are designated flood risk areas. The environment agency have flood risk information.

5154. Police Report

Crimes reported in Jan/Feb 2020

ASHWATER – 2 x Common Assault

1 x Theft of planters

1 x Arson

BLACK TORRINGTON – 1 x Common assault

1 x Harassment

BRADFORD – 1 x Dog not under proper control

CLAWTON – 1 x Dog dangerously out of control

HALWILL – 1 x Theft of heating oil

HOLLACOMBE – 1 x Criminal damage to padlocks

1 x Theft of batteries

MILTON DAMEREL – 1 x Arson to car

1 x Theft of trailer

SHEEPWASH – 1 x Criminal damage to motor vehicle

ST. GILES – 1 x Theft of motor vehicle

1 x Theft of roofing lead

TETCOTT – 1 x Aggravated vehicle taking

THORNBURY – 1 x Assault occasioning Actual Bodily Harm

There were also 9 Domestic incidents recorded during this period. These are incidents that are self-contained within a household and we are reporting these for the first time this month. This is for information only. No further details will be given.

[Want to know more about the crimes in your area?](#)

Police.uk is a national website which allows you to view what crimes have been committed in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The website allows you to zoom in on areas and see crimes committed on individual streets, month by month. **The website also links to Neighbourhood Policing Teams and Crime Prevention Advice.** <https://www.police.uk/>

5155. District Councillors Report

The Kivells case has finished. The final figure has not been released yet.

Cllr Hackett as the other district councillor for Broadheath came to talk to the councillors about the question raised in the January minutes (5135) regarding the police precept and where money had been spent as there had been an increase both last year and this.

There has been a 0.3% fall in crime in Devon, the equivalent to 59 crimes per 1000 people. Devon & Cornwall have the safest force in the country. There is a greater focus on protecting the public.

Funding was delayed by the December election.

There were 225000 more 999 calls in 2019.

The commissioner asked for a £9.36 increase. Most other forces went for the maximum £10 increase. That would have protected the PCSO's.

Blue light officers have been the focus – officers that are also ambulance/fire personnel.

It is harder to get any additional funding if the available funding (maximum precept) isn't used. Not all of the panel showed up for the budget/precept approval meeting and as a result the panel were unable to block the precept. The current panel doesn't have enough power to be able to enforce change.

The panel are only able to agree a budget, all operational matters are down to the Chief Constable.

New officers will go to rural locations.

Can't stress enough that all crimes must be reported to give an accurate representation of where extra cover is needed.

5156. County Councillors Report

Members at Devon County Council (DCC) have received an update from the Chief Executive in relation to the Coronavirus situation. I thought I would share his words with you. They read:

"You may have heard today's announcement from the Chief Medical Officer that two residents from the South Devon area have been confirmed as having contracted Coronavirus (COVID-19) whilst in Northern Italy.

We (at DCC) understand from Public Health England (PHE) that close contacts to these residents will be given health advice about symptoms and emergency contact details to use if they become unwell in the 14 days after contact. If you have not been contacted by PHE, you do not need to take any action at this time.

PHE also advise that if you have recently been to one of the [affected areas](#) and are feeling unwell, you should phone the NHS 111 helpline for further advice straight away – please don't go to your doctor or a hospital.

If you have been advised by the NHS to self-isolate, you should follow their instructions which will include remaining away from work.

You should call your manager and advise them of the situation as soon as possible, and work from home wherever possible.

Detailed guidance can be found on [Inside Devon](#), which points to the latest advice from PHE and the NHS including [Frequently Asked Questions](#). Please do look at these page links for the latest updates.

The risk to the general public remains low and Devon County Council is working with health colleagues to do everything we can to stop the virus spreading and keep people in Devon safe.

Good hygiene is the best prevention and there are some simple steps you can take to protect you and your family by washing your hands regularly and thoroughly and if you cough, cover your mouth and nose with a tissue and dispose of the tissue.”

Please share the above information as widely as possible amongst our town and parishes.

5157. Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the meeting 21st January 2020.
Proposed Cllr Worden. Seconded Cllr Stratton. Carried nem.com.

5158. Matters Arising

Roads at Kellacott & Higher Moor. Emphaise urgency for repairs.

5159. Planning

1/0011/2020/FUL	No Comment
1/0081/2020/FUL	Support.

5160. Village Green

No further news received on current issues.

5161. Defibrillators

The council voted unanimously to look to provide a unit at the Hub in the first instance, and to look at other sites in the parish for other possible locations.

5162. To consider a Grant Policy for Broadwoodwidge.

The clerk issued copies of the draft grant policy as issued at the January meeting (5142).
Policy adopted. Vote unanimous.

5163. Accounts for Payment

03/03/20	R Perry (Clerks Expenses – Office Renewal, Filing etc)	£129.96
03/02/20	DALC Membership	£140.03

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

5164. To Receive Correspondence

The clerk mentioned correspondence from TDC regarding a climate workshop in North Devon.

5165. Chairman's Report

No report

5166. Clerks Report

The clerk spoke to the council about DCT separating from DALC and requiring a membership fee of £50 per annum.

5167. Exchange of Information

No information.

5168. The meeting closed at 20.40pm.

