

Minutes of the Annual Broadwoodwidge Parish meeting,

Tuesday 24th May 2017, 7pm

Those in attendance: Cllr Worden (Chairman), Cllr Crocombe (Vice - Chairman), Cllrs Perkin, Durstan, Hawken, Banbury, Stratton, James, Cllr Watson, County Cllr Parsons, Cllr Hurley, Clerk.

Members of the public present: 2

4836. Welcome

Councillor Worden, Chairman of the Parish Council welcomed everyone to the meeting.

4837. Speaker James Morrish, Deputy Leader of Torrridge

The Chairman welcomed Cllr David Hurley, Deputy Leader of Torrridge to the meeting.

Councillor Hurley spoke to Councillors and members of the public about news at Torrridge. Cllr Jane Whittaker has been re-elected as leader of the council, and all lead members are staying the same, except for Cllr Morrish who is now the lead member for Economy. Torrridge have many short and long term projects they are working on, including waste management, replacement of waste vehicles, regeneration of Westward Ho! Which has also just received a Blue Flag award.

Car Park refurbishment is an ongoing project.

More affordable housing is needed in Torrridge.

A new boiler need to be installed at Torrridge Swimming Pool, and the paths at Bideford Park need to be addressed.

The council are looking into ways they can improve support to local businesses.

Recycling currently stands at 43-45%in the Torrridge area, looking set to meet the Government Target of 50% by 2020.

The new building at Riverbank House is progressing well. The council are also looking at ways to improve the design and functionality of the customer hub.

Cllr Perkin raised the issue that funding to housing trusts is not an efficient process. Cllr Crocombe asked if there was any guidance as to what price affordable homes may be. It is very early days on this project, and would need to take into account the build cost.

Cllrs asked what area the new recycling depo would serve, this is for Torrridge. Black bag collections are to go fortnightly with the aim that this will aid in increasing recycling.

Councillor Worden proposed a vote of thanks for Councillor Hurley.

4838. Minutes of the Meeting:

26th May 2016. Proposed by Cllr Perkin, Seconded Cllr Banbury.

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4839. Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report was as follows:

Members

We started the year with eight elected members, one co-opted member and with the addition of co-opted member Robert Stratton this year, are now at full council.

Village Green

This subject still continues to feature at a lot of meetings. The sign with the details of what is classified as village green is now in place, so anyone moving into the village can be certain to

the extent of the rights of the village green. We have also contacted TDC regarding the dogs in the village who are not kept on a lead or with owners present which results in dog fouling on the green. Signs have been posted on the green and we await to see the outcome.

MCTI and HAAG Meetings

I have once again attended almost all of the meetings and put forward points raised within the parish.

DCC

Broadband – I think I have been pushing this one for so many years that we have now been promised a couple of months away from connection, so I am pleased to say that connection has been achieved for the Business Park and village.

Roads – I have heard lots of comments of a particular road being resurfaced in the parish and not used by many, I cannot explain this as it is almost impossible to speak to anyone who deals with roads. Pot Holes are a curse, but realistically there is no hope of any improvement, in fact quite the reverse. I think we will see roads being impassable without a tractor or perhaps closed.

Planning

Again I cannot explain how some planning seems to be allowed, yet others turned down. If you are annoyed, please report it directly to TDC.

Community Hub

Although not linked to the parish council, this project will benefit the Parish as a whole and has taken up a lot of my time over the last three years. We will soon be able to celebrate the opening of this venue, let's hope that once complete, we will have a community spirit centred on the village that we can all enjoy.

Tap Funding

We have again this year joined forces with Tetcott Parish Council in order to draw this money. Thanks to Julie Smith, Parish Clerk at Tetcott who with me filled in the forms in order to access this money. This year the £532 has been donated to the community hub.

Thanks

Councillor Watson on behalf of our council, thank you for all the help you give. Your support on matters such as planning, financial and general support is much appreciated. It is noted your attendance at our meetings which give us an insight into matters at Torridge.

4840. The meeting closed at 19.27pm