

Minutes of the Broadwoodwidge Parish Council meeting,

Tuesday 25th November, 7pm

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

Members of the public present: None

4462. Apologies for absence: Cllr Wonnacott

Cllr Worden proposed and Cllr Woodard seconded that their apologies be accepted. Carried nem.com.

4463. Declaration of Interests

Cllr Banbury declared an interest in the planning at Frankaborough arising later in the meeting

4464. Public Open Questions

No public were present

4465. Police Report

Nothing to report from the Police or Neighbourhood Watch

4466. Minutes of the Meeting 23rd September 2014

Proposed by Cllr Crocombe. Seconded by Cllr Woodard

4467. Matters Arising from the minutes of 23rd September 2014

None

4468. Minutes of the meeting 28th October 2014

Proposed by Cllr Woodard. Seconded by Cllr Perkins

4469. Matters Arising from the minutes of 23rd October 2014

None

4470. Planning 1/1100/2014/AGMB

No problems were raised with the proposed application. Recommended for approval. Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 1 Abstention (Interest declared see 4463)

4471. Highways

Pot Holes & Maintenance

Cllr Worden had an email from the CLA regarding highways. Budgets will be cut for road maintenance. Costs will be cut in the staffing of road repair team. Salt can now be purchased through county council purchasing instead of council gritting the roads. The question was also raised when it was likely that Parish Councils would be required to do their own grass cutting, as this would impact on budget requirements.

Cllr Watson informed the meeting that on December 4th at 6.30pm John Hart, leader of DCC will be at a meeting in Holsworthy, and that perhaps questions could be raised there to get a better idea of timescales, to help with budget and precept preparation.

Cllr Worden has approached Michael Vanstone for a quote with the view of the Parish doing their own pothole repairs. The hire of the vehicle, two staff and the materials is £1000/day

for a 10 tonne lorry. Vanstone's are licenced to do Council work, but authorisation would still be required from DCC Highways.

Cllr Perkins reported that roads throughout the parish are in poor condition. Cllr Crocombe raised the question that if the precept rises to cover this work, haven't people already contributed towards this work in the payment of Council Tax/Rates. It was suggested that the Parish should ask for the share that is paid towards highways maintenance from these payments back to help fund the repairs they would undertake.

Cllr Perkins suggested that if the Parish were able to undertake the work cheaper than Highways, it was the logical way forward. Cllr Woodard suggested a quote be sought from SW Highways for the equivalent work quoted by Vanstone's to make a comparison, and that these questions be raised at the Holsworthy meeting the following week.

Cllr Perkins suggested the clerk write to Cllr John Hart with the questions raised, so that he was prepared to answer them at the meeting.

4472. Noticeboards

Cllr Worden would like 'Broadwoodwidge Parish Council' put across the top of the noticeboards around the parish. Cllr Woodard suggested that vandal proof screws should be used.

It was suggested that noticeboards have a sign inside that says 'Parish Notices Only' to deter other users from outside the area placing posters.

Cllr Crocombe asked whether Roadford Lake should be approached about putting up a noticeboard at the Lake.

It was put to vote on the plaques for the top of the boards. 9 For 0 Against

4473. Village Green Concerns

Torrige Solicitors are to send a reply to parties concerned draughted by the solicitors. Cllr Worden talking to the solicitors 26th November

4474. Western Power Easement

Western Power had sent through documentation regarding an Electricity pole on the green which has an easement and is wayleaved. Proposed for the chair to sign the documents.

Voted 9 For 0 Against.

4475. Accounts for Payment

Tap Fund Grants Proposed Cllr Crocombe Seconded Cllr Perkins

Poppy Appeal To raise the donation for this year being the centenary to £50 from the usual £30. Proposed Cllr Perkin Seconded Cllr Reynolds

Clerks Expenses Proposed Cllr Reynolds Seconded Cllr Perkins

4476. Precept

This is difficult to work out as Parishes may be required to repair roads, grass cut and grit roads. Cllr Worden suggested a basic layout was approved, and to meet early January with answers from Highways. Proposed to increase the Precept to £10000, Proposed Cllr Perkins. Seconded Cllr Woodard.

4477. Correspondence

Nothing to note.

4478. Chairman's Report

Regarding the Church Room. If the Church Room was done up, would the Parish Council consider a grant in the budget for the council to use for meetings. Cllr Worden proposed a

£500 grant that would enable the council full use for all meetings. Access would need to be done cautiously, there is a right of way, but perhaps restricted/controlled access for vehicles would be beneficial.

On 14/12 there is a community event at Wolf Valley Business Park.

The Chair welcomed Rachel Stratton as new Parish Clerk.

4479. Clerks Report

The clerk suggested a calendar of meetings for 2015. It was suggested that the clerk liaise with Arthur Hannaford, Church Warden to get the dates of their meetings, as members of the PC also attend them and they often clash.

4480. Any Other Business

Cllr Woodard tendered his resignation, effective immediately. The Chairman thanked Cllr Woodard for his service to Broadwoodwidge Parish, and wished him well for the future, on behalf of the Parish Council.

4481. The meeting closed at 8.30pm

The next meeting is Wednesday 14th January at Roadford Lake