

Minutes of the Broadwoodwidge Parish Council meeting,

Tuesday 17th November 2020, 7pm via Zoom

Those in attendance: Cllr James (Chairman), Cllrs Perkin, Wonnacott, Hawken, Worden, Stratton, Crocombe, Nobbs, Clerk.

Members of the public present: 0

5239. Apologies for absence:

PCSO James, County Cllr Parsons, District Cllr Watson

5240. Declaration of Interests

The Chairman declared that interests be raised as they arise.

5241. Public Open Questions (Standing orders suspended during this session)

No questions

5242. Police Report

The latest Rural Policing Update confirmed one incident of Common Assault in the area. Members of the Council held a Zoom meeting with PCSO Mark James on November 9th where he confirmed he is patrolling the area as much as possible. They have also had an additional PCSO join the department. It was suggested we write to Inspector Kenneally at Torridge to express our concerns of rising crime in the area. All council members agreed the Clerk should proceed with this and should also ask whether they will be increasing staff numbers in the Holsworthy area.

5243. County Councillors Report

Several updates and notices have been circulated throughout the month, mostly relating to COVID-19 and how it is affecting the area including statistics showing unemployment and loss of jobs due to the pandemic. Cllr Perkin suggested that vacant job opportunities should also be shown as there are numerous positions available despite the pandemic.

5244. District Councillors Report

The Chairman had spoken with Cllr Parsons earlier in the day who had confirmed that on the whole Torridge is doing well and coping under the circumstances.

5245. Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the meeting 13th October 2020 were previously circulated, proposed by Cllr Crocombe and seconded by Cllr Stratton.

5246. Matters Arising

The Remembrance Day ceremony was cancelled due to the lockdown restrictions however last year's wreath was laid in a mark of respect. The Chairman suggested that Council donate to the Royal British Legion as we had not bought a wreath this year. All Council members agreed. Clerk will look at the amount from last year and the same will be donated. The matter of Pigs and Caravans at Roadford remains to be an issue. The Chairman confirmed that Cllr Watson had spoken to the enforcement officer who been to the site and advised the owners that they must seek planning permission.

Cllr Watson had confirmed to the Chairman that applications for some agricultural barns are not required to be sent to Parish Council's for comments. The Clerk will write to Torridge to request a list of planning codes with an explanation of the terms. The Clerk will also include Council's concern over

the number of applications submitted and approved as agricultural that Council would not necessarily deem agricultural.

The Clerk will write to Cllr Watson expressing concerns over the Pigs and Caravans and also in relation to the Log Cabin at Thorndon House which has been on going for more than twelve months.

5247. Planning

1/0875/2020/FUL – No objection to the application, send an email of support.

5248. Grinacombe Moor Notice Board

A discussion was had relating to the extremely poor condition of the board. The Sunday school is likely to be sold soon so a new position will need to be found for any future board. As the board is not owned by Council it was agreed to write to the owners expressing safety concerns relating to the current board and asking whether they would be prepared to contribute towards a replacement.

5249. Hub Access

A response has been received from the occupiers explaining the need for the covering and offering to reduce the size of the temporary structure. Council agreed to send a reply.

5250. COVID-19 Fund

For information only, the COVID-19 Fund has re-opened for the current lockdown period.

5251. Accounts for payment.

Clerks wages £264.16
Grass Cutting £480.00

Accounts proposed by Cllr Perkin, seconded by Cllr Crocombe. Carried nem.com.

5252. To Receive Correspondence

None

5252. Chairman's Report

None

5253. Clerks Report

We still await confirmation from Natwest as to whether the new correspondence details and internet banking has been approved, the Clerk will continue to follow this up.

5254. Exchange of Information

No updates.

5255. The meeting closed at 20:12pm.