

## Minutes of the Broadwoodwidge Parish Council meeting,

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016, 7pm

**Those in attendance:** Cllr Worden (Chairman), Cllrs Crocombe, Durstan, Banbury, Perkin, Wonnacott, Nobbs, Stratton, James & Hawken; Cllr Watson, Clerk.

**Members of the public present: 2**

**4733. Apologies for absence:**

County Cllr Parsons.

**4734. Declaration of Interests**

The chairman declared that interests be raised as they arise.

**4735. Public Open Questions (Standing orders suspended during this session)**

A member of the public asked what planning classification C2 is for. Cllr Pete Watson informed the meeting that C2 is residential planning. Cllr Watson will look at the planning application the member of the public has in question with the planning officer tomorrow. Another member of the public asked what could be done regarding drainage around the green, as properties in the area have an issue caused by field run off in heavy rain. The member of the public has had a drainage report done, which has been sent to all Cllrs for their information. DCC Highways have had a look at part of the area in question, and have advised that curb-stones put in to help alleviate the problem are not legal. It has been suggested that Cllrs could meet with resident to discuss a way forward.

**4736. Police Report**

New Sergeant, Sally Ferris. Lots of changes still to come.  
There was theft of a car park machine, and 45 sheep in Broadwoodwidge.  
The police station is moving to the old medical centre.

**4737. County Councillors Report**

There's lots going on presently and many of you heard feedback from John Hart (Leader of Devon County Council (DCC)) at the Holsworthy Advisory Meeting on Monday 31 October 2016. The minutes of this meeting will, I'm sure, be available through Torridge District Council very shortly. John did focus significantly on the matter of Devolution and how local partners were working together to ensure a successful future bid but with an emphasis that there was no particular appetite for a Regional Mayor.

There are a number of matters which will affect us locally that I would like to mention in this Update. They include:

- The successful bid from 'Skanska' for the 7 Year Highways Maintenance Contract (worth £245m total value). This will take effect from 1 April 2017 and will replace the long-standing contract held by South West Highways.
- I am pleased to see the date of our next Highways Meeting – '*A Different Conversation*' ( - all parishes have been invited (by Locality Lead, Ali Boyd) as well as officers, both Highways and otherwise from DCC). This meeting is scheduled for **16 November 2016 (7-9pm Memorial Hall, Holsworthy)**. I strongly encourage all parishes and the Town Council to have representation. As many of you know I am very keen to have different kinds of conversations which allow for better outcomes through significant input from our communities. At the

Holsworthy Advisory Meeting I was asked for a 'link' indicating the kind of outside recognition and interest being shown in regard to what we are doing locally. A link can be found at: <https://goodpracticeexchange.wordpress.com/2016/11/01/dare-to-be-vulnerable-to-improve-public-services/>

- In the recent pot-hole funding approvals born out of Central Government allocation of nearly £2m Holsworthy Rural has been awarded £99k+, the **most of any of the 62 wards in Devon**. It will help significantly – although, we all recognize, it is a drop in the ocean in terms of what is really needed.
- A Business Case in relation to improvements along the North Devon Link Road is to be submitted to the Department for Transport (DfT). There was Public Consultation on this back in 2014 (with DCC continuing to be very keen to progress the project) looking at potential improvement options for public transport; Junction only improvements; Junction + link improvements between Bideford and S Molton; and, Dual Carriageway. The details of proposal on the DCC Website – with the total cost circa £200m.
- The County Council continues its Staffing Reductions with figures in 2012 ... 4459 FTE to 2016 .... 3629 FTE
- The recent Community Survey conducted by the County Council can be found at [devon.cc/community-surveys](http://devon.cc/community-surveys)
- In regard to the DCC Health & Well-being Scrutiny Meeting 19 Sept 2016 – there was an Item on 'Wider Devon Sustainability and Transformation Plan and New Devon Success Regime'. It examines a 'Future Care Model' with a focus that people are best supported at home with local, place-based support. The bottom line is that the Committee has **expressed its concerns to the Secretary of State for Health** in relation to the Sustainability and Transformation Plan and its funding. Dr Sarah Wollaston MP has been requested that the Select Committee also examine the funding formula as well as invited to meet with the Task Group looking into this issue. (Much lobbying has taken place from both outside and inside of the Council).

This matter is especially important for us in Holsworthy Rural (especially as we face another examination of community hospital beds) and along with Cabinet colleagues I have met with Angela Pedder (C.Ex NHS). Not for the first time I highlighted my concerns as a rural councillor over matters of (1) 'Public Trust' in regard to matters of consultation; (2) NHS' embracement of Digital Modernisation' and the great need in this day and age for such an agenda to be of priority; (3) The Success Regime's 'Communications Strategy'; and, (4) The lack of evidence regarding successful 'Care in one's own Home' as a viable alternative.

### **£100,000 to extend Community Road Warden scheme**

Following the successful pilot of minor pothole repairs DCC is committing more than £100,000 to extend the scope of the Community Road Warden scheme. Any community signed up to the scheme will now also have the opportunity to carry out minor road repairs. They will be able to apply for funding support towards materials and equipment to undertake work on the highway. Details can be found on the DCC Website.

### **Devon Youth Service**

Youth Services is part of my Cabinet Portfolio and we are very proud of our youth service in Devon. It is widely acknowledged as one of the leading youth services in the country and an example of how a local authority has managed to continue delivering services in the face of ongoing budget pressures and cutbacks. We believe that our Youth Service contributes

significantly to the continuum of wider services young people require as their varied needs ebb and flow throughout their teenage years.

Devon County Council has just committed to the establishment of a new operating model to deliver modern, vibrant and sustainable youth services; commencement date 1 February 2017. A public sector mutual organisation, DYS Space Ltd (to trade as space\*), has been established with the support of DCC and the Government's Cabinet Office. Following a rigorous procurement process, DYS Space Ltd (to trade as [space\*]), working with VOYC and Dawlish Action for Youth (DAY), has secured a 3-year contract to run Devon's Youth Service. Space will be contracted to deliver DCC's statutory duties for youth provision.

As with our Library in Holsworthy we continue, thanks to the wonderful support as always from Holsworthy Community Land Trust and local generosity in terms of community spirit to have a place for our Young People to go. I will continue with every passion for these things to remain; indeed, improve.

**4738. District Councillors Report**

No report.

**4739. Minutes of the Meetings:**

6/7/16 Proposed Cllr James, Seconded Cllr Crocombe. Vote Unanimous

3/8/16 Proposed Cllr James, Seconded Cllr Banbury. Vote Unanimous

**4740. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> July and 3rd August 2016.**

None

**4741. Planning**

- 1/0902/2016/FUL Change of use from Agricultural Use to C2 to provide ancillary staff welfare accommodation. West Banbury Cottage.  
The council object to the application as conditions have not been met from the original application. 24 hours use is disruptive to neighbouring properties, with gates that should be closed, padlocked open.
- 1/0904/2016/FUL Proposed erection of permanent rural workers dwelling, Hornbeams.  
The council are unable to support the application at this time as there are no accounts supplied as per the original application requirements.

**4742. Accounts for Payment**

£50.97 Clerks Expenses

£120 Grant Thornton Audit Fee

£20 SWLT Room Hire

£432 Dan Genders Grass Cutting

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

**4743. Village Green Issues**

Drainage of land affecting properties, as raised in public questions. Cllrs Stratton, Perkin, James and Worden to meet with residents and discuss options. Clerk to contact Cllr Parsons, Flood Prevention and the Environment Agency, and send on the Drainage Report commissioned by Mrs Towers, permission of which to do so has been given.

**4744. Ashwater Bridge**

Ashwater Parish Council have been in contact regarding the river bridge at Ashmill. The bridge has been repeatedly damaged, and Ashwater Parish Council would like a weight restriction put on the bridge.

Broadwoodwidge Cllrs feel that they would go with the opinion of DCC Bridges Inspectorate regarding the matter.

**4745. Air Ambulance Site**

Deferred to next meeting.

**4746. Grant for Broadwoodwidge Chapel**

The grant to be same as last year at £200

Proposed Cllr Perkin, Seconded Cllr Banbury. Carried nem.com

**4747. Correspondence**

**Correspondence 04/08/2016 – 12/10/2016**

Received

1. Lakeside Reception – Room Bookings
2. Rural Services Network – Newsletters
3. Public Sector Executive – Updates
4. Anne Worden – Minutes for Website
5. DALC – Newsletters
6. Komplan – Sales Email
7. Alison Boyd – Transport Meeting
8. Healthwatch Devon – Newsletters
9. Mr Nice – Village Green Correspondence
10. Cllr Parsons – Monthly Update
11. Tony Harland Clarke – Newsletters
12. John Allen – MCTI Meeting
13. Devon County Council – Newsletter
14. Cllr Worden – General Correspondence and Minutes
15. Alex Thomson – Audit Query
16. Peter Soper – TAP Fund
17. Adam Caedmon – Weekly List
18. Jamie Hollis – Legal Briefing
19. Cllr James – Village Green Issues
20. Cllr Stratton – Apologies and feedback

Sent

1. Cllr John Worden – Agendas, Queries, Minutes
2. All Cllrs – Agendas, Minutes and updates
3. Planning Support – Feedback on discussed plans
4. Mr Nice – Village Green Correspondence
5. DALC – Guidelines
6. Lakeside – Room Bookings

**4748. Chairman's Report**

Nothing to report not already covered in the meeting.

**4749. Clerks Report**

Nothing to report that is not already covered elsewhere.

**4750. Exchange of Information**

Nothing reported.

**4751. The meeting closed at 20.50pm.**

The next meeting is Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. 7pm at Roadford Lake