

(DRAFT) Minutes of the Broadwoodwidger Parish Council meeting,

Tuesday 13th October 2020, 7pm via Zoom

Those in attendance: Cllr James (Chairman), Cllrs Perkin, Wonnacott, Hawken, Worden, Stratton, Crocombe, County Cllr Parsons, District Cllr Watson, Clerk. (Cllr Wonnacott was in attendance however due to technical difficulties had to vote via phone).

Members of the public present: 1

5223. Apologies for absence:

Cllr Nobbs, PCSO James.

5224. Declaration of Interests

The Chairman declared that interests be raised as they arise.

5225. County Councillors Report

Cllr Parsons provided a written report ahead of the meeting focusing on a Coronavirus update. A rise in cases in Devon mainly due to enhanced testing at Exeter University however there is no evidence yet of wider community transmission. Cllr Parsons spoke about the commencement of 'MY CARE' the new recording system sharing critical information digitally, this is set to replace paper patient notes whilst in NHS care. Cllr Parsons thanked all staff at local schools for ensuring a safe as possible return to education settings. Reporting on the economy Cllr Parsons confirmed COVID-19 has had a significant effect in Devon with a rise in unemployment however the UK economy is expected to recover by 2022. A proposal has been made to the cabinet for £6Million to support the recovery. Cllr Parsons finalised by saying that Torridge is as safe a place as any but we must all remain vigilant. Report available from the clerk upon request.

5226. Public Open Questions (Standing orders suspended during this session)

No questions

5227. Police Report

Rural Crime Newsletter has been circulated. This is the first edition of the new publication covering Devon and Cornwall. Including an introduction to the team and hot topics – newsletter available from the Clerk. Following the August meeting the Clerk reported to the PCSO concerns regarding lack of Police coverage in the area and the following response was received: *The rural affairs team has been expanded recently but this specialist team complements the wider policing family that is available to support communities across Torridge. We are coming out of an exceptionally busy summer period and still deep in the midst of the pandemic but we must bear in mind that Devon and Cornwall Police has the lowest crime rate of any police force in the country – and Torridge is amongst the safest areas in Devon. But we are not complacent and recognise that this low crime rate is the result of close connectivity between communities, the Community Safety Partnership, the police, and hard work. New police officers are joining all the time and along with the national police uplift of 20,000 I hope you will have new officers in Torridge soon.*

5228. District Councillors Report

Cllr Watson commented that the Torridge area is the safest place to be in the country in relation to COVID-19 however there are some hot spots in West Devon, Launceston and Tavistock. Overall Torridge are doing very well, responding to everything on time and funds are healthy. The planning department are doing extremely well, and applications are significantly up since lockdown began. They took £103,000 in application fees in September and the percentage approved is in the

high 90's. Cllr Watson discussed the potential changes to the planning system, details of which were previously circulated by the Clerk and will be resent again. The Chairman raised concerns about pigs around Roadford Lake. The pigs belong to the occupants of the mobile home sited without permission on the road to the water sport centre. SW lakes trust had been advised but said it was SWW responsibility, Cllr Watson will follow this up. Cllr Watson will follow this up with enforcement.

5229. Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the meeting 11th September 2020. Clerk to correct the spelling of Cllr Perkin and include the 'Cllr' title for Cllr Worden. The District Councillor confirmed that minutes are not currently being physically signed due to the pandemic, all agreed that the Parish would follow suit for the time being.

5230. Matters Arising

None

5231. 1/0752/2020/FUL – No objection to the application, send an email of support.

1/0753/2020/FUL - No objection to the application, send an email of support.

1/0766/2020/FUH – Council require justification of the need for this before supporting.

1/0785/2020/FUL – As per Council's comments to the original application council feel this is an overdevelopment of the site. Cllr Watson will look into this further.

1/0784/2020/FUL - As per Council's comments to the original application council feel this is an overdevelopment of the site. Cllr Watson will look into this further.

1/0794/2020/FUL – No objection to the application subject to a site notice being put up, send an email of support.

1/0780/2020/FUL – Cllr Perkin declared an interest and abstained from discussion however later withdrew this on advice from Cllr Watson as there is no financial or other interest whatsoever. A site meeting was held on Saturday 10th October. Lengthy discussions took place with regards to the condition of some buildings and whether they were beyond restoration. Cllr Worden abstained from voting. It was decided that the consensus of opinion was to support the application. Send an email of support.

5232. APPLICATION TO DEREGISTER A BUILDING WRONGLY REGISTERED AS TOWN OR VILLAGE GREEN

The Chairman provided details for information only. A site meeting will be held on December 1, 2020 where one representative is allowed to attend to answer questions. The Chairman proposed himself and there were no objections.

5233. Hub Access

Cllr Warden raised concerns over the access to the village hub which has been obstructed by a wooden structure covering the wall of Church cottage for some time now. There was no prior notice given and work does not appear to be nearing an end. Cllr Perkin suggested we approach the owner of Church Cottage to address the matter and advise that access is required to the Churchyard and Hub. Clerk and Chairman will draft a letter to express concern and request a timescale for the full right of way to be restored.

5234. Accounts for payment.

Clerks wages £264.16

Parish mobile phone £83.89

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

5235. To Receive Correspondence

The Soil Association welcome any comments in relation to forest management carried out by Forestry England and the standard being used.

Guidance received on the safe use of village halls during the pandemic, including example risk assessments.

NHS Test & Trace Support Payment – households on low income that are required to self-isolate due to the COVID-19 can claim £500 in support. Details available from the Clerk.

5235. Chairman's Report

The Chairman initiated discussions about Remembrance Day suggesting a 'Drive In' event could be looked into. Cllr Perkin will check with the Church what their stance is. Due to current restrictions only 6 people would be allowed to meet on the village green but 30 could gather in the Church. Online banking set up is in process, Cllr Wonnacott needs to sign online and will do so before the deadline of October 17, 2020. Council will require a new website in order to comply with data protection regulations, we will look for two quotes including one from Mark Worden who is advising on a website for a neighbouring parish.

5236. Clerks Report

Council have overpaid on their insurance premium due to the cheque being made out in the wrong sum, the insurance company will reimburse the difference of £122.40. We have received confirmation of the precept payment.

5237. Exchange of Information

No updates.

5238. The meeting closed at 20:55pm.