

Minutes of the Broadwoodwidge Parish Council meeting, Tuesday 23rd September, 7pm

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

Members of the public present:- Margaret Parnell.

4445. Apologies for absence:- County Cllr Parsons
Cllr Woodard proposed and Cllr Perkin seconded that their apologies be accepted.
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4446. Previous Minutes
No alterations. Accepted by Council.
Proposed Cllr Woodard, Seconded Cllr Perkin.

4447. Matters Arising
Broadband had been in the area surveying it for costs. No actual date yet as to when it is to be done. New poles will be needed and some replacements. There was a discussion on whether 3G and 4G can be more cost effective in a rural area. The Parish should see some improvements in broadband coverage within the next 12 months.

4448. Planning
Two planning applications received by the Council were discussed:
Torridge Ref: 1/0909/2014/AGMB – Camp Farm. Application for conversion of agricultural building to one dwelling.
The meeting was suspended to allow Ms Parnell to speak to the Council regarding this application. After discussion the Council decided to reply on two points.

1. That the building had not been used for agricultural use for approximately 40 years so, therefore, did it actual qualify as an agricultural building.
2. That the building would be unsustainable and was in an inappropriate location due to the lack of public transport in the area and the fact that parking had been removed from existing tenants to provide for the new development and this was already causing traffic problems.
3. Torridge Ref: 1/0838/2014/AGMB – Frankaborough. Application for conversion of agricultural building into one dwelling.
The Council decided that, on the basis of the information provided by Torridge District Council, they would support this application.

Proposed by Cllr Reynolds
Seconded by Cllr Woodard

4448. Up-dates on previous applications

Orchard Cottage	Granted
Downton Farm	Granted
Norton Cottage	Granted
Town Farm	Granted
Amendments at Town Farm	Granted

4449. Notice boards Update

Cllr Worden thanked Cllr Reynolds for providing the varnish for both new notice boards, which had now been varnished. The notice board at Grinnacombe Moor was discussed and it was noted that it did not belong to the Council, but to the Chapel.

It was decided that Cllr Worden would enquire whether a notice board could be erected at Roadford Lake.

4450. Up-date from Meeting at Langtree

Broadband to be up-dated and a new post of Road Warden to be created.

Those who had attended did note that the amount of individual complaints received about an area did seem to be the trigger for repairs. So the Councillors were urged to complain and when complaining use specific details of the area concerned.

4451. Grants

Cllr Worden had prepared and submitted an application for TAP funding to go to the Community Group this year. The money will be used to create a lease on the Church Room to enable its use as a community hall.

There had been a grant of £6,000 awarded to the Community Group Funds, which could be used to provide a new floor, in the hall subject to a lease being created. Confirmation has not yet been received.

4452. Amounts to be paid

£1,884.00 (inclusive of VAT) to Michael Vanstone for the Village Green Road

£20.00 to SWLT

£43.98 (£15.98 for 2 direct debits for office software, £15.40 for line rental and £12.60 mileage) to Lorna Cartwright, Clerk.

Proposed by Cllr Woodard

Seconded by Cllr Reynolds

4453. Any other business

Cllr Worden explained that he had received a telephone call requesting Broadwoodwidge Parish Council to recommend refusal of an application for a wind turbine in Stowford Parish. He explained that we could only

comment if Torridge District Council asked us to and the Council has not received such a request.
However, it was agreed that as individuals the Councillors could comment if they wished.

Mrs Cartwright, Clerk, and Cllr Watson then left the meeting so that the Councillors could discuss her resignation and replacement.

The next meeting is to be held on November 25th at 7pm in the Church Rooms

The meeting then went into closed session.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.