

Minutes of the Broadwoodwidge Parish Council meeting.

Tuesday 28th June 2022, 7.00pm at Broadwoodwidge Community Hub

Those in attendance: Cllr James (Chairman), Cllrs Perkin, Worden, Wonnacott, Crocombe, Nobbs, Clerk, District Cllr Watson

Members of the public present: 4

5561. Apologies for absence:

Cllrs Stratton, Hawken, PCSO Jess Mceldon, PC Frank Morgan.

5562. Declaration of Interests

The Chairman declared that interests be raised as they arise.

5563. Public Open Question Time

Four members of the public attended the meeting to propose that Broadwoodwidge holds an annual village fete. The proposal was as follows:

'We would like to begin by thanking the Parish Council for hosting the Jubilee weekend celebrations, in particular the Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk whose hard work on both preparation and on the days themselves, made it such a success.

Talking to both attendees and stall holders on the Saturday, it became apparent that it was viewed as a great community event and many observed that it was a shame that there were not more similar community events in the Village.

Considering the interest expressed, we would like to ask that the P.C. consider hosting an annual village fete, maybe May/June time. With less competition from local events, more stall holders and visitors could be encouraged to attend. Proceeds from the fete could then be channelled into Community Projects favoured by the P.C.

You already have a willing group of volunteers available, as demonstrated for the jubilee, a number of villagers have expressed interest in addition to the supporting email sent to the Clerk from two who couldn't be here in person.'

Councillors discussed the proposal and fully support the idea, agreeing that it would be great for the Parish subject to there being enough volunteers willing to help with organisation. It was agreed that a sub-committee would be set up to manage it.

5564. Police Report

No report received. PC Frank Morgan was due to attend but sent apologies earlier in the day. He advised he would be emailing all Parish Councils with an update soon. The Chairman and Cllr Perkin met with PCSO Jess Mceldon following recent events in the Parish and were pleased with her actions which resulted in the removal of a vehicle parked next to the village green. They felt she would be proactive in her role.

5565. County Councillor Report

No report received.

5566. District Councillor Report

Cllr Watson advised that Grant McGill, enforcement officer for Torridge is currently looking into the matters we have raised. The mobile home on the road into Roadford Lake activity centre has been moved. Cllr Perkin raised concerns over a request from Torridge for a bank statement to apply

for a council tax grant. Cllr Watson will clarify the reason for this, but it is likely they only require proof of bank details.

5567. Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held 17th May 2022 were previously circulated, no adjustments needed, proposed by Cllr Crocombe, seconded by Cllr Worden, carried nem.com

5568. Matters Arising

Cllrs James, Worden and Crocombe will arrange to erect the new noticeboard at Grinacombe Moor.

Cllr Watson confirmed that the approved planning for the Roadford Lake Lodges permits 34 lodges with no bed limits. These are all holiday homes and not residential and are marketed as holiday homes.

5569. Councillors Code of Conduct

Council members who were not present at the Annual General Meeting were due to sign the code of conduct however the Clerk omitted to bring the correct paperwork. The Clerk apologised for this and will ensure it is present at the next meeting.

5570. Planning

1/1235/2021/FUL – Council discussed whether this proposal was acceptable due to Class Q permission having already been granted. It was largely felt that demolition of the current barn would leave a greenfield site which the new property would then be built on. Council have concerns that if granted this would set precedent for other applications. It was raised that the Class Q permission was granted based on the current barn being structurally suitable so there is uncertainty as to why the current permission is not sufficient. A vote was held to finalise a decision for the response and was cast 5-1 in favour of objecting to the application. The clerk will respond to confirm that Council object to this proposal as they feel the previously granted Class Q permission is appropriate.

1/0515/2022/FUL - Council supports this application; the Clerk will send a response to confirm.

1/0586/2022/FUL – Council supports this application; the Clerk will send a response to confirm.

5571. Accounts due for payment

Clerks Wages £286.00

Chairman Expenses (jubilee costs – food, drinks etc) £608.12

Accounts proposed by Cllr Perkin and seconded by Cllr Wonnacott, carried nem.com

5572. Councillors Grant Received

Cllrs agreed to purchase a second defibrillator and to place it in the phone box at Cross Green. The Clerk will proceed with the quotation from London Hearts for the defibrillator and cabinet at a cost of £1295 plus £16 P&P. Cllr Nobbs will try and find out if the electric is still connected.

5573. To Receive Correspondence

The Clerk advised she has followed up with DCC regarding the issues on the footpaths that have previously been reported. Ros Davies – parish paths liaison officer had responded to say that the warden has rearranged his workload and hoped to resolve the matters this week.

A grant request has been received from Go North Devon which offers support to people who have problems accessing services and local facilities. As the society is based in Barnstaple Cllrs felt it would be appropriate to find out how many Broadwoodwidge parishioners they assist before deciding on a response. The Clerk will ask for some further information.

geViews have sent a catalogue of their planters and hanging baskets. Council felt it might be nice to have something within the Parish but would need to consider the maintenance of it and will review it at a later date.

Torrige have requested completion of a Settlement Sustainability Survey. The Clerk read through the questions and Council agreed on suitable responses. A copy can be obtained from the Clerk by emailing broadwoodwidgecouncil@outlook.com

5574. Parish Clerk's Report

None.

5575. Any other Business

Cllr Perkin shared that the event held at Upcott Barton for the lighting of the beacon raised £357 which has been donated to The Devon Air Ambulance Trust.

Cllr Nobbs asked for confirmation of funds raised at the Broadwoodwidge celebrations for The Queens Platinum Jubilee and the Clerk confirmed it was a total of £655.41. £253 from Saturday's donations, £279 from the sale of raffle tickets and £123.41 from the Church collection. The funds have been split equally and donated to Children's Hospice Southwest and The Devon Air Ambulance Trust.

Cllr Perkin notified everyone of an upcoming meeting for Holsworthy Rural Community Transport. The meeting will be held at the Memorial Hall in Holsworthy on Wednesday 27th July commencing at 7:45pm. The meeting will be chaired by the West Devon MP Sir Geoffrey Cox and Leader of Torrige Cllr Ken James will also be present. The meeting is of vital importance to establish funding avenues to enable the service to continue. The meeting is open to all. Cllr Perkin will send a PowerPoint presentation with full detail to the Clerk for onward circulation.

5576. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th July 2022 at 7pm.

5577. Close

The meeting was closed at 8.03pm.