

Minutes of the Broadwoodwidge Parish Council meeting.

Tuesday 17th January 2023 7.00pm at Broadwoodwidge Community Hub

Those in attendance: Cllr James (Chairman), Cllrs Perkin, Worden, Wonnacott, Hawken, Nobbs, Brayley, Gibson, District Councillor Hackett, District Councillor Watson, Clerk.

Members of the public present: 1

5650. Apologies for absence:

County Cllr Morrish, Cllr Crocombe, Cllr Stratton

5651. Declaration of Interests

The Chairman declared that interests be raised as they arise.

5652. Public Open Question Time

A member of the public raised concerns over the repairs made to the road at Beckett which has already started to deteriorate. The Clerk will pass the comments on to Highways.

5653. Co-election of new Councillors

Following our meeting on the 6th December when two parishioners expressed an interest in joining the Council, Su Brayley and Stephen Gibson both put forward their reasons for wanting to join the Council. Councillors had the opportunity to ask them questions and then Cllr Perkin, proposed they were both Co-elected, seconded by Cllr Hawken. Majority agreed. The new Councillors completed a declaration of acceptance to office. The Chairman welcomed Su and Stephen to the Council.

5654. Police Report

The Clerk reported that the latest TEAMS meeting was cancelled due to other business taking priority. 0 incidents were reported in November. Cllrs instructed the Clerk to invite the Police Constable to the next meeting, District Cllr Hackett supported this and will raise it at the next Police and Crime Commissioner's meeting.

5655. County Councillor Report

Received by email.

'Dear all, I start my report to you on a sad note. Last week we lost another of farming community from the Holsworthy area to suicide. We are in the heart of the farming world in our ward so if you get a moment to stop and have a yarn please do so as it might help. In memory of Andrew Foote i have donated last month's Councillors allowance to a farming charity. Roads are becoming a major problem with DCC executive taking the decision to do work on main A and B roads as a priority. I am off to Bristol on Thursday to discuss our Pension investments which total around £5bn. As always please contact me if needed. Kind regards, James'

5656. District Councillor Report

Councillor Hackett reported back following questions raised at the December meeting. He advised that TDC are holding back some reserves for replacement refuse vehicles. Homelessness has risen from 10-12 to 60-70 which is costing far more than was budgeted for. The next full Council meeting is scheduled for Monday 30th January 2023. Councillor Watson advised that the Holsworthy Group Advisory meeting will be held on February 8th 2023 at 6pm at Chilsworthy Village Hall.

5657. Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held 6th December 2022 were previously circulated, no adjustments needed, proposed by Cllr Wonnacott, seconded by Cllr Perkin, all agreed.

5658. Matters Arising

None.

5659. Planning

1/1235/2022/FUL - Conversion of redundant agricultural building into 1 no. dwelling (resubmission of 1/0214/2019/FUL) - Barn At Grid Reference 238692 088999 – Clerk to send a comment raising awareness of the increased curtilage of the building since the original application was approved.

1/0956/2022/FUL - Erection of storage shed for bales and machinery -Land At Grid Reference 241758 091306, Broadwoodwidge – A site visit has been arranged for Friday 20th January 2023 at 4:15pm. Councillors will provide a comment following the visit.

5660. 2023/2024 Precept Application

Councillors reviewed the budget and agreed to apply for £10950 as per the current year. Proposed by Cllr Perkin, seconded by Cllr Worden, all agreed.

5661. Accounts due for payment

Clerks Wages £335.40

Clerks Expenses £39.89 Ink

Accounts proposed by Cllr Perkin and seconded by Cllr Hawken, all agreed.

5662. Footpath maintenance

The broken gate on the Downicarey footpath has not been repaired. The Clerk will follow this up again.

5663. First Aid Course

Councillors agreed to arrange two dates in March for the course to take place, fully subsidised by the Parish Council. The Clerk will contact the instructor and then place notices on the website and Facebook page.

5664. Torridge response to planning concerns raised

Councillors will continue to report matters to enforcement as and when they arise.

5665. Grant request for Citizens Advice Torridge

Councillors agreed to place the contact details of the Citizens Advice on the notice boards and website but not to provide financial support to Torridge Citizens Advice at this time as it was felt that residents of the parish were more likely to use Launceston or Okehampton CA.

5666. Record keeping

Councillors acknowledged the guidance provided by DALC.

5667. AA Sign for Roadford Lake Lodges at Ivhouse Cross

Councillors acknowledged that the sign has been permitted until April 7, 2023.

5668. King Charles Coronation

Cllr Brayley reported following a sub-committee meeting held last week. The suggested celebrations are to hold a fete with family games and activities, craft stalls, music, cream teas and similar between 2pm and 5pm on Sunday 7th May 2023. This would be followed by a BBQ/hog roast and music between 5:30pm and 7:30pm. The Hub Committee have kindly offered 2 coffee mornings to help with fundraising and these will be held on January 28th and February 25th. The next sub-committee meeting will be held on February 21, 2023, at 7pm in the Community Hub, all Parishioners are invited to attend.

5669. Possible employment of a Lengthsman

Councillors agreed that in principle it would be a good idea to employ a Lengthsman, the Clerk will enquire with surrounding Parishes to find out if they employ a Lengthsman and on what basis. The Clerk will then obtain some quotes to compare and discuss at the next meeting.

5670. To Receive Correspondence

Cllr Hackett provided some guidance for considering planning applications, the Clerk will circulate it to all Cllrs.

5671. Parish Clerk's Report

None.

5672. Any other Business

The access to the Churchyard is getting very messy and ideally needs scraping and re-stoning. The Clerk will write to the occupier of Church Cottage to see if they can take measures to improve the problem.

5673. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th March 2023 at 7pm.

5674. Close

The meeting was closed at 8.40pm.