

Minutes of the Annual Broadwoodwidge Parish meeting.

Tuesday 16th May 2023 7.00pm at Broadwoodwidge Community Hub

Those in attendance: Cllr J Worden (Vice Chairman), Cllrs Wonnacott, Gibson, Hosken, Beazley, L Worden, Fry, Clerk. Invited guest – Dean James (Outgoing Parish Council Chairman).

Members of the public present: 7

5731. Apologies for absence

District Cllr Hackett, County Cllr Morrish, Cllr Ken James, Members of the public Mr Evans & Mrs Brown.

5732. Welcome

Cllr J Worden welcomed all those in attendance to the meeting and advised that as Vice Chairman of the Parish Council he would Chair the meeting due to Dean James (outgoing Chairman) no longer being a Council member. Cllr J Worden proposed the meeting started with an introduction from the new Councillors. Each Councillor introduced themselves.

5733. Minutes of the meeting

Minutes of the meeting held 17th May 2022 were previously circulated, no adjustments needed, proposed by Cllr Wonnacott, seconded by Cllr Gibson, agreed by all.

5734. Parish Council Report

Cllr J Worden invited the outgoing Parish Council Chairman Dean James to present a report of the last 12 months. The report read as follows:

Over the past year the Parish Council has again done its very best to represent the residents of the parish and pursue any concerns raised with relevant bodies. As in most parishes around the country the continued deterioration of our roads is often a cause of complaint. Residents can be assured that this subject is often on the agenda and raised with Devon County Council. Despite meetings with members of DCC and being told that the Parish Council would be given more say as to prioritising roads for repair in the Parish this has not yet happened. Planning applications are another item that are regularly on the agenda and the PC try to provide through their comments, local knowledge and perspective on these applications but the PC is only a consulting body and often feel that planners take little notice of genuine concerns raised. We have been able to get work done on repairs to footpaths around the Parish over the past twelve months and encourage members of the public to report issues regarding footpaths to the Clerk of the Council. The PC has again made a number of grants over the past year. These include; The Church yard maintenance, The Hub, Holsworthy community Transport, Ashwater School. In June last year the Parish Council organised an event for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This was well supported and appreciated by members of the Parish and the money raised was sent to charity. Sadly it would only be a few months until the Country was mourning her sad death. It was decided after the Jubilee to try to hold an annual event to bring the community together. The coronation of King Charles brought the opportunity for the event this year and Sue Braley will bring a report of this event later in the meeting. I do hope that the new Parish Council will support the village fete as an annual event as it seems to be much appreciated. In March the Council organised, and paid for 2 First Aid and Defibrillator training sessions for members of the parish. This was well supported and the Cllrs felt that this should be run again, possibly in the autumn. New notice board has been erected at Grinacombe moor. This has been appreciated by the residents in the area as these boards around the parish still provide a valuable source of information. Other notice boards in the parish may need replacing over the next twelve months I would like to thank those who have served on the Council over the past year. I would especially like to thank those who have come off at the recent election having served this parish on the council for many years. Also a big thank you goes to our Clerk Kayleigh. Thank you for

all you do for the smooth running of this Parish Council. I would like to wish those who have continued on the council and those who have joined the council good luck for the coming year.

Cllr J Worden thanked Dean James for his hard work as Chairman and Councillor over the many years he has been part of the Council noting that it was hugely appreciated. A round of applause was given.

5735. Close

The meeting was closed at 7.15pm.