

Minutes of the Broadwoodwidge Parish Council meeting.

Tuesday 24th October 2023 7:30pm at Broadwoodwidge Community Hub

Those in attendance: Cllr J Worden (Chairman), Cllrs Gibson, Wonnacott, Hosken, Fry, L Worden, Clerk, District Cllr Hackett.

Members of the public present: 2

5820. Apologies for absence

None.

5821. Declaration of Interests

The Chairman declared that all interests be raised as they arise.

5822. Public Open Question Time

None.

5823. Police Report

The Clerk advised that the police website was still not working correctly and had not been updated with reported incidents since November 2022. District Councillor Philip Hackett expressed the importance of reporting crime, either by phone or email and confirmed he would follow up on the website issues. Cllr J Worden advised of incidents of fly tipping and theft. Cllrs requested that the Clerk put up some posters on the noticeboards advising residents of how to report crime.

5824. County Councillor Report

None. The Clerk was asked to request the County Councillors attendance at the next meeting and to provide an update to be read at meetings he cannot attend.

5825. District Councillor Report

Cllr Hackett reported that he had been appointed to the Highways and Traffic Order Committee. He also advised that there will be an Advisory Group meeting next Thursday.

Cllr Gibson reiterated the importance of reporting crimes to the Police whilst also advising that there are significant staffing issues and the amount of paperwork required restricts the amount of time officers can spend patrolling the streets. Cllr Gibson reported that there had been an emergency meeting of full Council to discuss the 10-year strategic plan and the levelling up fund which must be bid for. Cllr Gibson said that representatives of the taxi industry had attempted to push back the date of the ban on euro 6 engines to 2030 but it had been denied and remains set for 2026. Cllr Gibson confirmed that he is happy to be a point of contact for anyone in need of financial support and he would help to steer them in the right direction to obtain hardship grants.

5826. Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held 21st September 2023 were previously circulated. No adjustments needed, proposed by Cllr L Worden, seconded by Cllr Wonnacott, all agreed.

5827. Matters Arising

None.

5828. Planning

1/0907/2023/FUL - Conversion of barn to 1no. dwelling and change of use of land to residential in lieu of Class Q approval - Barn At Nethercott – Cllr Gibson declared an interest and left the meeting table. Cllrs agreed that comments submitted for the original Class Q application were still valid. Concerns raised were in respect of the poor visibility at the access point, no utilities, and the viability of the structure itself. It was also noted that an additional access track can be seen however it is not clear if this has the correct permissions. The Clerk will submit comments to the planning department.

5829. To Consider Grant Applications Received

Broadwoodwidge Community Hub – Cllr J Worden declared an interest. He left the meeting table and abstained from voting. Cllrs reviewed the request and agreed to grant £750 towards the cost of running the hub. Proposed by Cllr Fry, seconded by Cllr Wonnacott and agreed by all.

Churchyard Maintenance Fund – Cllr Gibson declared an interest. He left the meeting table and abstained from voting. Cllrs reviewed the request and agreed to grant £2500 towards the upkeep of the Churchyard. Proposed by Cllr Wonnacott, seconded by Cllr Fry and agreed by all.

Southwest Heritage Trust – Cllrs discussed the request for funding and agreed not to contribute at this time as records relating to the Parish were thought to be held in Truro. Proposed by Cllr Wonnacott, seconded by Cllr Fry and agreed by all.

Holsworthy Rural Community Transport – Cllrs discussed the request and agreed to award a £300 grant for this year. Proposed by Cllr Fry, seconded by Cllr Hosken and agreed by all.

5830. Matters brought to the attention of the Parish Council

Safety concerns have been raised with regards to the scaffolding near the entrance to the Churchyard. The Clerk was instructed to log the concerns with building control at TDC to investigate if necessary.

5831. Accounts due for payment

Clerks' expenses - Postage £4.40, wreaths - £59.96

Grants as noted under **5829**.

Accounts proposed by Cllr Wonnacott and seconded by Cllr Wonnacott, all agreed.

5832. To Receive Correspondence

A letter of thanks had been received from Ashwater FPTA for the grant awarded towards their new playground equipment. The Clerk has posted photographs on the Broadwoodwidge website.

Airband notification received for new pole installations within the Parish.

Traffic notices received for temporary road closures were received and full details will be posted to the Broadwoodwidge website.

5833. Any other Business

None.

5834. Next Meeting

Councillors will meet on Wednesday 1st November at 6pm for a talk by Helen Smith – head of planning at Torridge District Council. No other business will be transacted.

The next transactional meeting will be Tuesday 5th December 2023 at 7:30pm.

5835. Close

The meeting was closed at 20.45.