

Minutes of the Broadwoodwidge Parish Council meeting.

Tuesday 5th December 2023 7:30pm at Broadwoodwidge Community Hub

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

Members of the public present: 0

5844. Apologies for absence

Cllr Beazley.

5845. Declaration of Interests

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

5846. Public Open Question Time

Cllr Gibson moved to the public seating area and raised concerns over building work that had started on a site that has not had planning permission granted. Councillors agreed to discuss it under planning/enforcement later in the meeting.

5847. 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. The Clerk attended the latest Zoom meeting with Holsworthy Rural policing and was the only representative out of 26 Parishes to attend. There had been no crimes reported in the parish of Broadwoodwidge.

5848. County Councillor Report

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Morrish and commented that the Parish Council were delighted to see him back at meetings. Cllr Morrish reported that he had 9 communications from the Parish in the last month, varying from housing to health to highways. Cllr Morrish reported a freeze in recruitment at Devon County Council. He advised there was to be a full council meeting on Friday. Cllr Morrish advised that £40-50million had been spent on roads this year so far and it is hoped that the government will be funding a further £40million.

5849. District Councillor Report

Cllr Hackett reported that full council will meet next week and that he had called the planning applications requested by the Parish Council into the planning committee.

Cllr Gibson advised that there would be an open meeting in Ashwater on Friday at 3pm with Geoffrey Cox MP to discuss the loopholes in permitted developments rules particularly in relation to 'leisure plots'.

5850. Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held 24th October and 21st November were previously circulated. No adjustments needed, proposed by Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr Wonnacott, all agreed.

5851. Matters Arising

None.

5852. Planning

1/1157/2023/FUL - Conversion of barns for residential use and replacement ancillary building (Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 1/0780/2020/FUL) - Tower Hill House – Councillors agreed to support the application, proposed by Cllr Fry, seconded by Cllr Hosken and agreed by all.

1/1117/2023/FUL - Retrospective change of use of land and siting of 5 shepherds huts with field kitchens and associated infrastructure - Rewilding Coombeshead Glamping – Councillors asked the District Councillor to call in the application to the planning committee. Proposed by Cllr Fry, seconded by Cllr Hosken, agreed by all.

5853. Enforcement

1/1038/2023/FU – works have started at the site despite the planning application still being under review. Councillors asked the Clerk to report it to the appropriate authority.

E-21-0386-UND Barn at Boldford – The case has been closed by the enforcement officer; The Planning Inspectorate dismissed the appeal made for the Certificate of Proposed Lawful. Decision Notice 1/0671/2022/FUL for the proposed conversion of barn to self-contained unit of accommodation was refused by the Local Planning Authority.

A grey van is once again obstructing the junction at Upcott Cross. The Clerk will report it to the police.

5854. Highways signage towards Stowford

Cllr Fry raised concerns over the signage for large vehicles heading from the A30 exit to Stowford. Could additional signage be put up to further warn them of the bendy humpback bridge. The Clerk will report to the highways officer.

5855. Accounts due for payment

Clerks' expenses - Postage £6, noticeboard - £542.40

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

5856. To Receive Correspondence

A letter of thanks had been received from Broadwoodwidge Community Fund for the grant awarded.

A letter of thanks and a Christmas card had been received from the RBL for the purchase of wreaths.

Airband notifications 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.

Tamar Valley National Landscapes asked for details of invasive non-native trees in the Parish. The Clerk will complete and return.

Ruby County Medical Group welcome parishioners' concerns. Contact details available from the Clerk.

5857. Any other Business

The Chairman suggested the Parish Council could look at the ownership of the Blacksmiths Shop by the Village green in view of either asking for it to be tidied up or purchasing it to do the same. The Clerk will look at land registry.

Broadwoodwidge Community Hub AGM will take place on Thursday 7th December at 7:30pm.

5858. Next Meeting

Proposed meeting date -Tuesday 16th January 2024 at 7:30pm.

5859. Close

The meeting was closed at 20:30pm.