

# **Minutes of the Broadwoodwidge Parish Council meeting.**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 6:30pm at Broadwoodwidge Community Hub**

**Those in attendance:** Cllr J Worden (Chairman), Cllrs Gibson, Wonnacott, Hosken, L Worden, Clerk, District Councillor Philip Hackett, Head of Planning at TDC – Helen Smith.

**Members of the public present: 4**

## **5860. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Fry, County Councillor James Morrish.

## **5861. Declaration of Interests**

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

## **5862. Public Open Question Time**

No members of the public were present at the time of the agenda item.

## **5863. Guest Speaker – Helen Smith, Head of Planning at Torridge District Council**

The Chairman welcomed Helen Smith to the meeting and her talk started with questions relating to two planning applications that the Parish Council had requested to be seen by the plans committee. Councillors agreed not to go any further with application 1/1107/2023/FUL but to continue with the request for application 1/1038/2023/FUL to be reviewed by committee.

Helen proceeded with a presentation and questions and answer session covering all aspects of the planning department. Members of the public who joined the meeting during the presentation were allowed two minutes to ask questions at the end of the session.

The Chairman and Councillors thanked Helen for attending.

## **5864. 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. Councillors instructed the Clerk to write to the Police and Crime Commissioner expressing concerns regarding the website and lack of policing.

## **5865. County Councillor Report**

The Clerk shared a written report from James Morrish which read as follows: Sadly, I am at 2 other parish council meetings tonight so will not be with you Just 4 communications from Broadwoodwidge residents being 2 on county council officer behaviour and 1 on homeless issues. I am pleased to confirm that Thomas Cox has been appointed as our new neighbourhood guy and I'm sure he will be in touch very soon. Happy new year to you all and see you soon.

The Councillors asked the Clerk to find out what role Thomas Cox has taken on.

## **5866. District Councillor Report**

Cllr Gibson advised that the previously mentioned meeting with Geoffrey Cox MP had been rescheduled for this week to discuss the loopholes in permitted development rules particularly in relation to leisure plots. Cllr Gibson advised that restoration of the Bideford to Barnstaple railway line came out top in the recent survey by Geoffrey Cox.

## **5867. Council Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 were previously circulated. No adjustments needed, proposed by Cllr L Worden, seconded by Cllr Wonnacott, all agreed.

#### **5868. Matters Arising**

The Chairman has discussed the Blacksmiths Shop with the owner, who confirmed it may be put to the open market in time.

#### **5869. Planning**

Covered under 5863.

#### **5870. 2024/2025 Precept Application**

Councillors agreed to request a precept of £11,500. Proposed by Cllr Hosken, seconded by Cllr Gibson, agreed by all.

#### **5871. Highways signage towards Stowford**

The Clerk read the response from Highways regarding inadequate signage for large/wide vehicles which advised that it is the responsibility of drivers of large vehicles to choose an appropriate route, and whether a sign specifies wide or long vehicles, most long vehicles are wider than a standard car, so whichever sign is displayed, the likelihood is that the road would be neither suitable for wide or long vehicles due to it narrowing / sharp corners etc. Highways do not have the financial resources to make any amendments.

#### **5872. Community CPR/Defibrillator courses**

Councillors agreed to host two community CPR courses with Joe Rice that are open to Parishioners of Broadwoodwidge. Dates of courses are Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm and Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 6-8pm. Places can be booked by contacting the Clerk.

#### **5873. Resident repairs to road**

Dean James had repaired the potholes on the corner of the green at a cost of £50. Councillors agreed to reimburse him.

#### **5874. Accounts due for payment**

Clerks' expenses – Land registry £6, Ink £40.72, Dean James – road repairs £50

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

#### **5875. To Receive Correspondence**

Traffic notice received for temporary road closure from Tower Hill House to Dubbs Cross for March 11<sup>th</sup> for a maximum of 5 days.

Landmark Tree Project is offering a free tree for planting in a public space. Councillors agreed to thank the project for the offer but not to proceed at this time.

#### **5876. Any other Business**

Cllr Gibson will host a Pancake event for families at Upcott Barton on February 13<sup>th</sup> between 4:30pm and 6:30pm.

#### **5877. Next Meeting**

Proposed meeting date -Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7:30pm.

#### **5878. Close**

The meeting was closed at 20:40pm.