

Minutes of the Annual Broadwoodwidge Parish meeting.

Tuesday 28th May 2024 7.00pm at Broadwoodwidge Community Hub

Those in attendance: Cllr J Worden (Chairman), Cllrs Wonnacott, Gibson, Hosken, L Worden, Fry, Clerk. Invited guest – Richard Haste, Operational Services Manager at Torridge District Council.

Members of the public present: 0

5929. Apologies for absence

None.

5930. Welcome

Cllr J Worden welcomed all those in attendance to the meeting.

5931. Minutes of the meeting

Minutes of the meeting held 16th May 2023 were previously circulated, no adjustments needed, proposed by Cllr Wonnacott, seconded by Cllr Fry, agreed by all.

5932. Guest Speaker

Richard Haste, Operational Services Manager at Torridge District Council introduced himself and gave a brief overview of his role. He advised that there were 86 members of staff in the department, providing services to 34,000 properties. Mr Haste reported that they undertake 50,000 collections per week using 12 recycling lorries. He advised that the current recycling rate for Torridge was 53% and none of the refuse in Torridge goes to landfill. He confirmed that black bag refuse and dog waste goes for incineration, recycling goes to the transfer station where it is moved on for repurposing from there and food waste goes to store and then on to produce electricity and soil improvers. Mr Haste advised that the county council oversees disposal of the waste, and the district council oversees collection. He reported that a planning application was due to be submitted for a new transport site in East-The-Water. Mr Haste added that clinical waste can be collected for free and TDC will also provide equipment for community litter picks free of charge. Mr Haste said that the annual garden waste collection subscriptions were now due and had been well used to date. He provided details of items that can be recycled at home and the Clerk agreed to share on the parish noticeboards website. The Councillors and Clerk thanked Richard Haste for his informative discussion.

5933. Parish Council Report

John Worden, Chairman of the Parish Council gave the following report: The past year has been relatively quiet, with the same problems as before, little notice being taken over views expressed by the parish council with regard to planning issues at Torridge. We have had the head of planning attend a meeting to explain our responses to planning applications, but the outcome remains the same. Secondly, we had an insight given to us on enforcement by a TDC Enforcement Officer, after constant concerns were raised over various cases in the parish. This remains an ongoing concern to all councillors. The roads continue to be an issue with little progress being made by DCC on two particular roads in the parish. Works were facilitated to repair the road to the churchyard. Grants were given for the Churchyard maintenance, the hub and Holsworthy Community Transport. Two first aid defibrillator classes were organised by the council this spring with a reasonable attendance considering it being the second year. The notice board at Cross Green was replaced following the old board becoming unrepairable. Fencing off the Blacksmiths Shop is in hand and should be finished shortly. Finally, I would like to thank the new councillors for their attendance and commitment to the council over the last twelve months, the vice chairman for his support and lastly a big thank you to our Clerk Kayleigh for her continued smooth running of this parish council.

5934. Close

The meeting was closed at approx. 8pm.