

## **(Draft) Minutes of the Broadwoodwidge Parish Council meeting.**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025 7:30pm at Broadwoodwidge Community Hub**

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

**Members of the public present: 2**

### **5663. Apologies for absence**

Cllrs L Worden and Beazley.

### **5664. Declaration of Interests**

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

### **5665. Public Open Question Time**

Two members of the public attended to raise concerns about two dogs roaming unsupervised around the village and on the village green. The nature of the concerns is that the dogs could run in front of a vehicle causing an accident, could be fouling on the road and village green and the dogs had also caused fear amongst the community members. Public safety being the main overall concern. The members of the public had already reported the issue to the dog warden and been asked for details including photographs of the dogs which they did not feel comfortable obtaining. The Clerk was asked to follow up the case with TDC, and if necessary, the police and the housing association of the dog owners. Councillors agreed to enforce a 'dogs on leads' requirement for the village green and the Clerk was asked to purchase some signs. A cost of up to £100 was agreed. Proposed by Cllr Fry, seconded by Cllr Hosken and agreed by all.

### **5666. County Councillor Report**

None.

### **5667. District Councillor Report**

Cllr Hackett updated councillors in relation to devolution. He advised plans should be submitted this week; however, the process could take two or three years to evolve. He also said that nominations for County Councillors close on April 2, 2025. On other matters he advised that District Cllr Gibson had met with the Police & Crime Commissioner, and he was disappointed not to have been invited as he has many matters he could have brought forward on behalf of the district. A major issue now is with regards to gun licences in the agricultural industry which has a large back log.

### **5668. Council Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the meetings held February 11<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, were previously circulated. Councillors agreed the minutes as a true record of the meetings. Proposed by Cllr Wonnacott, seconded by Cllr Fry, all agreed, and the Chairman signed a copy.

### **5669. Matters Arising**

The Chairman reported that South West Water had cut back the overgrown vegetation near Roadford Lake.

### **5670. Planning**

**1/0218/2025/FUL** - Conversion and extension of chapel to 1no. residential dwelling - Rexon Cross Methodist Church, Broadwoodwidge. Cllr Worden declared an interest in the application which meant only three councillors could participate which is not a quorum and therefore no discussion took place. Members of the public can submit their own comments via the online portal if they wish to.

#### **5671. Annual Parish Meeting**

Members agreed to hold the meeting on May 13, 2025, ahead of the annual parish council meeting. The Clerk was asked to invite a member of Holsworthy Rural Community Transport and Ken James from TDC to be guest speakers at the meeting.

#### **5672. To Receive Correspondence**

The Churchyard advised they have not been able to cut the hedges due to other matters taking priority. Councillors agreed that as the grants issued to the churchyard for maintenance were increased in previous years to help cover the cost of cutting hedges, they should be asked to carry out the work or to return the unspent funds to the parish council. The Church have advised that they have water seeping into the north side of the church and have asked the council if they can help. Councillors are aware that the parish council is not permitted to give funds directly to a religious organisation and is therefore unable to assist. The Clerk will write a letter.

#### **5673. Any other Business**

The Chairman reported that there have been two further incidents with users of West Banbury Cottages leaving the site unattended. The Clerk was asked to write the Policy & Crime Commissioner requesting a review take place of the site and its security measures. The Clerk will advise that District Cllr Hackett would like to raise it at the next Police & Crime Commissioners meeting if a response is not received prior to it.

The Chairman reported that there were now dogs, ducks and geese in Slew Wood. Cllrs agreed that if no one resides in the woods this would cause an animal welfare issue along with noise complaints. The Clerk will contact the RSPCA and TDC.

The Clerk shared details of the upcoming Broadwoodwidge Community Hub coffee morning and Easter egg hunt which will take place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March from 10-12.

#### **5674. Date for next meeting.**

Annual parish meeting to be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm followed by the annual parish council meeting.

#### **5675. Close**

The meeting was closed at approx. 8:45pm.