

(draft) Minutes of the Broadwoodwidge Parish Council meeting.

Tuesday 5th August 2025 7.30pm at Broadwoodwidge Community Hub

Those in attendance: Cllr J Worden (Chairman), Cllrs Wonnacott, Gibson, Hosken, Beazley, Clerk, District Cllr Hackett, County Cllr Rowsell.

Members of the public present: 0

6119. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Fry and L Worden. Apologies accepted.

6120. Declarations of Interests

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

6121. Public Open Question Time

None.

6122. County Councillor Report

The County Councillor introduced herself, confirmed which committees she sits on at County which are Audit Committee, Devon Pension Board, Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee and Torridge Highways and Traffic Orders Committee. Cllr Rowsell provided contact details and welcomed questions and matters arising to be reported to her for assistance as and when required. The parish councillors thanked her for attending.

6123. District Councillor Report

Cllr Gibson starting by stating that the devolution plans are ever changing and ongoing with nothing substantial to report on the matter. On local matters he advised that agricultural machinery thefts are high now, and he is trying to raise awareness amongst the community. Cllr Gibson has created a Facebook page for Broadheath for the community to use to share information.

Cllr Hackett reiterated that any crime matters should be passed on to him to report as he is part of the police and crime committee. He also confirmed that he sits on HATOC and is happy to feed any concerns back to the committee.

6124. Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held June 24th 2025, were previously circulated. Councillors agreed the minutes as a true record of the meetings. Proposed by Cllr Hosken, seconded by Cllr Gibson, all agreed, and the Chairman signed a copy.

6125. Matters Arising

Councillor Wonnacott reported that the landowner of the overgrown vegetation at Upcott has confirmed he will address the matter after the bird nesting season.

6127. TDC Street Naming and Numbering Policy

Policy acknowledged by Cllrs with no comments to make.

6126. Accounts due for payment.

Martin Ashley – Grass Cutting - £360.00
Mobile phone handset - £67.80

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

6127. Planning

Delegate authority to comment on planning applications to the Clerk to permit her to respond when a physical meeting of the council is not possible. – Cllrs agreed this was an appropriate action to take and should only be used for simple application where a meeting is not possible, proposed by Cllr Wonnacott, seconded by Cllr Hosken and agreed by all.

1/0610/2025/FUL – Solar PV array, storage shed and Devon bank – Moorhayes, Broadwoodwidge – Cllrs discussed the application and agreed they were supportive of the solar array and Devon bank elements of the application however concerns were raised regarding the proposed storage shed. It is felt that the structure would be more in keeping with the surrounding environment if constructed using traditional materials, such as timber cladding and a tin roof, in line with other outbuildings within the settlement. The proposed double block skin construction and household-style window appear excessive for the intended use of the building and give the impression of overdevelopment. The Parish Council therefore objects to the erection of the storage shed on the grounds that its design is not in keeping with the character and appearance of the local area. The Clerk will report to TDC planning.

6128. To Receive Correspondence

The Clerk shared details of an upcoming traffic notice. The full notice will be posted to the website.

6129. Clerks Leave

Cllrs acknowledged the Clerks upcoming leave.

6130. Any other Business

Cllr Gibson shared details of the Church Flower Festival that will take place on the bank holiday weekend at the end of August and bell ringing that will take place this weekend.

6131. Date for next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th September 2025.

6132. Close

The meeting was closed at 7:47pm.