

(draft) Minutes of the Broadwoodwidge Parish Council meeting.

Thursday 22nd January 2026 7.30pm at Broadwoodwidge Community Hub

Those in attendance: Cllr J Worden (Chairman), Cllrs Wonnacott, L Worden, Beazley, Hosken, Fry.
Clerk.

Members of the public present: 0

6180. Apologies for Absence

County Cllr Rowsell, Cllr Gibson. Apologies accepted.

6181. Declarations of Interests

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

6182. Public Open Question Time

None.

6183. County Councillor Report

None.

6184. District Councillor Report

None.

6185. Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held December 9th, 2025, were previously circulated. Councillors agreed the minutes as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Beazley, seconded by Cllr Wonnacott, all agreed, and the Chairman signed a copy.

6186. Matters Arising

None.

6187. Accounts due for payment

Village green maintenance £220

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

6188. 2026/2027 Precept Application

The Clerk circulated the in-year budget and the proposed 2026/27 budget to councillors ahead of the meeting, together with guidance on recommended reserve levels for parish councils. Councillors reviewed the documentation and discussed the level of reserves required to cover 6–12 months of running costs, village green re-tarmacking, potential land or building purchases, and other anticipated expenditure. Councillors agreed that a modest increase in the precept was necessary and justified considering rising service costs. A precept request of £12,500 was proposed by Cllr Worden, seconded by Cllr Fry, and agreed unanimously.

6189. Siting of new community defibrillator

The Clerk confirmed that 100% funding had been successfully secured for a community defibrillator. Councillors agreed that it should be installed in the telephone box at Ivyhouse Cross. The Clerk advised that BT had confirmed the electricity supply remains in place and that they would meet the ongoing running costs. Cllr Hosken agreed to install the defibrillator cabinet, and the Clerk was instructed to ask Ian Browning to connect the electricity supply.

6190. Temporary closure of public right of way

Cllrs acknowledged the notice of temporary closure for public right of way so that maintenance work can be carried out on the two bridges near Moors Mill. The Clerk confirmed that she had put a notice on the website.

6191. Planning

12.1 1/0217/2025/FUL – Appeal ref APP/W1145/W/25/3376857 - Proposal: Proposed lake, solar PV array, storage shed and change of use for caravan pitches Location: Land At Moorhayes, Broadwoodwidge – Cllrs agreed to reiterate the comments submitted on the original planning application.

12.2 1/0610/2025/FUL – Appeal ref 6002760 – Proposal: Solar PV array, storage shed and devon bank Location: Moorhayes, Broadwoodwidger = **Cllrs agreed to reiterate the comments submitted on the original planning application.**

12.3 1/0521/2025/AGMB – Appeal ref 6003253 – Proposal: Prior notification for the change of use of agricultural building to 1 no. dwellinghouse and associated building operations under Class Q Location: Barn At Grid Reference 241518 096154, Ashwater - **Cllrs agreed to reiterate the comments submitted on the original planning application.**

12.4 1/0960/2025/FUL - Demolition of agricultural barn & construction of a single storey replacement dwelling with associated works in lieu of 1/1235/2022/FUL (self-build) Location: Barn At Grid Reference 238692 088999, Broadwoodwidger **Cllrs agreed to make no comment.**

12.5 1/0877/2025/FUL - Proposed replacement dwelling, Location: Higher Huntstown Farm - **Cllrs agreed to submit the following comment. The Parish Council strongly believes that the proposed dwelling represents an overdevelopment of the site within the open countryside. The proposal cannot reasonably be described as a simple replacement dwelling as stated in the application. The scale, massing, and overall form of the proposed development are far more substantial and imposing than the existing property and would result in a materially different and intensified form of development on the site. The Parish Council also wishes to note that, contrary to the statement made on the application form, the site is visible from a public road. This visibility further reinforces concerns regarding the impact of the proposal on the rural character and appearance of the surrounding countryside. Given these concerns, the Parish Council strongly recommends that the planning officer undertakes a site visit in order to fully appreciate the nature of the current dwelling and the condition and extent of the curtilage, which are not adequately conveyed within the submitted documentation. Finally, the Parish Council wishes to record its disappointment that it was not consulted on the previous application for a Certificate of Existing Lawful Development relating to this site.**

Planning decisions proposed by Cllr Fry, seconded by Cllr Hosken and agreed by all.

6192. Letter to the South West Lakes Trust re parking regulations at Roadford Lake

Cllr Worden raised concerns received from residents regarding the parking charges at Roadford Lake, noting that the cost makes it uneconomical for short visits such as calling in for a coffee or going for a brief walk, which is discouraging residents from using the facility. It was further noted that when funding was raised for the main building, parishioners contributed on the understanding that it would provide community facilities, including a computer suite; however, this provision was only in place for one year before the space was converted into private offices. Councillors felt that this, together with the parking charges, was to the detriment of the local community. Councillors agreed to write to South West Lakes Trust and the trustees to formally express these concerns and to request that consideration be given to residents, for example through a residents' parking pass or a refund of parking charges when a purchase is made in the café.

6193. Grants for Churchyard Maintenance

Item postponed as no further documentation had been received.

6194. To Receive Correspondence

The Chairman and Clerk had received an invitation to a connectivity forum hosted by Sir Geoffrey Cox MP with representatives from BT Openreach, Building Digital UK, Airband, Bush Broadband and Connecting Devon and Somerset. The Clerk confirmed her attendance to represent the council.

The Clerk advised she had been contacted by a resident to request a new grit bin to be sited in the village along with repairs to an existing bin. A response from DCC is awaited. Cllr Wonnacott confirmed the new grit delivery had arrived.

6195. Any other Business

The Clerk was asked to contact highways regarding the potholes on the road from Roadford Lake to the A30.

6196. Date for next meeting and close

The next meetings will be held on Tuesday 3rd March followed by Tuesday 14th April 2026. The meeting was closed at 8.25pm.

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