

(draft) Minutes of the Broadwoodwidge Parish Council meeting.

Tuesday 1st September 2026 7.30pm at Broadwoodwidge Community Hub

Those in attendance: Cllr J Worden (Chairman), Cllrs Hosken, Fry, L Worden, Wonnacott (Vice chairman), Gibson, County Councillor Lynne Rowsell, Clerk.

Members of the public present: 0

6280. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Beazley – apologies accepted.

6281. Declarations of Interests

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

6282. Public Open Question Time

None.

6283. County Councillor Report

Cllr Rowsell reported on the Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) stating that discussion in council chambers was clear that it is not the outcome local people wanted. Councillors are exploring the idea of changes and whilst this is possible it seems unlikely. It is not yet clear what will happen to council owned buildings or finances when the reorganisation takes place. She also reported that Exeter City Council want to re-enter the European Union and are triggering an amendment to the Brexit motion. Discussing highways, she said that considerable works are taking place and if any roads appear to have been missed then please provide details of those to her to follow up. Cllrs discussed the road closure from Rixon Cross to Hayne Cross that has been postponed several times. Finally, Cllr Rowsell advised that there is still locality budget to be spent and encouraged applications. The clerk was asked to apply for funding towards the Ivyhouse Cross defibrillator project.

6284. District Councillor Report

Cllr Gibson reported that he had been in Bideford earlier that day at a scrutiny and budget meeting and had asked what happens to buildings and finances when LGR takes place. It was confirmed that this is all essentially central government property anyway. He advised that Torridge District Council has £31million of deposits of other councils and is informed that this is kept as reserves. He stated that no one is sure where the headquarters will be as the area is so vast.

6285. Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held July 21st, 2026, were previously circulated. Councillors agreed the minutes as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Fry, seconded by Cllr Gibson, all agreed, and the Chairman signed a copy.

6286. Matters Arising

None.

6287. Accounts due for payment

Prep work for defibrillator installation – N Hosken £50, Wolf Valley Enterprises £103.35

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

6288. Planning

9.1 1/0396/2026/LBC and 1/0376/2026/FUL – Erection of solar panels to roof, Holm Barn, Broadwoodwidge – permission granted (info only) – acknowledged.

9.2 1/0526/2026/FUL - Conversion of agricultural storage shed to 1no. dwelling (Variation of condition 2 of planning approval 1/0729/2025/FUL) - Location: Land At Grid Reference 241758 091306, Broadwoodwidge. – Cllrs agreed to object to the proposed variation. The Parish Council considers that the proposal represents overdevelopment of the site, with the scale and character of the development being out of keeping with the surrounding rural countryside. The location is also of particular concern given its proximity to Roadford Lake, and the Parish Council considers that the scale and nature of the

proposed development, specifically the addition of the detached garage and extension to the original building would have an adverse impact on the character and rural setting of this sensitive location. The Parish Council believes that any proposed conversion should be restricted to the original footprint of the existing building only. Any extension or enlargement beyond that footprint would, in the Council's view, constitute an inappropriate level of development for this rural location. The Parish Council also wishes to stand by the comments and objections previously submitted in relation to the two earlier applications, namely: 1/0729/2025/FUL 1/0340/2025/FUL The Parish Council requests that the comments and concerns raised in those previous submissions are fully taken into account when determining the current variation application, as the issues previously identified remain relevant to the proposal. For the reasons set out above, Broadwoodwidge Parish Council objects to the proposed variation and respectfully requests that the application is refused unless the development is amended so that any conversion is confined to the original building footprint and is appropriate in scale and character to its rural setting.

Comments proposed by Cllr Wonnacott, seconded by Cllr Gibson and unanimously agreed.

6289. Ivyhouse Cross defibrillator

The clerk advised that prep work was undertaken and National Grid had completed the electrical installation. The clerk will instruct the electrician to connect the defibrillator light and heater and is awaiting a MPAN number to arrange an electricity supplier. Octopus will be approached.

6290. Road Warden Scheme

Cllrs discussed the proposed scheme and agreed to trial it for twelve months. More volunteers are likely to be required to make it a success. Cllr Gibson will look over the requirements and may join as a volunteer. Motion to proceed proposed by Cllr Wonnacott, seconded by Cllr Fry and agreed by all.

6291. South West Lakes Trust

The clerk read the reply from Chairman John Lee which confirmed that the trust would be reviewing the current parking enforcement arrangements over the winter and will be taking the feedback provided into account as part of the review.

6292. Grants

13.1 St Nicholas Church Graveyard Maintenance – Cllr Gibson declared an interest and abstained from voting. Cllrs reviewed the application and supporting information and agreed to grant £2500. Proposed by Cllr Wonnacott, seconded by Cllr L Worden and agreed by all.

13.2 Broadwoodwidge Community Hub - Cllr Worden declared an interest and abstained from voting. The vice chairman lead the discussion. Cllrs reviewed the application and supporting information and agreed to grant £1000. Proposed by Cllr L Worden, seconded by Cllr Fry and agreed by all.

6293. To Receive Correspondence

The clerk shared an enquiry from a member of the public for the erection of 'slow down' or 'children playing' signs to be sited on the road from Rixon Cross to the village green. The clerk advised that she had contacted highways with the request following the recent incident and is awaiting a response. The motion was supported by the County Cllr and all parish Cllrs.

6294. Any other Business

None.

6295. Date for next meeting and close

The next parish council meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 13th October 2026.

*****PART 2** (Closed to members of the public)**

6296. Clerks annual review

Cllrs had discussed the review ahead of the meeting and agreed to award the recommended pay increase. The clerks' hours and role to remain the same. Proposed by Cllr Fry, seconded by Cllr L Worden and agreed by all.

6297. Close

The meeting was closed at 8.35pm.

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