

Minutes of the Broadwoodwidge Parish Council meeting,

Tuesday 2nd July 2018, 7pm

Those in attendance: Cllr James (Chairman), Cllrs Worden, Hawken, Perkin, Durstan, Nobbs, Stratton, Cllr Watson. Clerk.

Members of the public present: 0

4864. Apologies for absence:

Cllrs Wonnacott, Banbury, Crocombe, County Cllr Parsons. PCSOs Tomkies & James

4865. Declaration of Interests

The chairman declared that interests be raised as they arise.

4866. Public Open Questions (Standing orders suspended during this session)

No Questions

4867. Police Report

Raquel Rowe has moved posts and is now based in Okehampton. The parish have two PCSOs now covering the area. PCSO Mark James & PCSO Emma Tomkies.

4868. District Councillors Report

The new waste scheme is going well.

The Local Plan is on course, back out for another consultation, but it won't hold up the final date for approval.

The planning department is running better than it has done in many years. A good team are in place.

Cllr Perkin expressed thanks be passed to Richard Haste for his personal efforts in sorting teething problems with the new recycling scheme within the parish.

4869. County Councillors Report

I have already informed a number of parishes that there has been a change in staffing at Highways, with Simon Phillips (Area Highways Manager) being seconded to a new post and his replacement being Vicki Braddon. I know that Vicki is already working to pick up on the many and varied issues that challenge us in this part of the world and I will keep you informed of progress. I have thanked Simon for his not inconsiderable efforts over years of austerity in which he has faced some real issues.

We seem to go from one extreme to the other with the weather recently and have had a number of problems over the last few days with melting roads. With the open nature of some of the countryside particularly around Holsworthy it has been a real problem in our area. The contractor (Keily Brothers) has been very active trying to manage the problem (and safeguard our investment). Highways 'dust down' using a gritter. Due to the extreme heat felt on Wednesday last week (roads topped 60C), Highways did dust down with a 6mm grit which I gather went down well and hoping that this helps stabilize. The situation is being monitored, but the action really needs to happen in the cooler period before midday. I am in regular communication with Meg Booth, Devon County Council' Head of Highways.

The County Council has been exploring avenues for 'Crowdfunding', that is, to look at ideas that matter for our communities and supporting through donations from a wide range of sources. There is a public launch of the project with details that can be found on the link below for those who may be interested:

<https://www.devonnewscentre.info/crowdfund-devon-pilot-councils-to-support-crowdfunded-community-projects/>

On a personal note, my thanks to those expressing their well wishes in relation to my visit to Australia to see my daughter who has been unwell. Your sentiments are appreciated greatly.

There is one matter that I followed up in relation to Grinnacombe Moor and traffic speeding. Simon Phillips was aware of issues raised but with a new Area Head of Highways, Vicki Braddon, in place I have followed up further with Vicki.

Vicki has written, "In essence the number of property frontages onto the highway here doesn't meet the criteria for an introduction of a 30mph limit and there isn't a significant collision history here that would suggest a speed limit would be appropriate. A 30mph limit should be no less than 600m in length it requires signs at the start and end and as there are no street lights it requires numerous repeater signs and metal posts to be installed. The sighting of signs would predominantly need to be agreed on private property as there are no footways. From previous experience it does detract from the rural nature of a village and if the mean speeds of vehicles are below 30mph there is very little benefit to installing lots of signs.

If the Parish Council wish to pursue this then if there is a suitable place to fix a speed camera device I (Vicki) will arrange for some speed readings to be undertaken. The location will need to be relatively straight with no junctions within 20 metres."

I hope this is helpful. Please let me know should you wish to pursue the issue of a speed camera.

4870. Minutes of the Meetings:

22nd May 2018 Proposed Cllr Perkin. Seconded Cllr Stratton. Carried nem.com

4871. Matters Arising from the Minutes of May 22nd, 2018 meeting.

Previous planning applications – Hornbeams refused, but Kellacott passed. The decision on Hornbeams seems unfair when you consider the other applications within the parish that have gone through.

4872. To Receive and agree the Internal Accounts, the annual Audit Return and the Annual Governance Statement detailed in the Annual Return for the Financial Year 2015/2016.

Copies of the Accounts, Annual Audit Return and Annual Governance Statement for the financial year were circulated. The PC gave explanations where necessary. After discussion, Cllr. Perkin proposed the Annual Internal Audit Report, followed by the Annual Governance Statement for the year ended 31st March 2018 be approved and signed. Cllr. Stratton seconded the proposal which was carried nem.com. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions). Cllr. James, Chairman, and the PC/RFO duly signed the Annual Governance Statement.

4873. Cllr. Durstan proposed that the Accounts and Annual Audit Return for the year ended 31st March 2018 be approved and signed. Cllr. Stratton seconded the proposal which was carried

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4874. Planning

1/0189/2018/FUL The council support the application if it complies with the number of residents currently permitted.
1/0542/2018/FUL No Comment
1/0637/2018/FUL Support

4875. Uses for adopted telephone kiosks

Cllr James to sort paint and organise clean up in the first instance.

4876. Silent Soldier & Memorial Plaque

The plaque in the church has been checked, and the first world war plaque has both those who served and those who lost their lives in the parish.

With that in mind the plaque for the green, could be more generic. The clerk to look at options for the next meeting.

The Silent soldier to be sited on the Village Green, and perhaps elsewhere around the parish. Cllrs to consider parish sites for the next meeting. Sites around property for security reasons would be preferred.

4877. Accounts for Payment

02.17.18	Clerks Expenses	£60.98
02.07.18	SWLT	£20.00

Accounts proposed by Cllr Nobbs, Seconded by Cllr Stratton. Carried nem.com

4878. Correspondence

The clerk highlighted an email from Devon & Cornwall Police, with details of a proposed merger with Dorset Police. Consultation period until the end of August, for both parish and individual Cllr feedback. The clerk to email details to councillors, and to be put on the next agenda for council comment.

4879. Chairman's Report

No report

4880. Clerks Report

No Report

4881. Exchange of Information

Noticeboards – Need treating & Repairing. The benches on the village green also. Item for next agenda.

The Bishop of Plymouth is coming to the Flower Festival Service.

4882. The meeting closed at 19.55pm.

The next meeting is Wednesday 22nd August 2018, 7pm at the Community Hub.