

## **Minutes of the Annual Broadwoodwidge Parish meeting,**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018, 7pm**

**Those in attendance:** Cllr James (Chairman), Cllr Warden (Vice - Chairman), Cllrs Perkin, Durstan, Hawken, Banbury, Stratton, Crocombe, Wonnacott. Cllr Watson, Richard Haste, Clerk.

**Members of the public present:** 3

**4988. Welcome**

Councillor James, Chairman of the Parish Council welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**4989. Speaker James Morrish, Deputy Leader of Torrridge**

The Chairman welcomed Richard Haste, Head of Torrridge Waste Management to the meeting.

Richard Haste spoke to Councillors and members of the public about the new recycling scheme in Torrridge.

The recycling services in Torrridge are changing from 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018. There are new boxes, which will make it easier for crews to collect the recycling.

A charge has been introduced on the green bins for two reasons:

1. Torrridge have to increase their recycling by 50%. DCC is the last county to still have weekly refuse collections. 60% of the population have wheelie bin services, excluding the most rural properties.
2. The green bin service was created in 2002. The cost of running the vehicles has increased considerably in that time.

The new scheme will see a once a fortnight collection for the green bins and black bag refuse.

Calendars will be coming out to households in the next couple of weeks. By reducing the black bag collections, it will encourage more recycling.

Cardboard can only be taken if it is in a brown bag.

Small electrical items, textiles, shoes and books can also be recycled, and left out for collection in a separate carrier bag.

Black plastic can not currently be taken in the plastic recycling container.

It has been found in other areas that household food waste reduces as people see the waste produced.

Torrridge can't currently take the tetra paks on the vehicles. But certain recycling centres will take them, Anvil Corner being one.

Please inform the council if litter is left behind by any of the recycling teams or there are non-collections.

Fly Tipping – Happy to come to a further meeting to talk about this issue. Two compliance officers will be enforcing fly tipping consequences in Torrridge.

Councillor James proposed a vote of thanks to Richard Haste on behalf of the council and public present.

**4990. Minutes of the Meeting:**

25<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Proposed by Cllr Banbury, Seconded Cllr Hawken.

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#### **4991. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman's report was as follows:

Can I start by saying we are pleased to be meeting in the Community Hub this evening as we have been since its opening last September. We thank the Hub committee for their work in providing this facility. The Parish Council were happy to support the development of this building, and with regular coffee mornings and a number of groups already using it, it is helping to bring the community together.

##### Village Green

We have undertaken some work around the green recently to improve the parking situation. This has allowed more cars to park without causing obstruction to anyone, and as the hub is used more this will stop problems accruing in the future. At the same time, we improved the drainage at the side of the green to take rainwater away directly into the drain rather than running down the road and overflowing the drain cover. We have also put a removable bollard on the entrance lane to the church to stop vehicles mistakenly driving in there to access Churchside.

The problem with unattended dogs fouling on the green seems to be less of a problem but we continue to keep a watch on the situation.

##### Planning Matters

We have tried to comment on all planning applications that have come up in Broadwoodwidge Parish, and we have given our reasons for or against when needed. We always try to comment in a way that we feel is in the best interest of the people in the parish, and according to the guidelines set out. The decisions that Torridge make however, still baffle us sometimes!

##### Roads

Roads continue to be a problem in this area as in most others, but we have tried to push for things to be done when they crop up.

##### Grants & Funding

We were able to obtain a transparency code grant to purchase a computer, copier/scanner and money for website costs so that we comply with local government regulations. Tap Funding was again applied for with Tetcott, and the money shared. Cllr Watson gave a grant of £500 towards the parking works on the green.

##### Telephone Boxes

At the end of January, the council purchased the three telephone boxes left in the parish at Ivy House, Dubbs Cross, and Cross Green at a cost of £1 each. We are exploring possible uses for them. If anyone has ideas, please contact the clerk. In the meantime, they could do with a clean and paint, and one needs some repairs. Any volunteers welcome.

##### Other

The council has committed to buying a Silent Soldier from the Royal British Legion to commemorate the 100-year anniversary for the end of the First World War. We are also looking at having a plaque to commemorate all those who served in both wars from the parish.

I would like to thank Cllr Pete Watson for attending the majority of our meetings and for his help and support over the past year, and Cllr Barry Parsons for coming to give a report whenever possible.

Can I finish by thanking our clerk, Rachel Stratton for her work for the council over the last year, and my fellow councillors for giving up their time in serving on the parish council over the past twelve months. We have had 11 meetings, some full council, some just to discuss planning applications. Whether we think we are listened to or not, I think it is important for local communities to have their voices heard.

**4992. The meeting closed at 19.40pm**