

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

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019, 7pm**

**Those in attendance:** Cllr James (Chairman), Cllrs Worden, Stratton, Perkin, Wonnacott & Crocombe. Cllrs Watson & Hackett, Clerk.

**Members of the public present: 7**

**5014. To Elect the Chairman for the year 2019/2020.**

Cllr James was elected Chairman for the forthcoming year. Proposed by Cllr Wonnacott, Seconded by Cllr Worden. Carried nem.com

**5015. The Chairman will Read and Sign the Prescribed 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office'**

Cllr James Signed the declaration. Counter signed by the clerk.

**5016. To Elect the Deputy Chairman for the Year 2019/2020**

Cllr Worden was elected deputy chairman. Proposed by Cllr James, Seconded by Cllr Stratton. Carried nem.com

**5017. Apologies for absence:**

Cllrs Nobbs & Hawken. Cllr Parsons. PCSO James.

**5018. Declaration of Interests**

The chairman declared that interests be raised as they arise.

**5019. To appoint Representatives to the following committees:**

i) Planning Committee

Cllr James proposed that all members of the council should be members of the planning committee, as per the last year. Cllr Stratton supported the proposal, and Cllr Perkin seconded. Carried nem.com

ii) Footpaths Committee

Cllrs Nobbs was reappointed to the Footpaths Committee, with Cllr Hawken. Carried nem.com

**5020. Public Open Questions (Standing orders suspended during this session)**

There are several potholes on the Kellacott, Germansweek, and Green.

**5021. Police Report**

**Holsworthy Rural Policing Update 1/3/19 – 30/4/19:**

The following crimes have been reported:

**ASHWATER:**

Criminal damage to motor vehicle

Burglary non-dwelling

**BRIDGERULE:**

Possess ammunition for a firearm without a certificate

**HOLLACOMBE:**

Theft of batteries

**HOLSWORTHY HAMLETS:**

Owner of a dog worrying livestock

Burglary other than dwelling

**PANCRASWEEK:**

Drive vehicle when alcohol level above legal limit

**PYWORTHY**

Burglary non-dwelling

Attempt to drive whilst unfit through drink

**ST GILES ON THE HEATH:**

Burglary from dwelling

Use threatening/abusive/insulting words or behaviour

Cause unnecessary suffering to a protected animal

**SHEEPWASH:**

Fail to provide specimen for analysis

Possess a controlled drug

Possess an offensive weapon

**5022. District Councillors Report**

New council is still in training. Nothing achieved as yet. There is a new leader and deputy leader at Torridge. District Cllrs have the same portfolio as before.

**5023. County Councillors Report****Notes for Holsworthy Rural Parishes and Holsworthy Town Council – May 2019**

I'd like to take this opportunity of congratulating all new parish, town, and district councillors to their respective parishes, Holsworthy Town, and to all district wards across the Holsworthy Rural County Ward. I would also like to express my appreciation for all the hard work done, too, of those previously representing our communities and look forward to the building of even more positive future outcomes for the residents we serve. My thanks go to our most able and hard-working Parish and Town clerks, too. Our clerks do a particularly good job in support of us all.

Elections can be a distraction from 'business as usual' for us all, and irrespective of which tier(s) of local government the focus sits. In this brief 'Update' I would like to mention just one or two matters of recent development. The first relates to that of funding for our schools for which many are aware falls some way short of the average national funding for children countrywide.

The Cabinet Member responsible for Children's Services, Cllr McInnes, following input from his colleagues has [written to Education Secretary Damian Hinds on behalf of all the political parties on](#)

[Devon County Council](#) offering to meet him with headteachers from around the country to discuss school funding. Every child in one of our Devon schools receives £294 less than the national average - a loss to our schools of £27 million every year.

The maintenance of our roads is always a concern, and, not just locally nor county-wide, but nationally. Devon County Council Members spend much of their time trying to address related issues which are not inconsiderable. The Corporate, Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee 26 March 2019 had an item on its committee agenda "Highways Maintenance for Communities – findings of the East/Mid Devon trials" (a report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste). For those wishing to see that report please visit the link: <https://democracy.devon.gov.uk/documents/s24553/Maintenance%20for%20Communities.pdf>

With my own Cabinet portfolio including Organisational Change (and, with a focus on 'Doing what Matters'), on 1 May 2019 along with the Cabinet Member for Highways, Cllr Hughes, I met with the Highways Asset Management Team to try and address some of the concerns being raised by our residents. In terms of pothole repairs I can confirm that Highways are rolling out a process which at the same time deals with repairs to specified potholes and also areas within the section of road which will within a short period of time also become a pothole. This process has been trialled and has shown to be successful by treating areas of carriageway which may not yet be a safety defect pothole in accordance with our policy but will clearly develop into such. This is seen as an efficient way of dealing with such repairs by reducing the number of visits to a specific location to deal with occasional potholes. It is, indeed, common sense!

We don't always get it right and I would be the first to put my hand up in that event. However, I do refer you to a recent national survey ... "Thriving Places Index (TPI)". ([www.thrivingplacesindex.org](http://www.thrivingplacesindex.org)) Please have a look at the link. TPI is a new way of looking at the strengths and challenges of where we live across the UK.

**5024. Minutes of the Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

Proposed by Cllr Perkin. Seconded by Cllr Worden. Carried nem.com

**5025. Matters Arising from the minutes of 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

Grit Bin – Past the layby behind the 30mph sign.

**5026. To Ratify the Insurance for the Year 2019/2020**

The policy cover was reviewed and approved. Proposed by Cllr Stratton. Seconded Cllr Wonnacott. Carried nem.com

**5027. To Approve Risk Assessments and the Asset Register for 2019/2020**

The register and risk assessments were distributed at the meeting. All approved and carried nem.com

**5028. To agree the the Certificate of Exemption for the Financial Year 2018/19**

With the changes to the audit procedure the council have chosen to sign the certificate of exemption and have all financial audit documents online for public scrutiny.

Cllr. Perkin proposed the Certificate of Exemption be approved and signed. Cllr. Stratton seconded the proposal which was carried nem.com. (Vote 6 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions). Cllr. James, Chairman, and the PC/RFO duly signed the document.

**5029. Annual Adoption of the NALC Standing Orders and Financial Regulations for 2018/19**

Proposed Cllr Perkin. Seconded Cllr Stratton. Carried nem.com

**5030. Councillors Code of Conduct**

The councillors signed to agree to abide by the Code of Conduct for 2019/2020.

**5031. To nominate the Data Protection Officer for the year 2019/20**

The clerk was nominated. Carried nem.com

**5032. Accounts for payment**

£221.57 Insurance

£180 Noticeboards

£43.94 Clerks Expenses

£910 Coodes, Green Registration

**Accounts were proposed for approval by Cllr Wonnacott and Seconded by Cllr Worden.  
Carried nem.com**

**5033. Planning**

**1/0439/2019/FUL To replace existing conservatory. Middle Park Cottage, Broadwoodwidge.**

The council support the application

**1/0317/2019/FUL Erection of new garden shed. Carey Cottage, Ashwater.**

The council support the application

**1/0225/2019/AGR Hay Shed. Land at GR 239633 089776.**

This was already determined before being notified to council.

**5034. Correspondence 11/04/18- 22/05/2018**

Nothing to note not already covered elsewhere in the agenda.

**5035. Chairman's Report**

Report as per Parish Meeting

**5036. Clerks Report**

The clerk informed the meeting that the date of the next meeting needs to be brought forward to approve the new audit documents. Agreed to Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

**5037. Exchange of Information**

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**5038. The meeting closed at 20.30pm.**

**The next meeting is Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019, 7pm at the Community Hub.**