

Minutes of the Broadwoodwidge Parish Council meeting,

Friday 11th September 2020, 7pm

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

Members of the public present: 0

5203. Apologies for absence:

Cllrs Crocombe, Watson, Stratton. County Cllr Parsons, PCSO James.

5204. Change of clerk

The chairman welcomed the new Clerk Kayleigh Walker to the meeting.

5205. Declaration of Interests

The chairman declared that interests be raised as they arise.

5206. Public Open Questions (Standing orders suspended during this session)

No questions

5207. Police Report

There has been a spate of burglaries in the local area. Express concern on rural crime to the commissioner, that police coverage for rural areas is not enough.

5208. District Councillors Report

No report.

5209. County Councillors Report

Cllr Parsons sends regular updates from DCC on a weekly basis, containing government information on the latest responses to the Covid-19 pandemic. Also included a thank you to all those involved in the Holsworthy Community Transport.

5210. Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the meeting 4th August 2020. The chairman noted that the discussion regarding caravans in the Grinacombe area is missing from the minutes, Rachel Stratton to amend and reissue for the chairman to sign a copy.

Proposed Cllr Nobbs. Seconded Cllr Worden. Carried nem.com.

5211. Matters Arising

There is significant damage to the bridge opposite Towerhill Farm. The road at Kellacott and the road to Germansweak past Lugworthy have been marked for patching for some time but no work undertaken. Report all to Highways.

5212. 1/0664/2020/FUL

Cllr Wonnacott declared an interest and abstained from comments and voting.

No objection to the application, send an email of support.

5213. To discuss and agree grants requested

Broadwoodwidge Community Fund – towards maintenance of the community hub. Cllr Worden declared an interest and abstained from comments and voting. £500 grant was proposed by Cllr Hawken, seconded by Cllr Wonnacott. Carried nem.com.

Broadwood Community Website – towards running costs. £250 grant was proposed by Cllr Nobbs, Cllr seconded by Hawken. Carried nem.com.

Broadwoodwidge Churchyard – towards maintenance of the churchyard. Cllr Perkin declared an interest and abstained from comments and voting. The chairman suggested the council makes one combined payment to help towards the grass cutting and cost incurred due to subsidence. Cllr Worden proposed £3,000, Cllr Hawken seconded. Carried nem.com.

5214. To approve and sign changing of standing order for new clerks' wages, and change of address for bank

Letters to bank with requested changes signed. Enquire into setting up internet banking.

5215. To agree purchase of basic handset mobile package/pay as you go for conducting council business.

Clerk to proceed with purchase asap and distribute council phone number.

5216. To discuss updating website for accessibility requirements.

Rachel Stratton to email Neil the guidance. May require an adobe package to be purchased.

5217. Accounts for payment.

Clerks wages £264.16
Zurich Insurance £332.89
Grants as per **5213**.

Accounts proposed by Cllr Hawken, seconded by Cllr Nobbs. Carried nem.com.

5218. To Receive Correspondence

Highways notices – Road from Ivyhouse cross to park cottage. Notices, signage, and diversions are conflicting. Report to Highways.

Information received regarding Devon Solar Together Project aiming to raise the interest of domestic solar PV. Notice to be placed on the website, members of the community to contact Cllr Parsons if interested.

Information received regarding a new community orchards scheme. Further details available from the Clerk if interested.

Devon Communities Together are running a focus group covering Devon's Local Outbreak Management Plan and Your Community. Clerk to send details to Chairman.

Information received regarding Government consultations on planning reforms. Clerk to email to all councillors and add to October agenda to discuss and make comments.

Information received regarding Devon Home Choice Training. Further details available from the Clerk if interested.

Hedge trimming at Thornemoor has been completed.

There has been some fly tipping on the verge towards Roadford. There continues to be debris on the roads from the recycling truck. Clerk to report to Cllr Ken James and through the Torridge website.

5219. Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked Rachel Stratton for her time as Clerk to the Council. Due to the lockdown restrictions the date of the next council will be left open for the time being, it will likely be held via zoom.

5220. Clerks Report

An annual pay review should be put in place for each September for the new Clerks wages. We await details of the next DALC course for the new clerk.

5221. Exchange of Information

No updates.

5222. The meeting closed at 19:58pm.

