

(DRAFT) Minutes of the Broadwoodwidge Parish Council meeting,

Wednesday 24th February 2021, 7pm via Zoom

Those in attendance: Cllr James (Chairman), Cllrs Perkin, Worden, Crocombe, Hawken, Stratton, County Cllr Parsons, District Cllr Watson, Clerk.

Members of the public present: 0

5275. Apologies for absence:

Cllr Wonnacott, Cllr Nobbs, PCSO Mark James

5276. Declaration of Interests

The Chairman declared that interests be raised as they arise.

5277. Public Open Questions (Standing orders suspended during this session)

No questions

5278. Police Report

No update had been received.

5279. County Councillors Report

Cllr Parsons discussed the road conditions and confirmed what Steve Brockman from Devon Highways had previously emailed in that they all minor roads are inspected annually, DCC will repair any potholes that meet certain criteria (size etc) however it is not always dealt with by 'worst road first'. Council will use reasonable endeavours to upkeep roads and in some extreme cases may have to close roads. Cllr Parsons advised that an increase in Council Tax this year of 4.99% has been confirmed. An extra £600,000 has been budgeted for repairs of potholes and drainage work this year.

5280. District Councillors Report

Cllr Watson confirmed that Torrington have balanced their books, agreed their budget and unfortunately Council Tax will see an increase. The planning department are doing the best they have ever done, seeing more applications coming in. Cllr Perkin asked what the response time is for household applications at present and Cllr Watson confirmed it is around 8-9weeks.

5281. Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held 5th January 2021 were previously circulated, no adjustments needed, proposed by Cllr Stratton, seconded by Cllr Crocombe, carried nem.com.

5282. Matters Arising

The Chairman asked for an update on the request for a grit delivery. The Clerk confirmed the only way to obtain this was to join the Snow Warden scheme, which we have done, with Cllr Wonnacott as the Warden. We await confirmation that this has been processed.

5283. Planning

No applications to discuss.

5284. Council Website

Cllr Worden declared an interest and abstained from discussions. The Clerk had circulated a comparison spreadsheet with 3 quotes for consideration. All Cllrs agreed that using Mihi Digital would be sensible as they are based in Broadwoodwidge making any communication easier. Moorsites included the option for 'email sign up' where Parishioners can choose to sign up for notifications of website updates which the Chairman suggested would be a good addition. Proceeding further with Mihi Digital and asking for the email sign up to be included was agreed as the best option. Proposed by Cllr Stratton, seconded by Perkin and carried nem.com.

5285. Community Defibrillator

The Clerk had circulated a comparison spreadsheet with 2 quotes for consideration and also obtained a £1000 grant from District Cllr Watson and Cllr Hackett. Cllr Hawken commented that the

self-checking defibrillator supplied by London Hearts would be very useful. Discussions over the best place to position the defibrillator resulted in outside of the Village hub being the best place to start. All Cllrs agreed to proceed with purchasing one defibrillator and cabinet from London Hearts.

5286. Natwest Bank Correspondence Details Amendments

Although Cllr Nobbs has visited the bank we have still not managed to change the contact details. A complaint has been logged and we await further correspondence at this time. .

5287. Village Green

We await a response from DCC advising the council about a recent decision granted in the councils favour.

5288. Accounts for payment.

Clerks wages £264.16

Clerks expenses – printer paper £9.00

Accounts proposed by Cllr Perkin, seconded by Cllr Crocombe. Carried nem.com.

5289. To Receive Correspondence

Holsworthy Cadets are raising money for the Longhouse Hospice, a notice will be put on noticeboards for any residents who wish to support it. A coordinator report from Okehampton and District Community Transport Group has been received (available from the Clerk on request).

5288. Chairman's Report

The Chairman asked the Clerk to write to Dan Genders to confirm whether his rates would be the same for this year's grass cutting which will commence in a few weeks' time.

5289. Clerks Report

None.

5290. Exchange of Information

Discussions were held surrounding two campervans that have appeared in the Village, they have been reported to enforcement. The Static Caravan near the Water sports centre has been served an enforcement notice.

5291. The meeting closed at 20:28pm.