

Thursday, 25th July, 2013

- 3955 An ordinary Meeting of Broadwoodwidge Parish Council took place in the Kennick Room at Lakeside on Thursday, 25th July, 2013 at 1930 hours. The Chairman, Cllr. Worden presided. Cllrs. Banbury, Butler, Crocombe, Nobbs, Perkin and Woodard were present, together with C/Cllr. Parsons and D/Cllr. Watson.
- 3956 PCSO Rowe had sent her apologies by email, attaching a list (emailed to Councillors) of recent incidents in the area.
- 3957 ♦ **Apologies for Absence:**
- 3958 · Cllrs. Hawken, Reynolds and Wonnacott, detained on other business.
- 3959 · **Cllr. Perkin proposed, Cllr. Banbury seconded** that their apologies be accepted. **Carried** nem. con.
- 3960 ♦ **Minutes of the Last Meeting**
- 3961 · All Councillors had been sent a copy of the Minutes of the April, May and June Meetings, and the clerk had not been advised of any material disagreement.
- 3962 · **Cllr. Crocombe proposed, Cllr. Nobbs seconded** that those Minutes be approved, taken as read. **Carried** nem. con.
- 3963 ♦ **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting**
- 3964 · **Holiday Village**
- 3965 · Planning Department is apparently dissatisfied with many aspects of the scheme, which has been referred back to the applicant. The matter is on hold awaiting revised details.
- 3966 · One Councillor could not recall having seen our response to TDC, and a copy will be sent to her by the clerk.
- 3967 · **School Playing Field**
- 3968 · The Chairman summarised the present position as he understood it from the (1969) Trustees.
- 3969 ♦ **Correspondence**
- 3970 · The clerk stated that he sends copies of all important (and some relatively unimportant) correspondence to Councillors by email. He later added that if, on receiving an item, a Councillor wished the matter to be placed on the Agenda for the next Meeting, he is quite entitled to ask the clerk to do so.
- 3971 ♦ **Planning**
- 3972 · Councillors had the usual summary of ongoing planning applications.
- 3973 · It was recalled with some indignation that, at the Annual Parish Meeting, Kate Little, Joint Head of Planning (TDC and NDDC), had said that the views of local councils came last in the list of consultees on planning applications, to the extent that parish comments were for practical purposes ignored. However, Kate Little had also said: *"They" (the government) "call it localism, but it's nothing of the sort."*
- 3974 · C/Cllr. and D/Cllr. Parsons said that there is to be a meeting of all the top people to decide where the Districts wish to go on planning.
- 3975 · It was decided to invite David Green, Development Manager at District, to the next Meeting.

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- 3976 ♦ **Accounts:**
- 3977 · Councillors had a statement of the latest position, except that we have £115.69 more in the bank than stated because our cheque in favour of the DALC for that amount had been returned by the payee, stating they had already received it, deducted from our precept, direct from District. However, we received the full amount of the first half of our precept *without* deduction of the DALC subscription.
- 3978 · **Amounts to Pay:**
- 3979 · **Cllr. Butler proposed, Cllr Perkin seconded** that the following amounts be paid:
- 3980 · To K. & A. G. Barriball: £150, being the cost of materials and work installing the new seats on the Village Green.
- 3981 · To the Chairman: £20.54, being the amount he has paid to Tinhay Building Supplies for various small items for the above work.
- 3982 · To D. Genders: £240 (VAT recoverable: £40) for cutting the grass on the Village Green on 6th June, 19th June, 2nd and 16th July.
- 3983 · To South West Lakes Ltd: £20 (VAT recoverable) for the hire of the Kennick Room tonight.
- 3984 · To the clerk: expenses since the March Meeting: Mileage: £19.20; Stationery and Equipment: Nil; Postage: 9.95; the equivalent of BT telephone rental for two months: £25; Total: £54.15.
- 3985 · **Carried** nem. con.
- 3986 · The Chairman reported that he had met an engineer from EDF, and that the meter on the Village Green had now been removed. It was suggested that the clerk write to EDF to say that the Council is disinclined to pay charges accrued since February, as he has been emailing them since then asking them to take the meter away, and EDF had consistently refused to do so unless someone from the Council was present.
- 3987 ♦ **Standing Orders**
- 3988 · Following agreement at the last Meeting that Standing Orders should be amended to include incorporation of District's Code of Conduct as also our own, and also to add the facility for an absent Councillor to appoint a proxy to vote on his behalf, the clerk had produced updated draft Standing Orders and distributed them to Councillors before this Meeting.
- 3989 · **Cllr. Perkin proposed, Cllr. Banbury seconded** that these be formally adopted as the Standing Orders of Broadwoodwidge Parish Council.
Carried nem. con.
- 3990 ♦ **Any Other Business:**
- 3991 · **HAAG Meeting**, 23rd July:
- 3992 · The new Leader of Torridge District Council had stated that, because of the severe financial constraints under which they are having to operate, it is likely they would not be paying expenses of staff to attend parish council meetings.
- 3993 · There is a large discrepancy between different parts of local parishes in the likely provision of high speed broadband. Much of St. Giles and Lifton will benefit, but other areas less so, if at all. It was suggested that some users of the internet might find their service quicker if they switched to using high speed dongles which tend also to be less subject to hacking than landlines.
- 3994 · The Holsworthy Rural Transport Group was also discussed.

- 3995 · Apparently the Rixon Cross Methodist Chapel is to be closed.
- 3996 · The Chairman suggested that a feasibility study be carried out into the possibility of building a small meeting room on the Village Green in order to obviate reliance on other venues. There maybe a problem with the legality of building on a village green. The Council agreed that the Chairman undertake some research.
- 3997 ♦ **Dates and Times of Next Meetings**
- 3998 · Tuesday, 17th September, 2013 in the Kennick Room at 1930 hours.
- 3999 There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 2025 hours.

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