

Minutes of the Broadwoodwidge Parish Council meeting,

Wednesday 9th March 2016, 7pm

Those in attendance: Cllr Crocombe (Vice - Chairman), Cllrs Perkin, Crocombe, Durstan, Nobbs, Hawken, Banbury, James, Cllr Watson. Cllr Parsons. Clerk.

Members of the public present: 2

4633. Apologies for absence:

Cllr Worden
Cllr Wonnacott

4634. Declaration of Interests

The chairman declared that interests be raised as they arise.

4635. Public Open Questions

No questions were asked.

4636. Police Report

Nothing to report.

4637 Chairman's Report

In the absence of the Chairman the clerk read out the report from the chairman, as detailed below.

Prejudicial Interest -With seven out of a total of nine members having what could be described as an interest in the Community Hub Planning Application, I have had a protracted discussion by phone and email with Jamie Hollis the solicitor at Torridge to try to arrange to get a dispensation to enable the whole council to discuss and comment on the application. (Clerk has an update on this subject)

Planning query - I received an email from Mrs Barbara Dabek on the 29th January asking for the minutes of our Planning meeting which approved the planning application by Mr Gow at Cobden Farm, Thorne Cross, she also enquired if a site visit had been undertaken.

Tap Funding – I am pleased to say that Tetcott Parish Council agreed to be our partner in this funding application and Mrs Julie Smith Tetcott Parish Council Clerk and I filled in the application forms. This amounted to £525 which has been designated for the Community Fund.

We have also received a grant from Councillor Pete Watson for £400 which has gone directly into the Community Fund. Councillor Watson thought that as TDC had charged the full fee of £195 for the planning application to add a disabled toilet to the proposed Community Room, that he would help with this extra cost and others incurred. Many thanks Councillor Watson, we are all very appreciative of your continued support to the Parish.

MCTI Expansion – On the 16th February I attended the MCTI meeting at Holsworthy where the main subject was reforming the MCTI into an area board. This proposal is being promoted by Councillor Barry Parsons and Ms Allie Boyd of Devon County Council. The proposal is to make the area larger and a talking shop for Devon County Council who have no money to help us and the idea is to put councillor money and TAP funding into one fund which of course the large areas such as Holsworthy with several members would dominate.

At present the TAP funding which is based on each household paying council tax is available to the Parish but under the new scheme it would go into a central fund and it's hard to see how any individual rural parish would benefit.

(This will be discussed as an agenda item later)

Flooding in Village - I was phoned by Mrs P Nice on Saturday 6th February to ask if I had or knew of any one who could supply sand bags as Mrs Tower's property appeared to be flooding. I drove to the village and found that the council drain was not able to take some of the water and came home to fetch drainage rods and freed up the drain, however this did not contribute to the flooding of Mrs Towers property nor am I or any other member of the Parish Council responsible for keeping the drain clear! I would point out that there has always been a problem with flooding of the area before the conversion and this was pointed out at the time of planning for the barn. The Parish Council cannot be held responsible for historical problems which have always existed.

I received an email from Mrs Towers on the 17th February regarding this subject and this is being circulated this evening.

Toilets at Roadford – Andy Parsons has given me an update on this subject and confirms that this has been budgeted for this year and will be completed by end of March early April by which time the toilet will be open for public use.

I have on behalf of the Parish Council sent a Get Well Card to Cllr David Perkin who has been in hospital and I am sure you would all join with me and wishing him well in his continued recovery.

4638 County Councillors Report

The school at Sutcombe is to close. There is disappointment about the decision, and there are five days to call it in, or the decision stands.

There has been a big impact on minor roads as a result of the budget decrease. Cllr Parsons is raising the issues that rural parishes have to deal with, and has requested that any issues with the roads in the parish are also copied into him.

BT have made 7000 more connections for Broadband. 220000 houses now have superfast. This has been achieved on the last three months. Phase two of the Broadband coverage is out to tender.

Cllr Hawken asked if the rumours about the closure of Holsworthy Hospital were true. Cllr Parsons was not able to give an answer at the moment.

4639 District Councillors Report

Local Plan still on course. Wind Policy out to consultation.

4640. Minutes of the Meetings:

13th January 2016: Proposed by Cllr Perkin, Seconded Cllr Hawken

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4641. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 13th January 2016

No Matters Arising

4642. Planning

- 1/0160/2016/FUL Change of Use and Extension to former Sunday school to B1 Offices. Rexon Cross.
The Council Support this application. Proposed Cllr Banbury, Seconded Cllr Nobbs.
- 1/0094/2016/FUL Live/Work unit with Single Storey Extension. RAB Enterprises
The Council support this application. Proposed Cllr Durstan, Seconded Cllr Banbury
- 1/0155/2016/FUL Hayward House, Lifting of restriction of planning
The Council Support this application. Proposed Cllr Perkin, Seconded Cllr Nobbs.
- 1/0205/2016/AGMB Conversion of buildings to dwelling at Norton Lane
The Council Support this application. Proposed Cllr James, Seconded Cllr Durstan
- 1/0073/2016/FUL
Extension for Disabled Toilet and Alternations. Church Room, Broadwoodwidge.
As there are several members of the Council that are actively involved in this project, a separate subcommittee is to be set up to comment on this application, consisting of four Councillors, of which at least two must have no interest. The committee is to be comprised of Cllrs Durstan, Crocombe, Nobbs, and Hawken.

Updates on Previous Applications

Permitted

1/0850/2015/FUL

1/1301/2015/AGMB

1/1213/2015/AGMB

Refused

1/1261/2015/AGMB

1/1300/2015/AGMB

1/1299/2015/AGMB

Withdrawn

1/1239/2015/CPE

1/1264/2015/FUL

4643. Accounts for Payment

£33.98 Clerks Expenses
£30.00 SWLT Room Hire
£143.00 Tetcott – TAP Fund Allocation
£525.00 Community Fund (TAP Fund)

Accounts proposed by Cllr Nobbs, Seconded by Cllr Perkin. Carried nem.com

4644 MCTI

On 16th February Cllr Worden attended the MCTI meeting at Holsworthy where the main subject was reforming the MCTI into an area board. This proposal is being promoted by Cllr Parsons and Allie Boyd of DCC. The proposal is to make the area larger and a talking shop for DCC, and to put Councillor Money and TAP Funding into one fund, which it appears the larger areas like Holsworthy, with several members, would dominate. At present the TAP fund which is based on each household paying council tax is available to the Parish, but under the new scheme it would go into a central fund, which makes it hard to see how any individual parish would benefit. Cllr Parsons stated it was not about the money. There are no other area boards across the county, he talked about putting 50% of his Councillor Grant money into the scheme. The talks are ongoing as to the best way to move forward.

4645. Village Green Issues

Fencing – Quotes have been sought. The councillors looked at the options and voted unanimously to accept the quote from G Barringall and Sons.

Car Parking – After discussions with the householder, one property on the green has agreed to remove the fencing that was erected on the village green and reinstate the land as village green. The council has agreed that they may make two parking spaces adjacent to the property at their expense, as this will ease parking on and around the green. These parking spaces may be 'Reserved Parking' for the household, but the land will still be Village Green. The clerk to write a draft letter to circulate to councillors to be approved at the next meeting.

Signage – Deferred to next meeting

Dog Fouling – There is one person who does not keep their dog under control, and as a result it is consistently fouling on the green. Details passed to the clerk to inform the dog warden.

4646. Correspondence

Correspondence 13/01/2016- 08/03/2016

Received

1. Cllr Parsons (2) – Update
2. Prepared Media Ltd (4) – News in public sector
3. Hilary Winter – Forum members
4. Megan Hansford – Credit to invoice SIN009589
5. T. Harland Clarke (8) – P60 Correspondence
6. Cllr Parsons – Cosy Devon

7. Trish Burke – TTVS
8. Lucy Radford – Sand Bag Policy
9. Devon CC – News Roundup
10. Anne Worden – Website Update
11. John Allen (2) – MCTI Meeting
12. Paula Hunter – Electoral Roll information
13. Alison Hutchings (2) – DCT Advice Surgery
14. Heather Fuller – Electoral Review
15. Komplan – Admail
16. Cllr Worden – General Correspondence
17. Cllr Perkin – General Correspondence
18. Andy White – Playground Surfacing
19. DALC – Newsletter
20. All Cllrs – Details Update
21. Megan Hansford – Credit Note
22. NDHCT – Update
23. Community Directory - Update
24. Joanna Cole – Road Closure
25. Martin Prentice – TAP Fund Request
26. Minerals Planning – Plan Submission
27. Highways Management – Temporary Traffic Notice
28. Steve Brockman (3) – Highways Issues
29. Jamie Hollis (4) – Prejudicial Interest
30. Jane Creese – TTVS Members
31. Cllr Parsons – Agenda
32. Planning Support – Consultations and Decisions
33. Sue Pennington – Weekly Lists
34. James Craigie – North Devon Sanctuary for Refugees
35. Cllr Whittakker – Devolution Prospectus
36. Exchequer at Torridge – TAP fund Receipt
37. Jess Emery – Insurance
38. Susan Squire – Local Plan Update

Sent

1. Cllr John Worden – Agendas, Queries
2. All Cllrs – Agendas and updates
3. Planning Support – Feedback on discussed plans January Meeting
4. Megan Hansford – Credit Note
5. Cllr Parsons – Road Warden Scheme
6. Jamie Hollis – Prejudicial Interest
7. Steve Brockman – Highways Issues

4647. Clerks Report

The clerk has been liaising with Steve Brockman at Devon Highways to make sure they are up to date on the issues in the parish. The clerk also informed Councillors she had spent time this month sorting out issues with a former clerk, which were resolved.

4648. Exchange of Information

Cllr James asked if the tree on the corner of his property was on the Village Green. The tree is rotting and Cllr James will take it down before it falls. The tree in question is not on Village Green.

4649. The meeting closed at 20.35pm

The next meeting is Wednesday 13th April. 7pm at Roadford Lake