

Minutes of the Broadwoodwidge Parish Council meeting,

Wednesday 8th March 2017, 7pm

Those in attendance: Cllr Worden (Chairman), Cllrs Crocombe, Perkin, James, Durstan, Banbury, Stratton, Hawken; Cllr Watson; Clerk.

Members of the public present: 3

4787. Apologies for absence:

Cllrs Nobbs and Wonnacott. County Cllr Parsons.

4788. Declaration of Interests

The chairman declared that interests be raised as they arise.

4789. Public Open Questions (Standing orders suspended during this session)

Mrs Marion Perkin raised concerns over the closure of Holsworthy Hospital, and what would happen to the funding the hospital received. Mrs Perkin asked if the parish council would consider writing a letter of support.

4790. Police Report

No Report.

4791. County Councillors Report

The clerk read out the following from Cllr Parsons:

There is, as many are aware a good deal going on in relation to Holsworthy Hospital and I have a very real focus on getting out and about in regard to the Hospital at the moment. This has to be the priority. I am working closely with the Town Council and the Mayor as well as a number of others on this issue and am party to the public meeting, of course, which will be held in the Memorial Hall in Holsworthy on 15 March 2017. If you haven't received notification of this meeting please let me know as it is important for all parishes as well as the Town to be updated on this very important matter of 'temporary bed closure' and the reasons as to why.

You/colleagues may wish to view Item 5 on the agenda of the County Council's webcast of the Health Scrutiny meeting today. (https://devoncc.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/268434)

The item goes on for a while but if you look at the named sections you will be able to hear my comments by scrolling through to that point. At the end of the agenda item (and I need to go through the committee's recommendations because it was difficult from where I was sat to hear) you will hear the final recommendation put forward. The webcasts are for all to see so please feel free to pass on. It may help our cause.

4792. District Councillors Report

Council Tax will go up by £5/month for Torridge Band D. Business Rates have increased. The Local Plan is progressing well, it is hoping it will be passed for the end of September, as long as there are no amendments. The District Councillors fund has now been centralised.

4793. Minutes of the Meetings:

25th January 2017 Proposed Cllr Crocombe, Seconded Cllr Perkin. Vote Unanimous

4794. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 25th January 2017.

Simon Phillips at Highways had not been approached regarding the flooding issues on the green, he suspects it was the DCC Flood Team.

4795. Accounts for Payment

08.03.17	Clerks Expenses	£33.98
08.03.17	Community Room Project	£5000

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

4796. Planning Update

Mr Lyndon Piper, representing the Old Store and the Old Mill spoke to the meeting about the upcoming proposals for the building.

The proposal is to split the building into two and create two, four bedroom residential properties. The Store has been vacant for some time, and the condition of the building had deteriorated. Work has been undertaken to shore up the building to prevent any further deterioration.

The buildings have a history, linked to the railway. The developers are looking to retain the period features. Looking at Torridge policy, they feel the building has architectural and historic merit.

The site is not seen to be suitable for business use.

The building does lend itself to being split three ways, but the peripheral land is not enough.

4797. Community Room Update

The project is over budget.

An application for further funding has gone in to James Jarroudi. This includes to build an extra toilet, and the access route tarmacked

To enable the room to be used for meetings it is proposed to either put in a projector or large TV. A TV would cost approx. £8-900, a projector is a little more at £1200. The councillor discussed the merits of both, but it was suggested that a projector would be the best course of action, as it would be roof mounted, so out of the way from damage point of view for children's parties and other such events.

Cllr Crocombe proposed the installation of a screen and projector. Cllr Stratton seconded. Carried nem.com

A letter of support for the funding application will be sent from the council.

4798. Village Green Issues

A 'No Through Road' sign is proposed for the area approaching the church. Costs to be investigated for the next meeting. As an alternative, a removable post was suggested. This is to also be investigated for the next meeting.

Issues also need settling with a resident regarding gradients of a footpath, kerbstones, removal of boundary hedges, a slippery path, and an area of green used as a garden waste dump. The area needs cleaning up and tidying, and the path putting back to its original condition.

Cllrs James, Perkin, Worden and Stratton to meet on the green to look at the issues and draft a letter.

4799. Correspondence

A letter to be sent to the Leader of Torridge, Geoffrey Cox MP and Devon CC regarding the closure of the hospital.

4800. Chairman's Report

No report

4801. Clerks Report

No Report

4802. Exchange of Information

Nothing to exchange.

4803. The meeting closed at 20.35pm.

The next meeting is Wednesday 5th April 2017. 7pm at Roadford Lake