

Wednesday, 14th November, 2012

- 3707 An ordinary Meeting of Broadwoodwidge Parish Council took place in the Meldon Room at Lakeside at 1900 hours on Wednesday, 14th November, 2012. The Chairman, Cllr. Worden, presided. Cllrs. Banbury, Butler, Crocombe, Gow, Nobbs, Perkin, Reynolds, Wonnacott and Woodard were present, together with D/Cllr. Watson. Several members of the public also attended.
- 3708 ♦ **Apologies for Absence:** None
- 3709 ♦ **Minutes of Previous Meetings:**
- 3710 · All Councillors had received copies of the Minutes of the October Meeting.
- 3711 · **Cllr. Wonnacott proposed, Cllr. Crocombe seconded** that the Chairman be authorised to sign the Minutes of the July Meeting, taken as read. **Carried** nem. con.
- 3712 ♦ **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting** not specifically included under agenda heading below: None.
- 3713 ♦ **Standards**
- 3714 · Councillors were of the view that the matter had been dealt with at the September Meeting.*
- 3715 ♦ **Neighbourhood Plan**
- 3716 · At the July Meeting, the Chairman had asked Councillors each to make a list of what they would like to see included in our Neighbourhood Plan. This had not been done by them, so it was decided to postpone the subject until the September Meeting at which Councillors were again reminded, and the matter postponed until this Meeting.
- 3717 · After discussing whether having our own plan would confer any great benefit beyond that provided by District's Neighbourhood Plan, **Cllr. Banbury proposed, Cllr. Reynolds seconded** that the matter be shelved. **Carried** nem. con.
- 3718 ♦ **Planning**
- 3719 · Councillors had a summary of outstanding and recently-completed planning applications, and of headings of applications in neighbouring parishes.
- 3720 · **West Banbury: Change of Use to Care Home C2:**
- 3721 · Cllr. Worden, being a nearby resident to West Banbury, declared an interest, and the Chair for this item was taken by Cllr. Woodard.
- 3722 · This matter drew lengthy discussion, in particular on the questions of:
- 3723 · safety both to members of the public and (with many natural and artificial hazards around and near the site) to the residents themselves;
- 3724 · the eventual numbers of both residents and staff;
- 3725 · uncertainty as to levels of disability of residents;
- 3726 · training and retention of staff;
- 3727 · adequacy of 24-hour medical cover;
- 3728 · what will happen after what is described as *initially* a five-year project;
- 3729 · some lack of detail and contradiction in those documents;
- 3730 · the absence of any track-record of the company; and
- 3731 · serious concerns of nearby (and other) parish residents.
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- 3732 · D/Cllr. Watson said he is willing to call the application in; and he asked for a summary of the concerns expressed to be emailed to him.**
- 3733 · The clerk was directed to advise District Planning that Broadwoodwidge Parish Council recommends refusal of Bornel Care's application on the grounds that too little information on the project has been given. **Proposed by Cllr. Perkin, seconded by Cllr. Reynolds:** all agreed.
- 3734 · **Holiday Village near the Lakeside Visitor Centre:** The current Agents have advised (in a letter copied to councillors) that application for full planning consent will shortly be submitted. Outline permission has already been given, so we will be precluded from commenting except on such detail as has not yet been approved by District. (TDC papers not yet received.)
- 3735 · **Wind Turbine near Beckett:** It was decided that the full Council would make the site visit here on 21st November at 1600 hours, after a Planning Committee visit to the former chapel at Downicarey at 1530 hours (application for change of use to domestic).
- 3736 ♦ **Correspondence**
- 3737 · Councillors had the usual summary.
- 3738 ♦ **Accounts:**
- 3739 · **Budget and Precept:**
- 3740 · With regard to the anomaly arising from part of the Localism Act that, because councillors have an interest in the level of council tax they are precluded from discussing or setting a precept - and following advice given by the District Solicitor - **Cllr. Gow proposed, Cllr. Wonnacott seconded** that the clerk as Proper Officer be authorised to grant dispensations. **Carried** nem. con.
- 3741 · D/Cllr. Watson produced an appropriate form drawn up by the District Solicitor, which all Councillors signed and to which the clerk then appended his own signature.
- 3742 · Dispensations regarding discussion and voting on the precept are accordingly granted.
- 3743 · It is understood from TDC's Head of Finance that it is not necessary to set our precept for the next financial year until our January Meeting provided we let his department know in good time when this will be.
- 3744 · Councillors had as usual an up-to-date statement of income and expenditure.
- 3745 · **Cllr. Banbury proposed, Cllr. Perkin seconded** that the following amounts be paid:
- 3746 · To SWLL: £20, being the hire fee for the room tonight.
- 3747 · To Mr. Dan Genders: £96 (VAT recoverable: £16.00), in payment of the invoices for cuts of the Village Green on 6th and 19th September, 2012.
- 3748 · To Viking Direct: £46.45 (VAT recoverable: £7.74) for stationery.
- 3749 · To the clerk: Expenses since the September Meeting: Mileage: £11.20; Stationery and Equipment: nil; Postage: £4.05; the equivalent of BT telephone rental (two months): £25; Renewal of AVG anti-virus protection for the Council's computer: £34.00 (VAT recoverable: £5.67); Total: £64.25.

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- 3750 · To EDF Energy: £14.35, being our Village Green supply charge for the period 17th March to 18th September.
- 3751 · To the Royal British Legion: a donation of £30.00 (S.137).
- 3752 · **Carried** nem. con.
- 3753 · Donations: **Cllr. Crocombe proposed, Cllr. Gow seconded** that, when suitable separate bank accounts have been set up by the recipients, the following donations be paid:
- 3754 · For St. Nicholas' Churchyard maintenance: £356.00.
- 3755 · For Broadwoodwidge Methodist Churchyard maintenance: £157.00.
- 3756 · The Chairman said he would talk to our County Councillor about a grant from his Locality Budget for two benches for the Village Green, one of them to replace an existing seat which is likely to become unsafe.
- 3757 · Some Councillors had visited Dartmoor Prison museum where benches are made, and declared them suitable.
- 3758 · **Cllr. Perkin proposed, Cllr. Woodard seconded** that two three-seater benches be purchased. **Carried** nem. con.
- 3759 · The cost, including the necessary concrete bases, will be around £700.
- 3760 · Cllr. Gow kindly offered to transport the benches.
- 3761 ♦ **Any Other Business**
- 3762 · The Parish Website is ready, and items are being added. www.broadwoodwidge.com (q.v.)
- 3763 ♦ **Date & Times of Next Meeting:**
- 3764 · Wednesday, 23rd January, 2013, at 1900 hours in the Kennick Room at Lakeside.
- 3765 There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 2045 hours.

Footnotes: Not part of the minutes:

**This item had been placed on the agenda in accordance with Minute 3632 of 6th September, 2012. In the event, no draft code (as required in the minute) had been produced and no resolution had been passed to adopt the Standards Regime of Torridge District Council as amended; so this still has to be formalised and the document incorporated into our Standing Orders.*

***This was done the next day by Cllr. Woodard.*

J. T. Woodard
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