Minutes of the Broadwoodwidger Parish Council meeting

Tuesday 11th January 2022, 7pm at Broadwoodwidger Community Hub

Those in attendance: Cllr James (Chairman), Cllrs Worden, Crocombe, Perkin, Nobbs, Wonnacott, Hawken, Clerk.

Members of the public present: 0

5454. Apologies for absence:

Cllr Stratton, PCSO Mark James, District Cllr Watson

5455. Declaration of Interests

The Chairman declared that interests be raised as they arise.

5456. Public Open Question Time

None

5457. Police Report

A police report was received however there were no incidents within the Parish of Broadwoodwidger.

5458. County Councillor Report

None. The Clerk will request that a report is received when the Cllr is unable to attend a meeting.

5459. District Councillor Report

None. The Clerk will request that a report is received when the Cllr is unable to attend a meeting.

5460. Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held 30th November 2021 were previously circulated, no adjustments needed, proposed by Cllr Crocombe and seconded by Cllr Hawken, carried nem.com.

5461. Matters Arising

Cllr Perkin reported that the Carols at Upcott Barton were a great success with around 40 adults and 20 children attending. A report was received from John Fewings following the Highways meeting that took place in November. The report explains how Highways hope to work more closely with local Parish's in the future along with an explanation of why some roads which appear less severe are repaired ahead of those in more serious disrepair. The report also confirmed that work to the road between Lugworthy and Boldventure Cross will not take place this year. Councillors felt that the information in the report was contradictory to that provided on the day of the meeting, specifically in regards to the resurfacing of the Lugworthy-Boldventure Cross Road. The Clerk will send a response expressing Councillors disappointment. The Clerk will also contact Germansweek Parish Council to see if they will work together with us to try and achieve the repairs.

Cllr James will look for a solution to the slippery path down to the community hub.

5462. Planning

Cllr Nobbs advised that there was an approved planning application in 2016 for the works that have recently started at Boldford however that permission has expired. The Clerk will present this to the enforcement officer for investigation.

The Clerk will write to the enforcement officer to request an update on previously reported potential planning breaches.

5463. 2022/2023 Precept Application

Cllrs discussed the application whilst considering the general budget alongside the cost of Council tax. Cllrs agreed to request the same sum as last year which was £10950.

5464. Signage for directions to defibrillator

The Clerk handed the signs over to the Chairman for installation.

5465. Natwest Bank

The Clerk provided the signatories with a letter from the bank regarding the set-up of Natwest Bankline. The Clerk will query with Natwest as to why there was no letter for Cllr James.

5466. History Group close of website

Advice was received from Mihi Digital on how to transfer the data over, as there will be a cost involved Cllrs agreed that it should be funded by the History Group. The Clerk will ask them if this is acceptable and proceed if they wish to.

5467. Council Laptop

A quote to refurbish the current Council laptop has been received for a total of £160. Two quotes for a replacement laptop were presented by the Clerk and Cllrs agreed to replace the laptop by purchasing a HP Pavillion with Windows 11.

5468. Snow Plan

The Clerk presented the emergency plan with updated contact information, volunteers will be listed as Cllr James, Cllr Wonnacott and Cllr Crocombe. Some suggestions were made for additional volunteers that could be asked if required. Resources available will be noted as agricultural machinery and shovels. The Clerk will now create and submit the Snow Plan.

5469. Follow up from presentation by Ros Davies - the Parish Paths Liaison Officer

The Chairman marked on a map where the post/gate that needs repairing is on the footpath and the Clerk will now submit this to be actioned.

5470. Accounts due for payment.

Clerks Wages - £286.00 Jag Signs (defib signage) - £87.60

Accounts proposed by Cllr Nobbs seconded by Cllr Hawken. Carried nem.com.

5471. To Receive Correspondence

A grant request has been received from Citizens Advice TNMWD seeking a donation towards the running of the organisation. Councillors considered the importance of the service and felt that a donation was appropriate. Cllr Nobbs proposed £100 and Cllr Perkin seconded this. The majority of Cllrs were in favour and the Clerk will proceed with the grant.

The Footpaths Officer from Tavistock Ramblers has emailed to ask if Council would like to be involved in the 'Don't lose your way' project to try and restore forgotten footpaths. After discussions Council agreed that they are not in favour of being involved in the project as the lost footpaths highlighted would not provide great value to the Parish.

5472. Noticeboards

The noticeboard at Ivyhouse Cross has fallen down due to a rotten back board. The Chairman has discussed a replacement with Mr Hoskins who is able to make one similar to the old one. All Cllrs agreed to proceed.

The noticeboard at Grinacombe Moor needs replacing, Launceston Methodist Circuit have confirmed that they will cover 50% of the cost of this. If Cllrs are pleased with the Ivyouse Cross replacement they will ask Mr Hoskins to produce a second board for Grinacombe Moor.

5473. Queens Jubilee

Cllrs discussed celebration ideas for the Queen's platinum Jubilee in June this year and would like to organise a bbq and picnic at the village hub with games on the green. The Clerk will write to the WI, St Nicholas Church and the Gardening Club to ask for them to contribute to the celebrations. An open meeting will be held on Friday 18 th February 2022 at 7pm in Community Hub to discuss ideas, allocate rolls and confirm the plans.

5474. Vehicles obstructing visibility

There are numerous vehicles obstructing visibility for drivers at Dubbs Cross and Upcott Cross. The Clerk will report to PCSO Mark James and Highways.

5475. Chairman's Report

None.

5476. Clerk's Report

None.

5477. Exchange of Information.

Leylandii trees on the old Ivyhouse school land has blown into an adjoining field causing damage to the fence and preventing the farmer from grazing as they are poisonous to the stock. It was agreed that this was not a matter for Council to be involved in but that advice would be passed on suggesting that the trees be cut up and returned over the hedge.

5478. Next meeting to be held in the Village Hub on Tuesday 22 nd February at 7pm

5479. Close

The meeting was closed at 8.15pm.