Minutes of the Broadwoodwidger Parish Council meeting.

Tuesday 10th August 2023 7.30pm at Broadwoodwidger Community Hub

Those in attendance: Cllr Worden (Chairman), Cllrs Gibson, Hosken, Fry, Clerk, Guest Speaker Alice Merrett

Members of the public present: 6

5785. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Wonnacott, L Worden, Beazley, Dean James, Susan Brayley

5786. Declaration of Interests

Following a request from Cllr J Worden the Clerk asked the Councillors if they wished to grant a dispensation to allow Cllr J Worden to participate in discussions for item 10 due to his interest as Chairman of the Community Hub. Cllr Hosken proposed the dispensation was granted, Cllr Gibson seconded, and all Councillors voted in favour. The Chairman declared that all other interests be raised as they arise.

5787. Speaker – Alice Merrett of Childrens Hospice Southwest

Ms Merrett attended the meeting following the donation made from funds raised at the Coronation Celebrations. Ms Merrett thanked the community for supporting the organisation and gave a short speech about how important the funds are and the real difference they make to poorly children and their families. Ms Merrett advised that the organisation is funded 10% by the government and 90% by community donations.

5788. Public Open Question Time

None.

5789. Police Report

None reported, the Clerk advised the most recent zoom meeting with Holsworthy Police had been cancelled due to an emergency.

5790. County Councillor Report

None. Cllrs instructed the Clerk to write to Cllr Morrish requesting his attendance.

5791. District Councillor Report

Cllr Gibson advised there was a full council meeting held last week and there is an upcoming meeting for training regarding the strategic planning of the Local Plan 2031. Cllr Fry asked what the plan was for infrastructure and Cllr Gibson confirmed this is considered within the plan.

5792. Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held 27th June 2023 were previously circulated. No adjustments needed, proposed by Cllr Fry, seconded by Cllr Hosken, all agreed.

5793. Matters Arising

The Clerk advised that highways had not permitted any speed warning/slow signs in the Rexon Cross area but had ordered a new village sign to replace the missing one.

5794. Condition of access to Churchyard

A discussion involving members of the public present was held to determine the financial contributions for the temporary repairs to the access road. It was agreed that the Parish Council would arrange the materials as per the quote provided at the cost of £293.60 and the following contributions would be made - Church Cottage £146.80, Church House £48.93, Community Hub £48.93, St Nicholas Church £48.93. Cllr Hosken will order the materials and hope to complete the work by the end of next week, ahead of the flower festival.

5795. Planning

1/0510/2023/FUL - Conversion of barn to 1 no. dwelling, Barn At Grid Reference 241518 096154, Ashwater – Cllrs agreed to object to the application due to the location.

1/0610/2023/FUL - Conversion of barn to ancilliary annexe, Moor View, Broadwoodwidger – Cllrs agreed to object due to the unsuitability of the building.

1/0385/2023/FUL – re-consultation - Erection of 2 no. dwellings, Agricultural Building At Coombeshead Park Farm, Virginstow – not discussed as permission had already been granted by TDC.

1/0577/2023/FUL - Retrospective application for retention of agricultural building to be used for storage and housing livestock/equine use, Land At Grid Reference 241400 090379, Broadwoodwidger – Cllrs agreed to support the application.

1/0659/2023/FUL - Demolition of existing barn and erection of 1no. dwelling with detached garages Moorhayes, Broadwoodwidger, PL16 0JH – Clirs agreed to support the application.

1/0739/2023/FUL - Construction of an agricultural livestock building, Land At Grid Reference 240130 090574, Broadwoodwidger – Cllr Gibson declared a potential interest but it was not deemed pecuniary or prejudicial. Cllr Fry abstained. Cllrs agreed to object to the application as the need for an agricultural building is not proven.

1/0729/2023/FULM - Installation of 11 no. static caravans with associated infrastructure, and alterations to existing surface water attenuation pond, Roadford Lake Lodges, Broadwoodwidger – Members of the public were invited to join the discussion. Cllrs agreed to object to the application due to overdevelopment. The Clerk will also raise concerns regarding caravan 35 which has already been sited and caravan 36 which has been delivered to site.

1/0576/2023/FUL - Change of use of annexe to main dwelling to full residential

The Old Dairy, Kellacott, St Giles On The Heath – Cllrs agreed to support the application. The Clerk will recommend the foul drainage is inspected.

5796. Enforcement

The enforcement officer has advised she has not yet been able to visit sites reported at Kellacott and Slew Wood. The enforcement officer advised that with regards to the menage at Upcott Cross Farm it is not considered expedient for the Local Planning Authority to pursue this matter. However, if the site is used for commercial purposes it should be reported again.

5797. Change of signatories for bank accounts

The Clerk reported that the changes are now complete. Signatories to the bank account are Cllr J Worden, Cllr Gibson and Cllr Wonnacott. The Clerk will look at obtaining new online log-ins.

5798. The Woodland Trust

Cllrs agreed not to request any trees this year.

5799. Accounts due for payment

N Hosken – materials for access road repair - £293.60

Martin Ashley - Grass Cutting - £360.00

Accounts proposed by Cllr Fry and seconded by Cllr Gibson, all agreed.

5800. To Receive Correspondence

The Clerk shared an email from Airband with regards to proposed works. No action required.

The Clerk read a copy of a letter from Geoffrey Cox to a Parishioner in regard to the poor condition of roads which advised that an extra £9.4million had been granted to carry out repairs.

5801. Any other Business

None.

5802. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th September 2023 at 7:30pm.

5803. Close

The meeting was closed at 21.25pm.