

## **Broadwoodkelly Parish Council**

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for Broadwoodkelly Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:** Chairman Cllr Roger Heggadon, Cllrs T. Hill, D. Reed, J. Clark and R. Gant.  
Cllr J. Duffin had sent her apologies because of work commitments.  
Borough Councillor Lois Samuels and 6 members of the public were also present.

**1. Minutes of the previous meeting:**

It was proposed by Cllr Hill that the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016 be signed as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Reed and unanimously agreed. The chairman signed the minutes.

**2. Matters Arising from these minutes**

There were none.

**3. Chairman's Report covering the activities of the Parish Council over the past year**

The summer kicked off with a well attended tea party for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. A parish group photo was taken. The parish council made a donation of £40 towards this.

During the winter the BT Community Fibre program finally came to Broadwoodkelly and we can now enjoy reasonable broadband speeds.

The parish council used £300 of TAP funding to employ 2 lengths men for a day clearing drains etc in areas identified by the parish council.

A village group has been formed to set up a parish website. The council was successful in obtaining £1020 Transparency Code Funding – some of this can be used to fund the cost of the website.

The village was fortunate to have the road from Shoresgate Cross to Acres Cross top dressed.

A number of planning applications have been considered by the parish council including a number of prior approval barn conversions.

The parish council saw a change of clerk this year. Stephanie resigned at the end of October, but kindly stayed on until the new clerk, Marilyn Weeks, began in February.

Councillor Brook sadly resigned from the council in February. Hopefully the vacancy will soon be filled.

The chairman concluded his report by thanking his fellow councillors for all their hard work over the last twelve months.

**4. Report by Borough Councillor**

Councillor Samuels began by saying that it had been a tough year for the Borough Council with a budget gap that needed to be filled. The Borough Council is attempting to reduce costs and working on income generation and business development. There have been a number of complaints by people trying to contact Customer Services and Planners and the Borough Council is trying to improve this. The website has been updated to try and improve communication.

There was a meeting of the full council today. A decision was taken to merge the Internal and External Scrutiny Committees.

Cllr Geoff Moody is the new Mayor, Cllr Mike Davies is Deputy Mayor, Cllr Philip Sanders is the Leader of the Council and Cllr Lois Samuels is the Deputy Leader (she was congratulated by the parish council).

Green recycling will now become chargeable. There is a roadshow at Okehampton on Thursday for anyone who is interested.

**5. The members of the public were invited to address the Borough Councillor and the Parish Council**

A member of the public asked if the recycling costs were applicable to garden waste and how much it was

likely to be. Cllr Samuels stated the cost did apply to garden waste/composting and she thought the cost was £40 per year and each household could put out up to 4 bags.

Cllr Gant raised the issue of the village hall now having to pay an amount of the Business Rates. Cllr Samuels stated she would look into this and see if all village halls were now paying a small amount.

A member of the public stated he was excluded from sitting in on the setting of the precept and wished to know what would happen next time. The chairman advised him that advice had been sought and this shouldn't have happened and procedures will be revised the next time the precept is set (i.e. the public will be in attendance)

**6. Date of next meeting**

**May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018**