

Broadwoodkelly Parish Council

Minutes of the Broadwoodkelly Parish Council meeting held remotely using Zoom on Tuesday 28th July 2020 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs R Heggadon (Chairman), J. Clark and A. Penny.

Councillor Barry Ratcliffe, Borough Councillor for the Exbourne Ward, was also present

There were no members of the public present.

1. To receive apologies for absence and consider if the reason for the absence should be approved by the council.

Cllrs Mrs B Cook and Mrs C Brook had sent their apologies as their Broadband connection is not good enough to participate in the remote meeting.

2. To receive any declarations of Interest from members:

Councillors are reminded to declare any personal or prejudicial interest they may have in any agenda item

There were no declarations of interest.

2.1 The parish council has delegated the power of granting dispensations to the clerk

2.2 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)

2.3 To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate.

3. To receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th June 2020.

Cllr Penny proposed that the minutes of the last meeting be signed as a correct record. This was seconded by Cllr Clark. The clerk will arrange for the chairman to sign the minutes at a later date.

4. Public Participation – there was none.

5. Report by Borough Councillor

The chairman welcomed Councillor Ratcliffe to the meeting. Councillor Ratcliffe stated that

Councillor Samuels sent her apologies as she had to attend another parish council meeting.

He stated that it had been interesting holding the remote meetings and he does miss talking

to people at the end of the meetings. It has also shown how poor the broadband is in some

areas. The Borough Council has now been holding the full planning meetings remotely and if

a councillor's broadband dips out then the whole part of that meeting has to be redone. So it

is a very lengthy process.

The Borough Council is considering how to help the two Sports Centres in the Borough. The

sports centres in Tavistock and Okehampton have been closed since lockdown and are

experiencing financial problems to the extent that they have approached the Borough Council

and asked for financial assistance. This is being currently being considered by the Borough

Council.

Hopefully Broadwoodkelly Parish Council may be able to hold its next meeting in the village

Hall using social distancing.

6. Past Subject Matters for further discussion:

a. [7.a] Parish Website – Councillor Penny stated the website is still going strong. He hasn't seen Councillor Cook. The website has been updated, but nothing else to report.

b. Devon Air Ambulance Trust – Community Landing Site. The chairman hasn't heard any more about this.

c. Areas of Highway requiring work to utilise TAP fund money – no areas to report.

7. Clerk's report and correspondence received:

The following correspondence is contained within the Councillors folder:

a. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return (and associated documents) have been put on the website. The Notice of the period for the exercise of public rights has also been put on the website.

b. Clerks and Councils Direct

8. Planning:

a. Application No. 1525/20/LBC Park Cottage, Broadwoodkelly – Listed Building consent to extend height of chimney. Discuss at meeting.

The council considered the application and unanimously decided to support.

b. Application No. 1981/20/HHO Park Cottage, Broadwoodkelly – Householder application to extend height of chimney. Discuss at meeting.

The council considered the application and unanimously decided to support.

c. Application No 1068/20/HHO Upcott House, Broadwoodkelly – Householder application for addition of single-storey glass room to rear elevation of the property. Granted conditional approval.

d. Application No. 2166/20/ARC Whey Barn, Mount Pleasant Farm, Broadwoodkelly – application for approval of details reserved by conditions 5 & 6 of planning consent 0830/20/FUL. There is no statutory consultation requirement, but information sent out for information only.

9. Finance

a. Invoice from clerk for wages/expenses (June/July) – £115.50

The invoice had been circulated prior to the meeting. Councillor Penny proposed that the invoice be paid. This was seconded by Councillor Clark. The clerk will drop the cheque book in to the chairman for signing.

b. Interest on Business Reserve Account (June – £0.06) – £0.06

The clerk informed the parish council that the interest rate on this account has been reduced from 0.2% to 0.01%. There aren't many alternative accounts.

c. Balance at Bank – the balance in the Business Reserve Account is £6785.47 and the balance in the Current Account is £5747.56 (this does not include the payment authorised above)

10. Matters for further reporting:

It was reported by Councillors Clark and Heggadon that the footpaths in the parish are being used more in lockdown and there have been instances of gates being left open by walkers using the paths.

11. Confidential discussion:

16.1 Enforcement cases – remain the same.

12. Date of next meeting:

September 22nd 2020. Depending on Government guidance may be held in the village hall

or remotely via Zoom.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 19.55