

Broadwoodkelly Parish Council

Minutes of the Broadwoodkelly Parish Council meeting that took place on Tuesday 26th March 2019 at 7.30 pm in the village hall.

Present: Chairman Roger Heggadon, Vice Chairman Cllr Mrs. Cook, Councillor R Gant, Councillor A Penny, Councillor T Hill and Councillor J. Clark

Also present: One member of the public.

1. To receive apologies for absence and consider if the reason for the absence should be approved by the council. Councillor Reed has sent his apologies as he is away. The apology was accepted.

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest from Members:

Councillors Cook, Gant, Penny and Clark all declared an interest in item 7 b as they are members of the village hall committee.

2.1 The parish council to decide whether they or the clerk grants dispensations

It was resolved that the council delegates the power to grant dispensations to the Clerk. The power rests with the relevant authority under section 33(1) of the Localism Act 2011 and the basis is set out under section 33(2).

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

Councillor Gant submitted an application for a dispensation as the meeting will inquorate if all those who are members of the village hall committee leave the meeting during 7 b.

2.3 To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate

The clerk granted the dispensation for Councillor Gant to speak and vote

3. To receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd January 2019

Councillor Gant proposed that the minutes be signed. This was seconded by Councillor Penny. The chairman signed the minutes.

4. Public Participation

The member of the public stated she had been asked to raise the issue of dog mess in the village and wondered if dog waste bins could be erected in the village.

This was discussed – the bins themselves incur a cost and West Devon charge a weekly fee to empty them. If people do not carry a bag with them, they would not use the bins. This is on the agenda and will be discussed later in the meeting.

5. Report by Borough Councillor

Both Borough Councillors are attending a council meeting today and are unlikely to be able to attend the parish council meeting. Councillor Samuel has sent a report:

The Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan has been approved by Government Inspectors. It goes before West Devon today and is a great achievement as it has taken two years to get to this point.

At the National IESE, Public Sector Transformation Awards 2019 the South Hams and West Devon scooped a coveted Bronze Award for digital transformation. It was in recognition of the Council's agile working practices and the flexibility and resilience that this offers to keep services running in times of difficulty. The Beast from the East last year meant the council had to close the offices at Follaton House and Kilworthy Park but as the staff have laptops with telephone headsets it meant they were still able to provide a good level of service.

The new waste contract was signed last Friday. Lois has been involved with this project over the past two years and a saving of approx. £250,000 will be made.

She ended the report by stating that both she and Louise have enjoyed the last four years and wish the council well with the parish elections.

Councillor Cook just wished to ask about the extra plastic that was going to be recycled. There is no mention of it in the refuse/recycling leaflet. The clerk will ask Lois for an update.

6. Past Subject Matters for further discussion:

a. [6.a] Parish Website – in the last three weeks the website has received hits of 125, 160 and 200 per day. Contributions still welcomed. Adverts are now free, but the items don't seem to sell. The defibrillator now features on the front page.

b. [6.b] Devon Air Ambulance Trust – Community Landing site – the chairman reported that this has now moved on. Toby Russell from DAAT has progressed things. A meeting has been held with Ann Collier who owns the land being considered. She just has concerns regarding the gate as she lives away, she doesn't want phone calls from people saying the gate has been left open. There is going to be another meeting.

c. [6.c] Defibrillator – this is now in situ and is up and running. An awareness session is being held in the village hall on April 17th at 1.00 pm. The council wishes to express thanks to Julie Clark for getting it up and running. Councillor Cook and her husband helped to paint the telephone box. Councillor Cook asked if there were national statistics regarding the number of people that have been saved by using a defibrillator.

d. [6.d] Areas of highways requiring work to utilise TAP fund money – it was suggested that a passing place be created as you are coming in from Shoresgate Cross, but this would need to be checked on. Councillor Clark stated he was meeting with a Highways person and would ask him. There are ditches by Pattiland that need clearing out. The clerk was instructed to contact Ben Pell and Councillor Gant agreed to liaise with him.

e. [6.e] Update on grit bin – Councillors Clark and Reed were looking at this. Councillor Clark stated Councillor Reed was leading it. As he is not present it will be discussed at the next meeting.

f. [6.h] Councillors Gant and Cook have now been added as signatories

g. [6.i] Policy on how the council awards grants – Councillor Cook has submitted a draft of the document and it was discussed. She will make amendments to it as per the comments made.

7. Clerk's report and correspondence received:

The following correspondence is contained within the Councillors folder:

a. Request from councillors to attend New Councillor Training – awaiting new dates for 2019. As it is election year there will be training following this.

b. Request from Broadwoodkelly Village Hall committee for a donation towards the cost of the insurance for the annual bonfire – £50.40. Those who are members of the village hall committee (with the exception of Councillor Gant who has been granted a dispensation) left the meeting. It was discussed. Councillor Hill proposed that the donation be made in full. This was seconded by the chairman.

Those who had left the meeting were invited back in.

c. Renewal of insurance- Came and Company have sent through the details of the insurance. The parish council were happy that it met their requirements. The renewal amount will follow later.

d. Request from the village hall committee – they would like two representatives from the parish council to serve on the village hall committee. Subject to the

election process Councillors Gant and Clark will remain as the representatives for another year.

e. Clerks and Councils Direct

f. Parish Council elections – nomination papers have been received and sent out to councillors. Councillor Gant offered to take the completed nomination papers down to Tavistock.

g. Dog fouling – Councillor Cook stated that when she is out walking she doesn't like to see dog mess. It is the owners who do not pick it up. It is dangerous for children and the chairman explained about Cystic Ovis, which affects sheep. Put up signs asking dog owners to bag it and take it home. The clerk to write up something to go on the website.

h. Salt spreader – a letter has been received from Iddesleigh parish council informing Broadwoodkelly that when the spreader is not in use it is to be stored at Graham Wards. If it is not returned then BWK council will be liable for any damage. When it is being used it is to be insured by the owner of the towing vehicles insurance.

The spreader has now been returned to Graham Ward. The clerk will reply to the letter.

i. Risk Assessment – Councillor Gant will undertake this.

j. Review Register of Interests – the clerk placed this on the agenda, but as it is election year new registers will be required so they will be reviewed then.

8. Planning:

a. Applic no. 0596/19/FUL Walson Barton, Broadwoodkelly – replacement of agricultural shed. Discuss at meeting.

The chairman explained the background to the application and it was discussed. Councillor Penny proposed that the application is supported. This was seconded by Councillor Gant. All were in favour. The clerk will respond that the council supports the application.

b. Since the agenda went out Applic No. 0844/19/FUL The Garage, Village Cross – erection of new garage building. This application was discussed.

There was one vote to refuse, one in support and four who were neutral. The clerk will submit a neutral view, but the council has concerns regarding the highway (proximity to bend in the road and a junction)

9. Finance:

a. Invoice from clerk for wages and expenses – £115.66 (revised to £124.66)

The clerk apologised as she had made an error on her invoice. She had charged £12.49 for the Norton security when it should have been £21.49 so the total should be £124.66. Councillor Cook proposed that the invoice be paid. This was seconded by Councillor Penny and agreed by all.

a(i) A cheque for £50.40 was signed for the village hall as agreed at 7b above.

b. Interest on account (Jan £1.15 and Feb £1.04) – £2.19

c. Balance at bank – the balance in the current account as at 21st March is £4648.94 (does not include the payments made this evening). The balance in the Business Reserve Account as at 28 February is £6768.46

10. Matters for further reporting:

Councillor Hill stated he would be stepping down at the forthcoming election. The chairman stated he was very sorry to hear this as he is a very valued councillor whose knowledge will be missed.

Councillor Clark stated that where the new houses have been built there are three nice oak trees. One of them has been cut back, but in a detrimental way. It is understood that one of these trees has a TPO on them. The clerk to contact Lois and find out the contact details for the Landscape Officer.

11. Confidential Discussion:

12.1 Enforcement cases – these remain the same.

12. Date of next meeting:

May 28th 2019

The clerk stated this was the planned date, but in an election year the meeting should be held within 14 days of the election. It was agreed to hold the meeting on May 7th at 7 pm.

Since the meeting was held this has been altered to Wednesday 8th May.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm