

Broadwoodkelly Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for Broadwoodkelly Parish Council held in the village hall on Tuesday 28th May 2024 at 7.30pm

Present: Chairman Cllr Roger Heggadon, Cllrs R. Gant, Mrs S. Walters, Mrs B. Cook, D. Reed, A. Hawkey and D. Mendus-Edwards.

Borough Councillor for the Exbourne Ward, Councillor Mike Casbolt, was present. There were five members of the public present.

Before the meeting commenced the Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor Roger Heggadon, presented a portrait of HM King Charles III to the Chairman of Broadwoodkelly Village Hall, David Mendus-Edwards. The portrait will be displayed at the village hall.

David Mendus-Edwards thanked Chairman Cllr Roger Heggadon for the portrait. The village hall committee are very appreciative.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting:

To agree the minutes of the last meeting, held on May 23rd 2023 as a true record

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Cook that the minutes be signed as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Walters. The chairman signed the minutes.

2. Matters Arising from these minutes

There were no matters arising.

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

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

A variety of planning applications has kept the parish council busy.

The website continues to be an information hub for the parish. He thanked Beverley Cook, who runs it and keeps it up to date. Improvements have been made, which make finding information a lot easier.

Councillor Gant was thanked for continuing in his role as P3 Co-ordinator. He carries out a survey of the paths and notifies Devon County Council of any problems.

The need for a Neighbourhood plan has been discussed quite frequently at recent meetings. In November the parish council welcomed Graham Swiss, a Senior Strategic Planning Officer, and Katie West, a member of the Housing Needs Team, to a well-attended meeting. Graham gave a very informative talk on Neighbourhood Plans and Katie gave a brief synopsis of the Housing Needs Survey, which had taken place in the parish. It was unanimously agreed at the meeting to hold off beginning a Neighbourhood Plan until the general election has taken place as there is a lot of uncertainty in the planning sector at the moment.

The parish council welcomed the Inspector of Police for West Devon, Chris Conway, to the July meeting. He gave an interesting breakdown of his work and took questions from the members of the public.

The chairman thanked the members of the Village Hall committee for providing updates on the improvements being made to the hall.

Thanks were expressed to Jon Clark, who has continued in the role of Snow Warden.

The signs at the entrances to Broadwoodkelly were getting worn. The parish council contacted Devon County Council and as the signs had lost their reflective coating they replaced them at no cost to the parish council.

Traffic speed in the village has been an issue for some time. There is a 'Twenty's Plenty' scheme, which you can join, but it can be a long battle to adopt it. Borough Councillor Mike Casbolt brought to the parish council's attention that Miller Town and Country Estate Agents have a scheme where they have a Twenty's Plenty sign in the style of a 'For Sale' sign. They will erect them for free. It is not legally enforceable, but may make motorists think about their speed. We are looking for homeowners in the village who would be happy to have one outside their property.

The chairman thanked Borough Councillors Mike Casbolt and Louise Watts for providing updates.

The parish council acquired a free portrait of HM King Charles III, which was presented to the village hall at the beginning of this meeting and will be displayed there.

He thanked the members of the council for all their hard work over the past year and he looks forward to working with them all over the coming year.

He concluded his report by thanking the clerk.

4. Report by Borough Councillor

Councillor Casbolt mentioned the Twenty is Plenty scheme. Reiterated that the signs provided by Miller Town and Country are not enforceable, but as a motorist it does make you think. Signs have been erected in North Tawton and Sourton and there is no installation cost.

A member of the public joined the meeting.

He went on to say that he and Louise manage the meetings between them. He reported that the new Mayor of West Devon is Debo Sellis, Paul Vachon is the new Deputy Mayor and Mandy Ewings is the Leader of West Devon Council.

Potholes are still a problem, but WDBC cannot do very much about them. He advised reporting them on the Devon County Council website.

5. Members of the public to address the parish council or Borough Councillor with issues of concern.

A member of the public, Geraldine Anstey, stated she would be interested in having one of the 'Twenty's Plenty' signs erected outside her property. The clerk stated she would let her have the contact details at the end of the meeting. The parish council confirmed they haven't tried registering for the official Twenty's Plenty scheme.

6. Date of next meeting

May 27th 2025 (this date is subject to change)

There being no further business the Annual Parish Meeting concluded at 7.40pm