

Broadwoodkelly Parish Council

Minutes of the Broadwoodkelly Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday November 26th 2024 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

Present: Councillors Mrs S Walters, D. Mendus-Edwards, A. Hawkey, R.Gant and D. Reed.

There were two members of the public present.

As the Chairman was absent the Vice Chairman, Councillor Mrs S Walters, took the chair.

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

Councillor R Heggadon (Chairman), who is ill and Councillor Mrs B. Cook, who is away. These apologies were accepted. The chairman was wished a speedy recovery.

Borough Councillor Mike Casbolt had emailed stating he was unable to attend.

2. Declaration of Interest from Members:

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

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.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday September 24th 2024.

It was proposed by Councillor Mendus-Edwards that the minutes be signed as a true record.

This was seconded by Councillor Gant. The chairman signed the minutes.

4. Public Participation

Andy Buckerfield, Vice Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, presented an update on village hall matters (minuted at 6.2 below).

5. Report by Borough Councillor

The Borough Councillor, Mike Casbolt, had stated in his email that there was not much to report from West Devon Borough Council at the moment. He was aware that a few people had objected to the solar panels on the village hall, but he had supported the application as it was within permitted development.

6. Past Subject Matters for further discussion:

6.1 [6.a] Parish Website – Councillor Mrs Cook was not present. Councillor Mendus-Edwards asked the clerk if she had followed up on the .gov information received in a recent email from DALC. The clerk stated she had not as the council has renewed the agreement with the current website provider.

6.2 [4] Update on village hall events/improvements – the green energy solar panel grant paid £2000 for the advisor, who advised that solar panels should go on the roof. However, the planning approval did not come through quickly enough to assure the funders that the village hall had the funds and could complete by the end of February 2025. The application was oversubscribed and the application from Broadwoodkelly Village Hall was turned down. West Devon Borough Council were overzealous with their process. It was referred to Historic England and as a result took 16 weeks for the approval to come through. However, the approval is valid for three years and more grants will become available so the village hall will apply again. £4000 in grants has been secured this year. New fire exit doors have been installed. A grant of £1000 from Arnold Clark has been secured for the warm hub project. Supporting the pantomime production, Community Pub, Friday Walking/Book club. A successful pizza night has been held. The Christmas

Lights and Festive Delights will be a free community event to thank everyone for their support over the past year. £8000 of grant applications are currently being considered by the funders. Most applications are oversubscribed.

Councillor Mendus-Edwards stated the grants aren't covering the total costs some have to be matched so the hall committee have used some of their reserves. The events are bringing in good income.

Andy also explained that last year grant applications were a good source of funding being an election year. This year has been harder work and it is getting difficult to obtain quotes to submit with applications.

- 6.3 [6.c] Areas of highways requiring work to utilise TAP fund money
 - i. Twenty's Plenty – the clerk did contact John Simmons at Miller Town and Country and they do still have some of the 20's plenty signs, but they are not erecting any more as Devon County Council are requesting that the signs are taken down. The clerk will phone Geraldine.
- 6.4 [6.f] Broadband – nothing to report.
- 6.5 [6.g] Neighbourhood Plan update – the chairman stated she is still working on the questionnaire.
- 6.6 [11.6] Problem with gate at south end of Footpath 7 – problem reported to DCC. The clerk has emailed the Rights of Way people again.
- 6.7 [7.2] Defibrillator – a letter has been posted to Julie. The clerk was asked to follow it up in a couple of weeks.

7. Clerk's report and correspondence received:

- 7.1 *Road Closure Order Road Southeast from Fourways Cross to Barntown Gate – Wednesday 5th March 2025 to Thursday 6th March 2025. Pole replacement.*
- 7.2 *Clerks and Councils Direct*
- 7.3 *The future of Okehampton Hospital -people are being encouraged to participate in the public consultation regarding the NHS.*
- 7.4 *Build a professional .gov.uk parish website*

8. Planning:

- 8.1 Application No. 2019/24/FUL Land at SS617039, Exbourne – Change of use of agricultural land to support siting of shepherd's hut to provide farm managers dwelling to serve essential and functional needs of farm business (retrospective). Invited to comment as neighbouring parish. Application subsequently shown as withdrawn.
- 8.2 Application No. 3299/24/FUL Willow Chip Farm, Exbourne – retrospective application for the siting of a shepherd's hut to provide a temporary farm managers dwelling. The council hasn't been invited to comment this time, but would the parish council like to submit a comment?
The chairman stated she would just like to comment that the scale and size of the shepherd's hut appears too small. All agreed the clerk should submit the comment.
- 8.3 Application No. 3334/24/LBC Corstone Farm, Broadwoodkelly – Listed Building Consent for two doors out to the garden to be replaced. Discuss at meeting.
The council unanimously agreed to support the application. The clerk to submit this as a comment.
- 8.4 Application No. 2123/24/HHO Ridgeway, Ingleigh Green – Householder application for installation of solar panels and air source heat pump. Granted Conditional approval.
- 8.5 Tree Preservation Order – Land at Village Cross, Broadwoodkelly.

The clerk apologised as she had omitted the following item:

- 8.6** Application No. 0508/24/OPA Summerhayes, Ingleigh Green – outline planning application with some matters reserved for erection of supervisory dwelling. The appeal has been dismissed (refused).

The following item came in just after the agenda went out:

- 8.7** Application No 2349/24/FUL Village Hall, Broadwoodkelly – proposed solar array mounted over concrete tiles on south elevation. Granted conditional approval.

9. Finance

- 9.1** West Devon Borough Council (contested election costs) - £771.34 payment arranged prior to meeting.

- 9.2** Second half of precept received - £1360.50

- 9.3** Reclaim of VAT received - £39.47

- 9.4** Invoice from clerk for wages/expenses - £210.17

It was proposed by the chairman that this invoice be paid. This was seconded by Councillor Mendus-Edwards. A cheque will be signed.

- 9.5** Interest on Business Reserve Account (Sept/Oct) - £16.84

- 9.6** Set the precept at the next meeting for 2025/26 - just need to be aware of any extra expenses (i.e the defibrillator may become a regular cost).

- 9.7** Online banking – the application has been filled in and it just remains for the signatories to sign it.

- 9.8** Balance at Bank – as at 1st November 2024 the balance in the Current Account is £6876.93 (this takes into account all the receipts and payments listed above except the cheque for the clerks wages - £210.17). As at 1st November the balance in the Business Reserve Account is £6967.59.

10. Matters for further reporting:

Andy Buckerfield mentioned the road between Four Crossways and Summers Moor Cross. There is a blind bend along this stretch of road where four accidents have occurred in the last four years. Where the bend is there is some waste ground which could be extended as highway. The clerk to contact DCC and ask if someone from Highways could come and visit the location. Liaise with Andy Buckerfield.

11. Confidential discussion:

- 16.1 Enforcement cases – there is currently one.

The members of the public were asked to leave the meeting whilst a discussion regarding a possible enforcement case was discussed.

Members of the public returned to the meeting.

The chairman wished everyone a Happy Christmas and Happy New Year.

12. Date of next meeting:

January 28th 2025

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.26 pm.