

Broadwoodkelly Parish Council

Minutes of the Broadwoodkelly Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday March 25th 2025 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

Present: Councillors R. Heggadon (Chairman), R.Gant, Mrs S Walters, A. Hawkey and Mrs B. Cook.

There were no Borough Councillors or 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.

Councillor Mendus-Edwards has sent his apologies as he is away and Councillor Reed had sent his apologies owing to work commitments. The apologies were accepted.

Borough Councillor Louise Watts had sent her apologies as she was attending a full council meeting and the Mayor's Awards Ceremony afterwards so would not be leaving Tavistock until late.

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.

Councillor Mrs Cook declared an interest in the website as she is the owner. No dispensations were requested.

3. To receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday January 28th 2025.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Cook that the minutes of the last meeting be signed as a true record. This was seconded by Councillor Gant. The chairman signed the minutes.

4. Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

5. Report by Borough Councillor

There was no Borough Councillor present.

6. Past Subject Matters for further discussion:

6.1 [6.1] Parish Website – the hits on the website have reduced. The developer has offered to remove the pages that are no longer being used. Councillor Mrs Cook asked the parish council if they wished to continue using this website? The members of the council stated the website was important to advertise the information associated with the annual audit. Using a gov.uk domain has been mentioned, but it was felt that it would be useful to continue with this website for another year and use that year to ascertain what alternatives are available. Councillor Mrs Cook stated she has received an invoice for the site hosting and it was agreed by all present that it would be discussed this evening.

6.2 [6.2] Update on village hall events/improvements – Councillor Mendus-Edwards was not present to give a report.

6.3 [6.3] Areas of highways requiring work to utilise TAP fund money

- i. Blind bend on road between Four Crossway and Summers Moor Cross – the clerk has emailed Josh at DCC, but has received an automatic reply and not heard anything else.

Potholes continue to be a problem, but Councillor Gant stated that if you report them and they meet the criteria they do get repaired quite promptly.

- 6.4 [6.4] Broadband – nothing to report. Councillor Gant has spoken to some people who use Airband and they are very satisfied with it. Councillor Mrs Cook stated she does not receive fast broadband.
- 6.5 [6.5] Neighbourhood Plan update – Councillor Mrs Walters stated this is currently a minefield. Things are changing. The Government are pushing Neighbourhood Planning – Neighbourhood Priority Statements appear to be the new thing. West Devon Borough Council are producing their own Local Plan. Councillor Walters stated she is getting information from Cornwall Council. She is trying to liaise with WDBC, but it is proving difficult. Priority Statements can take 6 months to produce. It isn't known whether WDBC will join with South Hams and Plymouth. The Government are firing a lot of things out, but it all lacks real information. She hopes, in time, to produce a briefing note for the council. Tavistock has just had their Neighbourhood Plan adopted. Very much wait and see.
- 6.6 [6.6] Problem with gate at south end of Footpath 7 – problem reported to DCC – the clerk still has nothing to report.
- 6.7 [6.7] Defibrillator – the clerk has sent a second letter to Julie, but has heard nothing. The chairman stated he would try and speak to her.
- 7. Clerk's report and correspondence received:**
- 7.1 *ElanCity*
- 7.2 *Clerks and Councils Direct*
- 7.3 *Glasdon*
- 7.4 *NBB Recycled Furniture*
- 7.5 *Road Closure Order for road from Corstone Cross to Cadditon Cross 23rd July (maximum 5 days) for pole replacement and pole test work.*
- 8. Planning:**
- 8.1 Application No. 0656/25/ARC Bramble Brook, Broadwoodkelly – Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 6 (Materials) and 10 (DEV32) of planning consent 3723/22/VAR (APP/Q1153/W/23/3315904). No statutory consultation on this application sent out for information only.
- 8.2 Application No. 0199/25/AGR Park Farm, Broadwoodkelly – Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed agricultural & storage building measuring 28m (length) x 25m (breadth) x 9m (height to ridge). No statutory consultation on this application sent out for information only.
- 9. Finance**
- 9.1 Invoice from clerk for wages/expenses - £205.42
It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Cook that this invoice be paid. This was seconded by Councillor Mrs Walters.
- 9.1a Invoice from Colin Jones for site hosting (website) - £175.00
It was proposed by Councillor Hawkey that this invoice be paid. This was seconded by Councillor Mrs Walters.
- 9.2 Interest on Business Reserve Account (Jan/Feb) - £14.57
- 9.3 The interest rate on the Business Reserve Account is reducing
The clerk has received a letter from the bank that the interest rate is going to reduce from 1.25% gross to 1.10% gross as of 24th April. The clerk mentioned optimising the interest rate by transferring monies from the current account to the Business Reserve account. The current account has £6429.85 in it and half the precept (£1360.50) will come into the account in April. If £5000 was transferred to the Business Reserve Account that would still leave enough for current known expenses. It was proposed by Councillor Heggadon (chairman) that a transfer of £5000 be made from the Current Account to the Business Reserve account. This was seconded by Councillor Mrs Walters.
- 9.4 Online banking – details of BankLine

The clerk has spoken to someone at Bankline. There is a £20 per month charge for 1-5 accounts, £80 for 6-8 accounts and £160 for over 11 accounts. For same day payments there is a charge of £2.50 and for next day payments the charge is 45p per transaction. International payments £15. There is no charge for transfers between accounts. The members of the council discussed this and agreed to keep the account as it is. Councillor Gant will regularly monitor the account.

- 9.5** Balance at Bank – as at 28th February 2025 the balance in the current account is £6429.85 (this does not include this evenings payments). As at 28th February 2025 the balance in the Business Reserve Account is £6997.89.

10. Matters for further reporting:

11. Confidential discussion:

16.1 Enforcement cases – there are currently three. A planning application has been received regarding one of them.

12. Date of next meeting:

May 27th 2025 (This will include the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Council Meeting)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm