

Broadwoodkelly Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for Broadwoodkelly Parish Council held in the village hall on Wednesday 27th May 2026 at 7.30pm..

Present: Councillors R. Heggadon (Chairman), Mrs S Walters (Vice Chairman), R.Gant, Mrs B Cook and D Mendus-Edwards.

The Borough Councillor Mike Casbolt was present. There were no members of the public.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting:

Councillor Mrs Cook proposed that the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 27th May 2025 be signed as a true record. This was seconded by Councillor 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 this year.

The chairman thanked Councillor Mrs Cook for her work in keeping the website going. It is an important tool for the parish council.

The chairman thanked Councillor Gant for all his hard work as P3 Co-ordinator and thanked Councillor Reed for taking on the role.

He also thanked Councillor Mrs Walters who is currently monitoring any progress with Neighbourhood Plans. Hopefully this year will see something progress.

The chairman thanked the members of the village hall committee, who have put on a variety of events during the past year. An extra performance of the pantomime had to be arranged as it proved so popular. Solar panels have been installed on the roof and a number of successful grant applications have been made.

There has been a consultation on a change in Local Government. West Devon Borough Councils preferred option would see the creation of three councils:

Plymouth Unitary Authority (on its existing footprint),

South West Devon Unitary Authority (West Devon, South Hams, Teignbridge and Torbay)

and Northern Devon and Exeter Unitary Authority (East Devon, Mid Devon, North Devon, Torridge and Exeter). This has been the option chosen by most of the Devon Councils. The preferred option is not yet known.

A parishioner had asked if the parish council could, under the Community Self Delivery of minor highway improvements, consider shaving off a corner on the road between Four Cross Ways and Barn Town Cross. Then make it up with hardcore to create a passing place. This was followed up with Devon County Council, who stated it was unsuitable for a passing place.

Devon County Council came and replaced the gate at the southern end of Footpath 7 (near the village hall).

I was grateful to fellow councillors who agreed to change the evening of our meetings to Wednesday as I had a clash with work commitments.

He thanked Jon Clark who has continued in the role of Snow Warden and thanked the members of the council for their hard work over the past twelve months and he looks forward to working with them in the forthcoming year.

He concluded his report by thanking the clerk for her work over the last year.

4. Report by Borough Councillor

Councillor Mike Casbolt stated that they still haven't heard about the Local Government Review. July 6th appears to be a date when the Government may state what they wish to go for. West Devon is hoping for the 5,4,1. There was a rule book which the Local Councils followed, but the Government appears to have dismissed the rule book so we will wait and see. It also appears that Plymouth would like to take a bit of South Hams.

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

Borough Councillor Casbolt stated he is aware that the Village hall committee are to undertake replacement of the ceiling by removal of existing combustible materials, opening up and insulating. Borough Councillor Casbolt stated he would try and get some funds to come to Broadwoodkelly.

6. Date of next meeting

May 26th 2027 (this date is subject to change)

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 7.45pm