

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BROADHEMPSTON PARISH COUNCIL
THURSDAY 13 JANUARY 2022

Present: Cllrs Wright (Chair), Goddard, Head, Isaacs, Sutcliffe, White.

Also present: 16 members of the public
 Cathy Aubertin (Clerk)

No	Subject	Comments
1	The Chair will open the Meeting and receive apologies.	Cllr Wright opened the meeting at 7.41pm. No apologies.
2	To declare any interests at this meeting.	Cllr White declared an interest in item 8 (Local Plan) due to having received a letter from TDC asking if he would be interested in selling some of his land for siting a possible wind farm.
3	Approval to consider, amend as agreed by the Council and approve the minutes of the following meeting: 9 December 2021.	Cllr Goddard PROPOSED that the minutes of 9 December 2021 be APPROVED. This was SECONDED by Cllr White and AGREED.
<i>The Council will adjourn for the following items:</i>		
4	<p><u>Public Question Time:</u> A period of 5 minutes will be allowed for members of the public to ask questions or make comment regarding the work of the Council or other items that affect Broadhempston which do not form part of the agenda.</p> <p><u>District Councillor Report</u></p> <p><u>County Councillor Report</u></p> <p><u>Parish Councillor Report</u></p> <p><u>Parish Lengths-man Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider email from Mike Pearey • Consider future funding. 	<p>A member of the public made a statement in respect of the possible wind farm. He highlighted the fact that he had received a letter from TDC which stated that this land had potential to be a wind farm. He clarified that this was not a proposal, just one of 27 sites that have been identified by Exeter University. He informed the Council that landowners have the final say and not TDC.</p> <p>None.</p> <p>None.</p> <p>Cllr Sutcliffe gave an update on the flood site survey by an organisation working for DCC, which took place in early December. He noted that the representatives were mostly interested in the main village and whether there are issues of houses being flooded.</p> <p>Cllr Sutcliffe agreed to contact the gent who is making notice boards for the PC, as previously agreed.</p> <p>Mike Peary advised that he had 8 hours contracted work left but more work is still required in the parish. It was agreed that 30 hours would be needed for the coming year, up to the end of December. Spring is an important time of year to put in resilience in the drainage.</p> <p>It was further requested that the clerk should apply for further grant funding for this work.</p> <p>Mike Pearey advised that work could easily amount to more than 30 hours but, so long as he knows where to focus his efforts, 30 hours should be sufficient. Joint activity with local landowners and Councillors works well and saves time.</p>

		It was noted that the more energy the Council can put into getting people to support the work the better.
	<i>The Council will convene to conduct the following business:</i>	
5	To consider how to work more closely with the Parochial Church Council.	To be carried forward to February's meeting.
6	To consider the following planning applications: None.	None.
7	Climate change emergency – sub-committee feedback: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow up from informal meeting with ACT. Dark Skies initiative. 	<p>It was agreed that, once the Local Plan work has been completed the PC will concentrate on raising awareness of carbon footprints, and the first step will be to have a drop-in session at the Village Hall.</p> <p>Erica Lee attended the meeting and talked about the loss of dark skies and the ability to view the stars. Light pollution has encroached upon this ability Erica Lee advised that she would like to start a local dark skies initiative to promote thought about how parishioners can protect dark skies. It was noted that there are lots of small things that can be done and that some parishioners are already interested. Erica advised that there is lots of information which promotes this initiative and can be used for, eg, schools.</p> <p>The initiative would also benefit wildlife.</p> <p>Erica asked whether the PC has the appetite to support this, and support a leaflet drop to parishioners which will encourage them to ensure that security lights have timers, direct light downwards, and use energy saving lightbulbs.</p> <p>It might be that Broadhempston could be designated a dark sky community if desired.</p> <p>Erica will put an article in the parish news occasionally to remind people what they can do, and any progress made.</p> <p>She will also get a working group together to progress this.</p> <p>CLlr Sear suggested that Erica may wish to contact the school and tie the initiative in with forest school.</p> <p>Erica will keep the PC updated.</p> <p>CLlr Goddard suggested that the initiative could also be linked to the national star count.</p>
8	To consider the Local Plan including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback from the residents' working group Affordable housing Local Plan consultation (part 3). Proposed wind farm development south of Broadhempston 	<p>Unfortunately, feedback from the working group has not yet been received, so the PC will hold an extraordinary meeting next week to consider this.</p> <p>CLlr Wright advised that group have been looking at three pieces of land. There have also been discussions with Broadhempston CLT to encourage affordable homes.</p> <p>CLlr Sear noted that the key thing the group want to achieve is to provide an avenue for all residents to be able to see information about the sites, so that everyone can respond individually, having gained all the facts. He added that, if everyone says no to everything TDC will simply make the decision, so it would be better to reach a consensus if possible.</p> <p>A member of the public asked if the PC would have control over the number of houses built on a particular site, as each of the sites has a greater capacity than the required 12 homes. Any developer is likely to want to build as many as the site can accommodate.</p>

		<p>The group have approached landowners to see if they would consider limiting the number of homes on their land and with an increased percentage of affordable homes.</p> <p>The Parish Council thanked the group, who have worked extraordinarily hard to get the community to this point.</p> <p>Simon Hickey spoke about wind farm possibility on site 23. He was concerned that it would have passed under the radar. He noted that little land in Teignbridge is suitable for wind farms. He stated that he understood the need to produce local energy and reduce the carbon footprint but that the identified site was not suitable, due to site access, the proximity of homes and the impact on the parish of construction..</p> <p>Simon advised that awareness has been raised on Facebook and a website is being built.</p> <p><i>8.43pm – Cllr White left the meeting.</i></p> <p>Simon advised that the new website will include access to a summary document and that Simon and others will be running three drop-in sessions to raise awareness of issue on Thursday, Friday, Saturday next week in the Monks Retreat.</p> <p>Cllr Sears reminded the PC that TDC will take into account the numbers of responses for and against and that the deadline for the consultation is midday on Monday 24 January.</p> <p>Cllr Isaacs highlighted that there is a public footpath through the site, which may be protected.</p> <p>It was noted that this had clearly been a desktop exercise at this stage, and hadn't considered matters, such as footpaths and proximity of homes.</p> <p>It was further noted that the loss of TV reception might also be an issue, and this is unlikely to be rectified by windfarm developer.</p> <p>Cllr Wright asked Simon if he and members of his group would be interested in getting involved in a community initiative for renewable energy scheme and he confirmed that they would.</p> <p>Cllr Sutcliffe highlighted that 54% of electricity generated by burning fossil fuels and that this cannot continue at this rate, and that communities such as Broadhempston should accept responsibility and take steps to do something. He added that Rattery and South Brent have their own wind turbines. Large construction activity has taken place in the village in the past and developers have dealt with the access issues. It was thought that the solar farm at Landscope would cause disruption, but this hadn't proved to be the case.</p> <p>A member of the public stated that, unfortunately, the wind speed at the site isn't sufficient and the site is relatively close to housing when you compare it with other wind turbine sites. It is, therefore, unlikely that the site is economically viable or appropriate.</p> <p>Cllr Goddard stated that the PC should not keep saying 'no' and should look at alternative ways to provide renewable energy. This would also give TDC an alternative to consider.</p>
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9	<p>To consider trial use of the village square, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disabled/ wheelchair access to the Church. • Costs. • Feasibility of providing additional parking. • Discussion with DCC. 	<p>No update available. To be carried forward to February's meeting.</p>
10	<p>Open spaces update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small playing field • Headlands • Kings Close Field 	<p>Nothing to report, but Cllr Sutcliffe suggested a consultation about enhancements or improvements. He requested that Cllrs Wright and Sear consult with fellow parents as an initial step and that the school PE teacher, who it was understood had ideas, to be asked to send on suggestions to clerk.</p> <p>Tree planting to be carried out but not sure when or where at this stage.</p> <p>It was noted that the situation with no 2 continues. There was uncertainty about whether the drain has been cleared so Councillors will monitor this.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Orchard • Allotments • Car Park 	<p>No update.</p> <p>No update.</p> <p>No update.</p>
11	To consider the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebration	Nothing to report but to be a standing item on the agenda. Awaiting information from the fete committee.
12	<p>Finance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To agree accounts for payment. • To consider 2022/ 23 budget. 	<p>Cllr Sear PROPOSED that the accounts for payment should be paid. This was SECONDED by Cllr Goddard and AGREED. Clerk to make payments.</p> <p>Following consideration of the information previously circulated by the clerk Cllr Isaacs PROPOSED that there be a 10% increase on the precept. This was SECONDED by Cllr Sutcliffe. The proposal was voted upon and was carried 4 votes for and 3 against, therefore AGREED. Clerk to inform TDC.</p>
13	<p>Clerks Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of actions in previous minutes. • Flood Risk Investigation on behalf of DCC – meeting with Parish Council. 	<p>None outstanding.</p> <p>Clerk to contact WSP to arrange a Zoom meeting on 10 February at 7pm, ahead of the Parish Council meeting.</p>
14	<p>To note any correspondence received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email from parishioner regarding Daniels Lane. 	<p>It was noted that there is a sign in place advising that HGVs should not go into the lane, and that motorists should not follow their sat nav directions there. Cllr White to discuss reinstatement of sign with local resident.</p>
15	Public Question Time: 10 minutes.	No further questions.
16	To note the date of the next meeting: Thursday 10 February 2022.	This was noted, with the extraordinary meeting on Thursday 20 January 2021, which will focus on the PC’s response to the Local Plan, including wind and solar energy and to assess the feedback from the residents’ working group. Meeting closed at 22.04pm.
17	<p>CONFIDENTIAL ITEM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of clerk’s salary. 	<p>Following consideration of the information previously circulated by the clerk Cllr Sear PROPOSED that the clerk’s salary should increase by one spinal column point in accordance with the contract issued by the PC. This was SECONDED by Cllr Goddard and AGREED. Clerk to advise Payroll provider.</p>