

Minutes of the meeting of Broadhempston Parish Council
Thursday 13 April 2023

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

Also present: 8 members of the public
 District Cllr Daw
 Cathy Aubertin (Clerk)

No	Subject	
2023/24/001	The Chair will open the Meeting and receive apologies.	Cllr Wright opened the meeting at 7.30pm. Apologies received from Cllr Sear.
2023/24/002	To declare any interests at this meeting.	None declared.
2023/24/003	Approval to consider, amend as agreed by the Council and approve the minutes of the following meetings: 9 March 2023 23 March 2023.	The minutes were agreed.
<i>The Council adjourned for the following items:</i>		
2023/24/004	<p><u>Public Question Time:</u> A period of 10 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>	<p>Paul Parker attended and introduced himself as a South Devon Alliance candidate for the area.</p> <p>District Cllr Daws reported that nominations for elections were published a few days ago, and that the South Devon Alliance had put forward 27 candidates, all from a variety of backgrounds. He advised that he is available for any issues up to the date of the election.</p> <p>Cllr Sutcliffe raised concerns about the state the poor of highways, including a high number of large potholes, and PROPOSED that the PC should raise these concerns with County Cllr Parker-Khan. It was RESOLVED that the clerk should write to County Cllr Parker-Khan in this respect.</p> <p>It was reported that Ian Cumberlidge has done some work in Daniels Lane and has revisited some of the hotspots. It was noted that flooding issues seem to be much improved following the work of both parish lengths-men.</p>
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2023/ 24/005	To consider the following planning applications:	None received.
2023/ 24/006	Climate change emergency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback from the working group. 	It was noted that the group is looking at options for a community energy scheme and offered to work with Littlehempston in this respect. The group will have a presence at the village fete. The group is also hoping to work with the school to produce a local food map.
2023/ 24/007	King's Coronation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback from the working group. 	It was reported that the working group is trying to keep the event simple as there are no funds to support a more-elaborate event. Parishioners will be invited to a bring-and-share tea party, from 2-4pm. There will be two photo competitions and a treasure hunt for children. A community shop representative was present at the meeting kindly agreed that the shop would provide tea, coffee and sugar for the event, and Cllr White kindly agreed to provide milk. It was RESOLVED that the PC would provide funding up to £25 for items, such as prizes for the children completing the treasure hunt.
2023/ 24/008	To consider the annual report from RoSPA Play Safety regarding the play area.	Cllr Sutcliffe advised that that the toddler swing is repairable. It was noted that a long-term decision will need to be made in respect of the fort, which needs some maintenance work in the meantime. In addition, painting of the fort is required to keep it useable. This work will cost more than the PC has in its budget (£600) for play equipment maintenance. It was RESOLVED that Cllr Sutcliffe should discuss the maintenance work with John Read and ask that he report back to the PC.
2023/ 24/009	To consider licensing or leasing the play area at Easterways.	It was noted that, should the PC lease the play area from the Easterways CLT, there will be requirement for it to ensure the safety of the area and equipment. Clerk to discuss inspection requirements with the insurance company and to source quotes for regular inspections. There is a need for a checklist to be produced. With Easterways CLT covering additional costs, the PC RESOLVED that, in principle, it supports the proposal to lease the play area at Easterways.
2023/ 24/010	Hedges overhanging the highway.	Cllr White raised a concern about hedges overhanging the highway throughout the village. Councillors to report addresses where there is a concern to the clerk, who will report to DCC. Further concern was raised about trees in a hedge near Headlands. Cllr Wright will discuss with the owner.
2023/ 24/011	To review of the following policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Regulations Disciplinary Policy. 	It was RESOLVED to approve both policies. Clerk to implement and publish.

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2023/ 24/012	<p>Open spaces update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small playing field • Headlands • Kings Close Field • Community Orchard • Allotments • Car Park 	<p>It was noted that the new markings on the hardstanding, funded by the PTFA, are great and will be well-used.</p> <p>Cllr Sutcliffe advised that he would continue on the Headlands Committee.</p> <p>A grant application has been submitted for a new mower, and work is being undertaken to acquire funding for resurfacing the tennis court.</p> <p>Cllr Wright reported that a fire pit left in shelter overnight, but that he had been advised that the users had only moved it into the shelter to keep it out of the rain, after using it outside!</p> <p>The clerk advised that one of the allotment holders who has been given notice to quit has informed her that he is seeking legal advice, although nothing further has been heard. The allotment holder's agreement will end on 30 April.</p> <p>It was reported that a Transit-type van that appears to have been abandoned is parked on the Teign Housing land. Cllr Sutcliffe will advise the clerk of the VRM so that she can report the matter to Teign Housing.</p>
2023/ 24/013	<p>Finance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To agree payment of accounts. 	<p>It was RESOLVED that payments were approved. Clerk to make payments.</p>
2023/ 24/014	<p>Clerks Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of actions in previous minutes. 	<p>Outstanding actions are as follows: Cllr Sear is working on digitising the drainage maps. Comments are awaited from Cllr Sear in respect of the proposed Equality and Diversity Policy.</p>
2023/ 24/015	<p>To note any correspondence received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To respond to the offer of a fee holiday for PC meetings in the Village Hall. 	<p>The PC recorded its grateful thanks for this assistance. Clerk to respond to the CIO.</p>
<i>The Council adjourned for the following items:</i>		
2023/ 24/016	<p>Public Question Time: 10 minutes.</p>	<p>A member of public thanked the PC for all its hard work over the last year.</p> <p>Cllr Sutcliffe, who is standing down, stated that, having been a parish councillor for many years, he was grateful to work with such a great group of people over the years.</p> <p>Cllr Head thanked Cllr Wright, stating that he has done a great job as Chair.</p> <p>Cllr Wright expressed his sorrow that Cllrs Isaacs, Head and Sutcliffe are standing down, and that the PC will miss their input and experience.</p>

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	<i>The Council reconvened to conduct the following business:</i>	
2023/ 24/017	To note the date of the next meeting: Thursday 11 May 2023.	With the addition of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 7pm on the same date, this was noted, and the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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