

Minutes of the meeting of Broadhempston Parish Council
Monday 14 December 2023

Present: Cllrs Wright (Chair), Cunningham, Goddard, Miles, Stevens, White, Widger.

Also present: 1 member of public
 District Cllr Parker
 Cathy Aubertin (Clerk)

No	Subject	
2023/24/164	The Chair will open the meeting and receive apologies.	Cllr Wright opened the meeting at 7.30pm. Apologies were received from District Cllr Daws.
2023/24/165	To declare any interests at this meeting.	Cllr Widger declared an interest in the planning application, as it relates to land that he leases.
2023/24/166	To consider, amend as agreed by the Council and approve the minutes of the following meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 May 2023 (annual meeting) • 9 November 2023. 	<i>It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes.</i>
<i>The Council adjourned for the following items:</i>		
2023/24/167	<p>Public Question Time: 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>County Councillor Report</p> <p>District Councillor Report</p> <p>Parish Councillor Report</p>	<p>A member of the public thanked the Parish Council for this year's Christmas tree which, she added, looks amazing. The member of public also raised a concern about the number of potholes in the roads around the village. It was anticipated that this will be resolved with Road Warden volunteers undertaking minor pothole work so that potholes are dealt with at an earlier stage.</p> <p>District Cllr Parker reported that the owner of a couple of shops in Queen Street is helping the group campaigning against the proposed car parking measures. He advised that, although Teignbridge District Council (TDC) is not at imminent risk of a Section 114 notice, there is a need to generate £3.7m to balance the budget over the next three years, and that the council is preparing a strategy for the council going forward. He further advised that a consultant has been employed to resolve the planning issues.</p> <p>Cllr Goddard reported that the telephone in the telephone box has been repaired.</p> <p>Cllr White reported that he has contacted Andrew Marlton and will meet him soon regarding the fencing repair required at the small playing field.</p>

CHAIR

DATE.....

	Parish Lengths-man Report	The report from the Parish Lengths-man had been circulated to Councillors ahead of the meeting.
<i>The Council reconvened to conduct the following business:</i>		
2023/ 24/168	<p>To consider the following planning applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23/02131/CAN T1,T2 & T3 - Groups of dead/dying Ash showing significant signs of Ash Dieback (leaning on and over barn roof) - fell and remove to near ground level T4 - 2x Ash in close proximity to barn causing damage to rainwater goods and barn roof - fell and remove to near ground level T5 - 1x Ash - fell and remove to near ground level T6 - 2x dead Elms - fell and remove to near ground level T7 - 1x Apple large cavity hole and decay present on main stem - fell and remove to near ground level T8 - 1x Apple - Crown lift, thin, deadwood and crown reduce by approximately 1-2 meters to retain T9 - 1x Apple with multiple limb failures within canopy - fell and remove to near ground level T10 - Groups of Hazel - Crown lift where appropriate, or remove to restore access below T11 - 1x Apple with major structural damage and decay from main stem failing - fell and remove to near ground level T12 - 1x Apple - Crown lift, thin, 	<p>It was RESOLVED to support the application. Clerk to inform TDC.</p>

CHAIR

DATE.....

	<p>deadwood and crown reduce by approximately 1-1.5 meters to retain T13 &14 - Groups of dead/dying Ash indicating signs of Dieback and growing within the vicinity of barns and through livestock fences - fell and remove to near ground level Borough Farm Road From Stoop Cross To Small Park Lane Broadhempston Devon TQ9 6BD (teignbridge.gov.uk)</p>	
2023/24/169	To consider Devon County Council's Road Warden scheme following the email from Devon County Council (DCC).	<p>Councillors Wright, Miles and Goddard volunteered to become Road Wardens.</p> <p>In addition, Cllr Wright advised that a parishioner has also volunteered, and will provide the clerk with contact details. Once received, the clerk will pass names onto DCC so that training may be provided.</p>
2023/24/170	To consider the provision of Remembrance Day wreaths in the future.	Clerk to investigate more environmentally friendly ways of providing a wreath in the future.
2023/24/171	To consider Teignbridge District Council's Local Plan 2020-2040 Proposed Submission (Regulation 19) Addendum Consultation and Community Infrastructure Levy.	No further comments from the PC.
2023/24/172	To consider the future of the Village Fete.	<p>It was noted that people have resigned from the Village Fete committee, and that new people have not come forward. A report on the future of the Village Fete committee is awaited. It was felt that, should the committee fold, the PC should step in to assist.</p> <p>It was agreed that the offer to help should be made to the current chair.</p> <p>Cllr Wright to make contact.</p>
2023/24/173	To consider attendance at the next VHPFT CIO meeting on 6 February 2024 at 7pm.	<p>Cllr Stevens will attend the meeting.</p> <p>Clerk to advise the VHPFT.</p>

CHAIR

DATE.....

2023/ 24/174	Climate change emergency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider feedback from the working group. 	Members of the working group looked at the proposal to provide a local food map and agreed that a proper mapping system is required for this.
2023/ 24/175	Review of the following policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Civility and Respect Pledge Dignity at Work Policy. 	<i>It was RESOLVED to agree to the new policies. Clerk to implement and publish.</i>
2023/ 24/176	Open spaces update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small playing field Easterways play area Headlands Kings Close Field. Community Orchard. Allotments Car Park. 	<p>It was noted that the new insurance requires that weekly inspections of the play areas are required. All councillors were asked to inspect when in the area and report back to the clerk, who will record the inspections. Cllr Goddard and the clerk will continue with additional inspections.</p> <p>The play area has reopened now that it is insured. Clerk to ask that the CLT fill the potholes in the mound leading up to the slide.</p> <p>The grant application for the tennis court refurbishment sadly wasn't successful but other options are being considered. The clerk reported that work to install the defib cabinet will be carried out on Monday 18 December so the defib will be available from Tuesday 19.</p> <p>It was noted that another new padlock is required for the shed as current lock has seized. Cllr Cunningham will provide details of a more robust padlock to Cllr Wright, who will arrange to purchase.</p> <p>Cllrs Wright, White Stevens and Miles to clear the waste left by a previous allotment holder at plot 16 in January/ February. Clerk to let allotment holder know.</p>
2023/ 24/177	Finance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To agree payment of accounts. 	<i>It was RESOLVED that payments should be approved, and that the invoice received for a poppy wreath should also be paid. Clerk to make payments.</i>
2023/ 24/178	Clerk's report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of actions in previous minutes. 	<p>Digitising drainage maps – Cllr Sear.</p> <p>Plan of grass cutting and hedge maintenance – Cllr Wright.</p> <p>Work to resecure nails in the roof of the fort – Cllrs Wright and Cunningham.</p> <p>Consideration of OS maps or Parish On-Line – Cllr Wright and clerk.</p>

CHAIR

DATE.....

		<p>It was noted that the clerk has been given free access to the Parish On-Line mapping system and will report back on its suitability at January's meeting.</p> <p>Replacement fencing rail at small playing field – Cllr White.</p>
	<i>The Council adjourned for the following items:</i>	
2023/24/179	Public Question Time: 10 minutes.	
	<i>The Council reconvened to conduct the following business:</i>	
2023/24/180	To note the date of the next meeting: Thursday 11 January 2024.	Meeting closed at 8.50pm

CHAIR

DATE.....