

**Minutes of the meeting of Broadhempston Parish Council**  
**Monday 9 November 2023**

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

Also present: 9 members of public  
 District Cllr Parker (from 8.09pm)  
 Cathy Aubertin (Clerk)

No	Subject	
2023/24/148	The Chair will open the meeting and receive apologies.	Cllr Wright opened the meeting at 7.30pm. Apologies were received from Cllrs Cunningham, Goddard and Sear.
2023/24/149	To declare any interests at this meeting.	None.
2023/24/150	To consider, amend as agreed by the Council and approve the minutes of the following meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11 May 2023 (annual meeting)</li> <li>• 19 October 2023.</li> </ul>	<b><i>It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes for October. The minutes for May 2023 will be considered at the next meeting.</i></b>
<i>The Council adjourned for the following items:</i>		
2023/24/151	<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>County Councillor Report</u></p> <p><u>District Councillor Report</u></p> <p><u>Parish Councillor Report</u></p> <p><u>Parish Lengths-man Report</u></p>	<p>A member of the public reported that the Church is not in a great state of repair and that the roof has been leaking water into the tower, which means that the ringing of bells is not currently safe. The project to repair will be combined with another project to undertake major repairs to the bells but as this will be expensive, it is time to consider whether the village wants the Church to remain. The Beacon Parishes are keen that the Church is used as a community facility and will be undertaking fundraising for the cost of the repairs.</p> <p>It was suggested that maybe the PC could help with manpower as it is unable to help financially.</p> <p>It was noted that not all Churches are considered significant enough to be supported by Devon Historic Churches, Broadhempston being one of those.</p> <p>It was suggested that the PC's blackboards are used to highlight the concerns of the Beacon Parishes ask people if they want to see the Church being used as a community space, and to try to establish whether there is an appetite for a group of people to take on this challenge.</p> <p>Cllr Parker reported that Teignbridge District Council (TDC) had decided against proposal to build a cinema in Newton Abbot.</p> <p>It was suggested that, following any particularly bad weather, the PC should put a post on Shout Out Broadhempston to ask people to</p>

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		report any areas that have been impacted, to help with prioritising the work of the parish lengths-man.
	<i>The Council reconvened to conduct the following business:</i>	
2023/24/152	<p>To consider the following planning applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">23/01493/FUL   Outbuilding to provide stabling, office space, viewing room and staff rest room facilities and an all-weather turnout area   Laskey Bridge Stables Broadhempston Devon TQ9 6BN (teignbridge.gov.uk)</a></li> </ul>	<p>The applicant and other parishioners attended the meeting and were invited to speak to this item.</p> <p>A member of public stated that they have objected to the proposal because it does not include its own water supply. The applicant stated that he had requested a price from a contractor for the installation of a borehole and, in addition, there will be water harvesting.</p> <p>Another member of public asked a question about the treatment of foul sewerage and the applicant agreed to respond to that after discussing with Planning. He stated that he may install a further bio-digester.</p> <p>The member of public also queried the size of the building. The applicant responded that the size was required to keep stallions and mares separated. Currently, some brood mares are located in Cornwall to keep them away from the stallions.</p> <p>On hearing a concern about screening, the applicant stated that he would be happy to plant additional screening/ hedging.</p> <p>A query was raised about the colour of the roof and the applicant confirmed that it will be green.</p> <p>The applicant advised that he has an office in his house that is insufficient and that employees have nowhere to go during their rest periods, nor anywhere for clients and staff to get refreshments except for in this house and the proposal will allow for such facilities. It was proposed that the PC would be happy to support the application having received the above reassurances from the applicant.</p> <p><b><i>It was RESOLVED to approve the application.</i></b> <b>Clerk to advise TDC.</b></p>
2023/24/153	To consider Devon County Council's Road Warden scheme.	<b>Clerk to respond to the latest email from DCC and ask about practical training to carry out the work, including the filling of potholes.</b>
2023/24/154	To consider the draft letter to all parishioners in respect of the Village Square proposal.	<p>It was resolved to approve the letter with the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A change to the number of vehicles that can park on the square to eight.</li> <li>• For the letter to refer to displaced parking spaces rather than additional parking.</li> <li>• For the letter to make clear that the square could continue to be used as it is now, ie for parking but cleared for special events.</li> <li>• For a comments box to be added.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>It was RESOLVED that, with the above changes, the letter should be issued in the new year and that the development of the square will be pursued if there is a majority vote in favour of it.</i></b> <b>There is a need to ask the shop whether they are happy to have a box for the collection of responses.</b></p>

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		<b>Clerk to make amendments to the letter and arrange for it to be printed.</b>
2023/24/155	To consider providing a letter of support in respect of the application for bathing water designation for the river Dart.	<b>It was RESOLVED to support this request. Clerk to respond.</b>
2023/24/156	To complete the Affordable Housing Questionnaire from Teignbridge District Council.	The questionnaire was completed and submitted.
2023/24/157	Climate change emergency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedback from the working group.</li> </ul>	Minutes from the working group were provided to councillors ahead of this meeting. <b>To support the project to develop a local food map, there is a need for an interactive map, so Cllr Wright will investigate OS maps and the clerk will investigate the Parish Online facility.</b>
2023/24/158	Review of the following policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reserves</li> <li>• Management Risk Assessment.</li> </ul>	<b>It was RESOLVED to agree to the new policies. Clerk to implement and publish.</b>  <b>Cllr Wright will arrange for the clerk to have the Synology NAS for additional protection of documents.</b>
2023/24/159	Open spaces update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small playing field - improvements to play equipment.</li> <li>• Easterways play area</li> <li>• Headlands</li> <li>• Kings Close Field.</li> <li>• Community Orchard.</li> <li>• Allotments</li> <li>• Car Park.</li> </ul>	<b>Clerk to arrange for Andrew Marlton to meet with Cllr White at the play area so that a quote can be obtained for the replacement of a fending rail.</b> Cllr Wright confirmed that he has put up new play area signs.
2023/24/160	Finance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To consider the budget for 2023/ 24 following recommendations from the budget working group.</li> <li>• To agree payment of accounts.</li> </ul>	<b>It was RESOLVED to set the precept at £24,450, which represents a 12.5% increase in council tax contributions from parishioners.</b>  <b>It was RESOLVED that payments should be approved. Clerk to make payments.</b>

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2023/ 24/161	Clerk's report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To consider invitation from DCC to apply to host an EV charge point.</li> <li>Review of actions in previous minutes.</li> </ul>	<p><b><i>It was RESOLVED that the clerk should apply for the PC to host an EV charge point.</i></b></p> <p><b>Digitising drainage maps – Cllr Sear</b>  <b>Plan of grass cutting and hedge maintenance – Cllr Wright</b>  <b>Work to resecure nails in the roof of the fort – Cllrs Wright and Cunningham</b></p>
<i>The Council adjourned for the following items:</i>		
2023/ 24/162	Public Question Time: 10 minutes.	
<i>The Council reconvened to conduct the following business:</i>		
2023/ 24/163	To note the date of the next meeting: <b>Thursday 14 December 2023.</b>	Meeting closed at 9.00pm

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