

Minutes of the meeting of Broadhempston Parish Council
Thursday 11 April 2024

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

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

No	Subject	
2024/ 25/00 1	The Chair will open the meeting and receive apologies.	Cllr Wright opened the meeting at 7.30pm. Apologies were received from Cllrs Miles and Stevens.
2024/ 25/00 2	To declare any interests at this meeting.	
2024/ 25/00 3	To consider, amend as agreed by the Council and approve the minutes of the following meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 14 March 2024.	<i>It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes.</i>

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2024/ 25/00 5	To consider the annual parish meeting 2024.	It was agreed that local organisations would be invited to talk to parishioners about their facilities and services, and for parishioners to be asked what they would like to see the parish council focussing on in the future. Clerk to bring post-it notes for ideas. Invites to be made as follows: Village Hall and Playing Field Trust – clerk. Village Fete – Cllr Wright. Community Shop – Cllr White. Cllr White will purchase wine and juice from the Community Shop. Cllr Goddard will purchase snacks. <i>It was RESOLVED that the meeting will take place at 6.30pm on 9 May, followed by the annual parish council meeting at 7.30pm and the monthly parish council meeting will be held immediately afterwards.</i>
2024/ 25/00 6	To receive an update in respect of recruiting parishioners to join a village square project working group.	Unfortunately, no volunteers had come forward to join the working group. Cllr Wright will try to recruit some people he thinks may be interested. The clerk will contact another parishioner put forward by Cllr White. <i>It was RESOLVED that the first meeting of the working group will be held on Tuesday 23 April at 7.30pm.</i> Clerk to book the small meeting room.
2024/ 25/00 7	To consider spills from Broadhempston sewage treatment works and possible action to be taken by the PC, following a concerned post on Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/groups/240866204551077/	Cllr White advised that additional treatment plant has been installed. <i>It was RESOLVED that the clerk will write to SWW, with a copy to the Environment Agency and local MP, inviting them to attend a parish council meeting to explain what will be done to address this matter, and whether parishioners can do anything to help with the situation.</i>
2024/ 25/00 8	To consider invitation to join the Rural Village Services Group.	<i>It was RESOLVED to not accept this invitation.</i>
2024/ 25/00 9	Climate change emergency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider feedback from the working group 	Nothing to report at this stage. Cllr Wright will discuss possible meeting dates with working group members.

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2024/ 25/23 3	<p>Clerk's report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of actions in previous minutes. To consider whether to invite the Emergency Planning & Business Continuity Manager, TDC, to a future meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Display window at the community shop – Cllr Goddard. Cllrs Goddard and Miles to complete their road warden training and advise clerk when done so that pot-hole filling training can be arranged. Branches at allotments will be cleared by volunteer councillors. <p>Concern was raised by Cllr White about grass cutting and hedge maintenance in the village as the current contractor was waiting to be asked to quote for this work. The clerk advised that it is more complicated than anticipated due to the need to state the height that hedges should be maintained at.</p> <p>Cllr White will advise the current contractor to continue work.</p> <p>Clerk to look further into how the work may be tendered in future.</p> <p>Cllr Bamford volunteered to become a road warden so the clerk will contact DCC in respect of on-line training for him. Clerk to respond further to DCC email regarding potholes which are on roads which are also walkways.</p> <p><i>It was RESOLVED that the clerk should invite the officer to a future meeting.</i></p>
2023/ 24/23 4	Public Question Time: 10 minutes.	
2023/ 24/21 9	<p>To note the date of the next meetings:</p> <p>Thursday 9 May 2024 at 6.30pm for annual parish meeting;</p> <p>7.30pm for annual meeting of the parish council, immediately followed by the monthly</p>	This was noted and the meeting closed at 9.15pm

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