

Minutes of the meeting of Broadhempston Parish Council
Thursday 8 February 2024

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

Also present: 7 members of public
 District Cllr Parker (up to item 2023/24/203)
 Anne Marie Morris MP
 Cathy Aubertin (Clerk)

No	Subject	
2023/24/199	The Chair will open the meeting and receive apologies.	Cllr Wright opened the meeting at 7.30pm. Apologies were received from Cllr Cunningham and District Cllr Daws.
2023/24/200	To declare any interests at this meeting.	Cllr Widger declared an interest in the Laskey Stables planning application and Cllr Stevens declared an interest in the tree work at Broadhayes application.
2023/24/201	To consider, amend as agreed by the Council and approve the minutes of the following meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 January 2024. 	<i>It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes.</i>
<i>The Council adjourned for the following items:</i>		
2023/24/202	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>Peter Sheridan attended to talk to the Parish Council (PC) about the fete committee, where there have been several resignations. It seems the committee will be 'resting' this year. He suggested that maybe there shouldn't be an event at Headlands this year but perhaps a smaller event could be organised at the Village Hall. It was noted that the PTFA may be interested in running a fete to raise funds for the school.</p> <p>The Parish Council has expressed a willingness to get involved, if necessary, but it seems that it may be better coming under the umbrella of the PTFA, who are able to make decisions without a public meeting, giving three days' notice.</p> <p>Anne Marie Morris MP (AMM) asked how the community shop is doing. Cllr Wright responded that the shop seems to be doing well but struggling to recruit volunteers.</p> <p>AMM further asked about Broadband in the village. Cllr Wright advised that Airband have done an assessment of the village so he is hopeful that this will result in action. AMM was concerned that, as there is another scheme coming in in 2025, Broadhempston may get caught between the two, so she will check on the situation for the parish.</p> <p>AMM was advised that, in respect of flooding, although efforts were made to encourage people to come forward for flood relief measures, the response was minimal. It was noted that the parish lengths-man work has helped to keep flooding to a minimum. It was further noted that most parishioners are more impacted by the state of the roads than by flooding!</p>
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	<p>landscaping works, Internal reconfiguration and refurbishment, demolition of flat roofed water cistern structure, and adjacent WC, reconfiguration of window/door openings Sneydhurst Broadhempston Devon TQ9 6AX (teignbridge.gov.uk)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24/00071/CAN G1- x2 Silver Birch Trees - Crown reduce overall by removing approximately x2.50 metres from branch tips T1 - x1 Acer - Crown reduce overall by removing approximately x1.0 metre from branch tips Croquet Cottage Road From Post Office To Stoop Cross Broadhempston Devon TQ9 6BQ (teignbridge.gov.uk) • 24/00076/HOU Part conversion of stables to form annexe accommodation Hazelnut Barn Broadhempston Devon TQ9 6BT (teignbridge.gov.uk) • 24/00133/CAN T1 Ash . Pollard to appx 4 metres . Leave as Monolith . Broadhayes Road Past Greenhaven Houndhead Broadhempston Devon TQ9 6AZ (teignbridge.gov.uk) • 24/00114/FUL Barn and all-weather turnout area Laskey Bridge Stables Broadhempston 	<p><i>It was RESOLVED to support this application.</i> Clerk to advise TDC.</p> <p><i>It was RESOLVED to support this application.</i> Clerk to advise TDC.</p> <p><i>It was RESOLVED to support this application.</i> Clerk to advise TDC.</p> <p>A member of public raised a concern about the shared water supply, which originally supplied only one property and two troughs. The supply has extended to supply six properties, with only the original being invoiced for it. The applicant advised that no further pressure will be placed on the water supply, and that all extensions to date are above ground so leaks are seen immediately. He further stated that water use will not increase but will simply be displaced to another part of the site.</p> <p>Another member of public asked that the PC ask that the building is screened and that the screening is a condition of the planning</p>
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	Devon TQ9 6BN (teignbridge.gov.uk)	permission if granted. She requested that the PC ask that TDC enforce this condition. The applicant reassured the member of public that he will erect screening within two weeks of the work being completed to protect against light pollution. Having heard all points of view, the PC RESOLVED to support the application on the understanding that screening is made a condition of the permission. Clerk to advise TDC.
2023/24/204	To consider the clerk's report in respect of the proposal for the Parish Council to become a Registered Provider of Housing.	Report was circulated to councillors ahead of the meeting. It was RESOLVED that the PC should not become a Registered Provider of Housing at this time.
2023/24/205	To consider the cost of emptying the litter bin at the small playing field.	It was RESOLVED that the PC will monitor the situation and look at alternative providers of this service. Clerk to advise TDC.
2023/24/206	To consider whether to arrange a celebration for D-Day 80 on 6 June 2024.	Cllr White offered to light a beacon on his land and this offer was gratefully accepted by the PC. Cllr White to light the beacon on 6 June 2024.
2023/24/207	To consider attendance at the meeting between Teignbridge District Council and town and parish councils on 12 March 2024.	It was RESOLVED that Cllr Wright and the clerk should attend the meeting. Clerk to advise TDC.
2023/24/208	To consider the design of the new website with Parish On-Line.	A colour theme was agreed. Clerk to advise Parish On-Line.
2023/24/209	To consider an update in respect of this year's fete.	This item was discussed during the Public Question Time. It was noted that the PTFA has the support of the parish council and councillors are willing to help.
2023/24/210	To consider the cost of chipping branches in the allotment following hedge work.	It was noted that the estimated cost of hiring a chipper is £300-350. The councillor working party will carry out additional work to reduce or eliminate the wood that needs to be chipped.
2023/24/211	To consider asking to have a display window at the community shop when recruiting for a new councillor.	Cllr Goddard will ask the shop if it would be possible to make use of the display window at the appropriate time.
2023/24/212	To consider how to comply with the biodiversity duty.	It was noted that Cllr Stevens has the expertise to advise the clerk in respect of a biodiversity policy. Clerk and Cllr Stevens to draft a policy for consideration by the PC.
2023/24/213	Climate change emergency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider feedback from the working group. 	It was noted that a meeting is due to be held next week to start plotting suppliers on a map.
2023/24/214	Review of the following policy:	It was RESOLVED to agree to the new policies.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish Grants Policy. Granting Honorary Freedom of the Parish Policy. 	Clerk to implement and publish.
2023/24/215	<p>Open spaces update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small playing field Easterways play area Headlands Kings Close Field. Community Orchard. Allotments Car Park. 	<p>Cllr White advised that a meeting is due to take place shortly. The defib signs that the clerk has received will be mounted at Headlands by Cllr White.</p> <p>The clerk has contacted Teign Housing regarding the recent issue with the alarm and will chase for response.</p> <p>Following the resignation of Cllr Sear, it was RESOLVED that Cllr Stevens will become a member of the allotment working party.</p>
2023/24/216	<p>Finance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To agree payment of accounts. 	It was RESOLVED that payments should be approved. Clerk to make payments.
2023/24/217	<p>Clerk's report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of actions in previous minutes. Clerk on annual leave w/c 19 February 2024. 	<p>Work to resecure nails in the roof of the fort – Cllrs Wright and Cunningham.</p> <p>Replacement fencing rail at small playing field – Cllr White (awaiting quote).</p>
<i>The Council adjourned for the following items:</i>		
2023/24/218	Public Question Time: 10 minutes.	
<i>The Council reconvened to conduct the following business:</i>		
2023/24/219	To note the date of the next meeting: Thursday 14 March 2024	This was noted and the meeting closed at 9.00pm

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