

Minutes of the Meeting of Broadhempston Parish Council
Thursday 9 May 2024

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

Also present: District Cllr Parker
6 members of public
Cathy Aubertin (Clerk)

No	Subject	
2024/25/019	The Chair will open the meeting and receive apologies.	Cllr Wright opened the meeting at 7.40pm. Apologies were received from Cllr Cunningham, District Cllr Daws and County Cllr Parker-Khan.
2024/25/020	To declare any interests at this meeting.	None.
2024/25/021	Approval to consider, amend as agreed by the Council, and approve the minutes of the following meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 April 2024. 	<i>It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes.</i>
2024/25/022	<p><u>Public question time:</u> a period of 10 minutes will be allowed for members of the public to ask questions or make comments regarding the work of the Council or other items that affect Broadhempston.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Councillor report. • County Councillor report 	<p>Cllr Jo Rice introduced herself – she is a councillor from Kingskerswell, where the Parish Council is keen to develop a relationship with Broadhempston PC. It had been reported previously that Cllr Wright had attended a KPC meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Parker advised that traders and the residents' association at Queen Street in Newton Abbot have written a letter to request that the development scheme be stopped. He further advised that the A382 will be closing shortly for four months.</p> <p>It was noted that the Planning Department's ability to deal with applications has improved in the last few months and that government targets are now being met.</p> <p>Teignbridge District Council's (TDC's) accounts are currently being audited, and it has been found that TDC have problems with their accounts and the behaviour of members and officers.</p> <p>An email report had been received from County Cllr Sarah Parker-Khan ahead of the meeting which stated: 'Just a brief update- there will be a full council meeting on 23rd May so more information to follow...</p> <p>A meeting was held on 29 April to ratify the next stage of Devon receiving more Devolution powers (in conjunction with Torbay). The vote was carried, and the application will be made to Central Government to unlock additional powers and funding for Devon. If anyone is interested, the minutes of the meeting can be found here: Minutes Template (devon.gov.uk)'</p> <p>Cllr Goddard reported in her role as Village Hall trustee:</p>

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2024/ 25/026	To consider signage to the car park.	All councillors were requested to have a look at the area and come back to the next meeting with suggestions of where signs could be placed, how they should be mounted and how they should look. Clerk to add to June's agenda.
2024/ 25/027	To consider the response from Devon County Council (DCC) in respect of chapter 8 and pothole repair training.	It was agreed that the likely attendees for Chapter 8 training will be Cllrs Wright, Goddard and Bamford. Clerk to clarify dates and update those councillors.
2024/ 25/028	To consider the provision of a community skip.	It was noted that, although several quotes had been requested, only one had been received, and that a skip can only be provided on a Saturday morning. It was RESOLVED that the clerk should arrange for a 12 square yard skip to be provided on Saturday 6 July. People using the service will be asked to provide proof of address and it will be necessary for councillors and/ or clerk to be present to ensure that all items placed in the skip are acceptable.
2024/ 25/029	To receive an update from the Village Square Project Working Group.	It was noted that the group is awaiting response from Teign Housing in respect of the purchase of the pavement and it is hoped that a director from Teign Housing will meet members of the project group on site. There is a need to address this hurdle before much more can happen. The group includes two volunteers from the community and the potential to recruit more via the school WhatsApp group. Clerk to provide appropriate wording to be distributed in the WhatsApp group.
2024/ 25/030	To consider the road closure in Landscope which will impact on Broadhempston in July and August 2024.	Following concerns raised by two residents in Landscope, it was resolved that the Parish Council should support those concerns and as DCC to consider whether there is another way around the problem. It was further noted that scaffolding to be taken down as a matter of urgency once no longer required. It was RESOLVED that the clerk should write to DCC to express the PC's grave concerns, note that it understands both sides but that everything needs to be done to ensure inconvenience is limited, and whether they have considered alternative routes. The clerk should also highlight that the PC was not alerted to this by DCC but by residents in Landscope, despite the impact the diversion will have on Broadhempston. It was further noted that the map is deceiving because it may be thought, from a desktop exercise, that the route isn't busy, but it is so the clerk will request that a site visit is carried out, and request information about the impact on the bus service. Furthermore, the clerk will liaise with Landscope PC in respect of their response to the proposal.
2024/ 25/031	Climate change emergency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider feedback from the working group. 	Cllr Wright advised that a provisional meeting date of 23 May has been set.

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2024/ 25/032	<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>It was noted that the required repairs to the basketball base are the responsibility of the school. Clerk to contact school. Cllr White will arrange repairs to the rocking rocket.</p> <p>It was agreed that the large logs should be monitored so that they can be removed if/ when they become a risk.</p> <p>Cllr White reported that there is a problem with dog waste at Headlands, making the football pitch unsafe for children. If this continues, the committee may resolve to ban dogs from the area. He further advised that funding for the tennis court refurbishment is ongoing.</p> <p>Cllr Wright reported that the mower is now working and that a working party is needed to tackle the weeds.</p> <p>Clerk is awaiting a response from a previous councillor in respect of proof of ownership of the car park. In the meantime, Cllr Wright will check with Land Registry.</p>
2024/ 25/033	<p>Finance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider the internal audit report. • To agree payment of accounts. 	<p>It was RESOLVED that the internal report be accepted by the PC. Clerk to advise external auditor.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that payments should be approved. Clerk to make payments.</p>
2024/ 25/034	<p>Clerk's report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of actions in previous minutes. • Clerk on leave 20-24 May 2024. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display window at the community shop – Cllr Goddard. • Cllr Miles to complete the road warden training and advise clerk when done. • Branches at allotments will be cleared by volunteer councillors. • Cllr White to look at re-erecting the toddler swing with Andrew Marlton. • Cllr Bamford to talk to Buckfastleigh PC about how they funded their new play area – in progress. • A small working party is required to clear the drains around the perimeter of the tarmac area in the play area. Cllr White will organise on WhatsApp.
2024/ 25/035	Public question time.	No further questions.
2024/ 25/065	To note the date of the next meeting: Thursday 13 June 2024.	This was noted and the meeting closed at 8.59pm.

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