

Minutes of the Meeting of Broadhempston Parish Council
Thursday 14 November 2024

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

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

No	Subject	
2024/25/109	The Chair will open the meeting and receive apologies.	Cllr Wright opened the meeting at 7.33pm. Apologies were received from Cllr Bamford.
2024/25/110	To declare any interests at this meeting.	None declared.
2024/25/111	Approval to consider, amend as agreed by the Council, and approve the minutes of the following meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 October 2024. 	<i>It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes.</i>
2024/25/112	<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 • Parish Councillor reports 	<p>In respect of Kingston House, where noise caused concern for some parishioners in the summer, District Cllr Parker advised that he has talked to the manager about the concerns. He further advised that the manager is content to attend a future PC meeting if required but he assured District Cllr Parker that he complies with his licence and moves activities indoors in advance of the restriction in place. District Cllr Parker informed the council that he has become a totally independent councillor. He has been working with other rural councillors to get minibuses funded by the Rural Connectivity Fund so now is on the lookout for volunteer drivers. District Cllr Parker reminded councillors that Teignbridge District Council (TDC) is consulting with residents in respect of the provision of public toilets across the district. TDC is also considering the future of Forde House.</p> <p>A parishioner has contacted Cllr Goddard about hedges not being cut in the village. These have since been dealt with.</p> <p>Broadhempston Relief in Need charity met this week and Cllr White reported that food and Christmas items will be distributed to</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish Lengths-man work. 	<p>residents in the village, and that further funds are available for anyone in need.</p> <p>Cllr Goddard reported that the Broadhempston Community Land Trust (CLT) met this week in respect of allocating plots for self-build homes. There are now two candidates who have applied, one local and one who lives in Teignbridge, as the net has now been cast further to include to all Teignbridge residents.</p> <p>Cllr Goddard reported that she attended the Village Hall and Playing Field Trust (VHPFT) meeting on Tuesday where concerns were raised about whether the fete committee will arrange a fete for next year.</p> <p>Cllr Wright has advised the fete committee that the PC will help as and when required.</p> <p>Clerk to add to this item to the agenda for December 2024.</p> <p>Cllr White advised that new goal posts will be installed at Headlands. The CIO has been left a legacy of approximately £38,000 and £12,000 has been allocated towards the cost of refurbishing the tennis courts.</p> <p>Cllr White has done some work although not strictly in our parish. He has also checked other problem areas in the village, but no further work required currently.</p>
2024/25/113	<p>Wendy Bloomer and Anna Lunk, from Sustainable Staverton, attended the meeting to talk to councillors about how the group has progressed, the current situation, and to answer questions from councillors.</p>	<p>Information was previously circulated to councillors, which forms part of these minutes.</p> <p>Sustainable Staverton has found that taking small steps helps to get people involved, such as planting wildflowers at village entrances. WB and AL provided a copy of the 'Gardening for Wildlife' booklet, which could be easily adapted for Broadhempston.</p> <p>Sustainable Staverton is happy to work in collaboration with the Parish Council.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that future steps for Broadhempston will be considered at the next meeting.</p>
2024/25/114	<p>To consider the following planning applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24/01668/CAN T1 Field Maple - Crown lift on western aspect T2 Witch Hazel - Fell to ground level. Houndhead Cottage Road Past Greenhaven Houndhead Broadhempston Devon TQ9 6AZ (teignbridge.gov.uk) 24/01641/LBC Removal of the concrete render on the west side elevation, re-point, and 	<p>The PC RESOLVED to support the application. Clerk to advise TDC.</p> <p>The PC RESOLVED to support the application. Clerk to advise TDC.</p>

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	<p>replace with lime render Ashwood Cottage Broadhempston Devon TQ9 6BD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24/01724/CAN T1 Poplar. Remove, T3 Cornus sp. Reduce to previous pollard points. (approx 50% reduction), T4. Acacia sp. Reduce limbs over neighbours house by approx 2.5m, T6. Tulip Reduce limbs over neighbours house by approx 2.5m, T7. Cockspur Thorn. Reduce limbs over neighbours house by approx 2.5m, T8. Leyland cypress. Remove, T10. Elm. Remove. Greys Road From Stoop Cross To Small Park Lane Broadhempston Devon TQ9 6AX 	<p>The PC RESOLVED to support the application. Clerk to advise TDC.</p>
2024/25/115	To consider responding to Teignbridge District Council's consultation on the future of public toilet provision.	<p>The PC RESOLVED to respond to the consultation to say that it disagrees with any public toilet closures in the district and the public toilets are considered an absolute necessity. Further, that any closures would be considered appalling. Clerk to advise TDC.</p>
2024/25/116	To consider putting together a Community Resources Register in collaboration with other organisations in the village.	<p>In respect of the draft document circulated to councillors, it was RESOLVED that the question about attending meetings should be removed and that examples of emergencies should be included, such as the village being cut off, snow, flooding or other extreme weather events. Clerk to contact the shop, school, village hall, Church, and Headlands in the new year and put a call out on Facebook for volunteers.</p>
2024/25/117	To consider responding to the government's consultation in respect of enabling remote attendance and proxy voting at local authority meetings.	<p>Councillors considered the consultation and RESOLVED to respond to support the option of enabling remote attendance for councillors, although this would not become the norm. Clerk to respond.</p>
2024/25/118	To consider concerns raised about the cancellation of Airband in the parish.	<p>The PC expressed its disappointed about this and agreed that there is certainly a demand for this work to be undertaken. However, it is anticipated that another contractor will be appointed to take on this work.</p>

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2024/ 25/119	To receive an update in respect of the submission of a planning application for additional parking bays in Kings Close Field, and the progression of the Village Square Project.	The architect has produced the draft plans and application. It was noted that the application should include information about the council's overall aim to have a proper village square. Clerk to share the plans with councillors and the working group.
2024/ 25/120	Climate change emergency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider the proposal for the clerk to work from the Village Hall on the morning of on 27 November (Fuel Poverty Awareness Day) to be available for energy and carbon cutting advice. 	It was RESOLVED that the clerk should work from the village hall on the morning of 27 November.
2024/ 25/121	Open spaces update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small playing field To receive an update about the small broken rocker. To consider alternative contractors to repair the rocket rocker and toddler swing. To consider gate fixings to keep off-lead dogs out and additional signage regarding a fixed penalty for taking a dog into the area. To consider replacing the missing fence under the gate. To consider the quote for a replacement glider for the zip wire.	Cllr White will mount the rocker a new spring. Cllr Stevens has looked at the rocket rocker and is concerned about rust beneath it. Cllr Stevens and Wright will have another look at the rocker and obtain quotes for covering the rocker with steel. Cllr Wright advised that District Cllr Parker may be able to give some grant funding towards this. The PTFA has approached Cllr Wright to suggest that it researches new play equipment, grant funding for the same, and work with the PC in looking at replacing the play equipment. It was agreed that the PC would certainly be willing to work with the PTFA in this respect. A working group will be established in the future for this purpose. A spring is required on the gate to ensure that it closes after each use. Cllr White will source the right type of spring for this. It was RESOLVED that this could be purchased up to a maximum price of £200. Clerk to research additional signage in respect of the penalty for allowing dogs into the area. It would be possible to add a piece of wood to the bottom of the gate to make the gap smaller. Cllrs Wright and Stevens will complete this work.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easterways play area. • Headlands. • Kings Close Field. • Community Orchard. • Allotments To receive an update in respect of the replacement gate post. To consider an updated allotment agreement to be implemented on 1 March 2025. To consider either refunding part of an allotment deposit or offer to pay for items to help a new allotment holder get an allotment cleared for two plots. • Car Park. 	<p><i>It was RESOLVED the purchase of a replacement glider should go on hold until a meeting has been held with the PTFA in respect of replacement play equipment.</i></p> <p>Cllr White reported that the lights have been sorted out.</p> <p>It was felt that there needs to be a drive to recruit younger people to the working group.</p> <p><i>It was RESOLVED that the quote received for a replacement gate post should be accepted. Clerk to arrange for the work to be carried out.</i></p> <p><i>It was RESOLVED that the updated agreement should be used in March 2025.</i></p> <p><i>It was RESOLVED that allotment deposits should be offered to new plot tenants for the purchase of, for example, weed control membrane to prepare the plots for use. If any money is left it will be returned.</i></p>
2024/25/122	<p>Finance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To agree payment of accounts. • To consider the recommendations from the finance working group in respect of setting the budget for 2025/ 26. 	<p><i>It was RESOLVED that payments should be approved. Clerk to make payments.</i></p> <p><i>It was RESOLVED that the budget should be considered in December's meeting. It was further RESOLVED that, bearing in mind that there are several issues to be considered in respect of the budget, an extraordinary meeting be pencilled in on 30 January 2025 to consider budget in case it is not resolved in December or January's meetings.</i></p>
2024/25/123	<p>Clerk's report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of actions in previous minutes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Wright will put the Jubilee tree sign on a taller post. • Car park signage – Cllr Stevens has found a product that will increase the height of the signs at a cost of approximately £82. Cllr Stevens to advise clerk if any clips etc are required. It was RESOLVED that Cllr Stevens should provide the information to the clerk so that this can be purchased. • It was noted that Cllr White has ordered a Christmas tree. A date for erecting the tree will be agreed but it was noted that it

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider attendance at the Citizens Advice Teignbridge on-line social policy event on 15 November, 2-4pm. 	<p>would be good to get it up early in December so that parishioners can enjoy it.</p> <p>Unfortunately, no-one is available to attend.</p>
2024/25/124	<u>Public question time.</u>	
2024/25/125	To note the date of the next meeting: Thursday 12 December 2024.	This was noted and the meeting closed at 9.43pm.

Briefing note from Sustainable Staverton

SUSTAINABLE STAVERTON

Working across the parish to increase biodiversity and lower our carbon footprint

Sustainable Staverton began as a Parish Council Working Group in 2019 when Staverton PC declared a climate change emergency. We began with four groups:

- Energy
- Food and Farming
- Biodiversity
- Transport

ENERGY

- With a grant from the PC, we purchased a thermal imaging camera to identify heat loss areas in our homes.
- Hosted talks from energy experts
- Also, with a grant from PC, we trained Helen Thompson (from South Dartmoor Community Energy) as a retrofit advisor. She will visit people in their own homes and advise them on measures they can take to conserve energy and keep their homes warmer.

BIODIVERSITY Now merged with Food and Farming

This group has been particularly active and has:

- Distributed *Gardening for Wildlife* booklets to every home in the parish.
- Created *Pledge for Nature* – mapping parishioners' actions - ponds; nest boxes; insect hotels; no mow gardens, wildflowers, tree planting and much more - see parish website. <http://www.stavertondevon-pc.org>
- Held Open Garden Days; showcasing gardening for wildlife
- Planted wildflowers around the village signs and on the ridge at Staverton Playing Field.

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Initiated the proposed cycle/walking route from Dartington to Buckfastleigh. Phase 1 just needs building!

WHERE WE ARE NOW

Having got off to a great start, we are now short of members, so finding it very difficult to pursue projects. We are actively recruiting and hope to turn things around soon.

We reach out to the community with a stall at our monthly breakfast markets and write a monthly article in the Parish News. We also put news items into our monthly email to parishioners.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Sustainable South Hams: <https://www.sussh.org/>

Contact Jane Nichols: jane@sussh.org

Sustainable South Brent is a particularly active group and would, I'm sure, be able to offer advice: ssb.org.uk

South Dartmoor Community Energy are able to deliver talks on a variety of topics. Their latest offer is a guide to buying Solar.

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