

BROADHEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Broadhembury Parish Council following A.G.M. on Monday 18th May 2015 at 7.15p.m. on Monday 18th May at Colliton Barton.

Present: Councillors, B. Nelson (Chairman, Mrs. E. Bradshaw, P. Chowles, V. Game, Mrs. S. Howgill, A. McArdle, L. Roberts, Mrs. K. Rowan, P.C. Phil Anning, K. Granger (Clerk) 3 members of the public & the public correspondent.

Agenda

1. Apologies: Cllr. P. Diviani (D.C.).

2. Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the last meeting signed correct.

3. Matters Arising: (Dealt with elsewhere)

4, Public Discussion, Reports D.C., E.D.D.C., & Police:

Public Discussion: None

Police: P.C. Anning reported there had been 12 crimes in the year 2014/15, 6 at Broadhembury and 6 at Dulford, a small increase of 1, and went on to say the Police are still offering their ' Stop A Thief' alarms' free of charge.

5. Correspondence: Cllr. Nelson reported on a letter from the P.C.C. asking if we could help with repairs to the Church/Village clock but on this occasion it was decided unfortunately we could not as Cllr. Diviani's small locality budget had received further cuts.

The Chairman also received a letter in support of the work Mr. Paul Raine had put in acquiring funds to build the new village hall which Councillors totally endorsed. (the view expressed by the C.I.O. trustees)

Cllr. Nelson had written to Mid Devon District Council expressing grave concern on this Parish's behalf over the proposed new build of 2,500 homes on the A.373 and this had been acknowledged.

6. Planning Report: Cllr. Bradshaw reported 3 applications since the last meeting, at Broadhembury Barton, Navaah Barn and Kerswell Fm, all we supported, also a C.3 application at Egremont Cross.

7. Report Community Centre C.I.O.: In Cllr. Jones absence Cllr. Bradshaw reported the new build to be on schedule with anticipated completion at the end of July, the official opening to be either the 19th or 26th September 2015. Cllr. Bradshaw also said she had opened a 100 club to raise funds with members giving £12 per year and having monthly draws. Cllr. Nelson proposed we hand over £4,500 from our reserve account with immediate effect and consider a further £1000 in September, for operational rather than capital costs this was seconded by Cllr. Game and carried unanimously, Richard Cluet (public) thanked Cllrs. for their continued support and Cllr. Bradshaw reported for general running use the hall would be called Broadhembury Memorial Hall.

8. Report Cllrs.: Cllr. McArdle reported on the super-fast broadband installation outside the new hall helping parts of the parish but thought at this time Kerswell's signal may not be improved very much if at all. Cllr. Game reported the completion of flood relief work from Wilderness Lane to and around Luton also that an amount of money had been put aside by

Highways for work from Grange Cross up towards the Hall, and outside main entrance of Grange, again for flood prevention. Cllr. Howgill reported on the work undertaken at the top of Stafford Hill of widening gateways and drainage, the Clerk had spoken with highways who did not have a problem with the work but would monitor the situation, the Clerk had also informed District. Cllr. Roberts said he had been approached by the resident of Hanger who intends re-instating the footpath/bridal way above the farmhouse which had run into disrepair. Cllrs. confirmed that the proposal seemed sensible.

9. E.D.D.C. Local Plan and report from N.P.S.G.: The Local Plan shows villages such as ours will lose their development boundaries but those, like us, who are producing a Neighbourhood

Plan can show on that Plan where we would like to build to make our communities 'sustainable'. Cllr. Nelson reported Mr. D. Allen (Grange Estate) had been in touch suggesting he and his proposed builder meet with the Parish Council when convenient to discuss affordable housing design etc.. The Chairman had sought advice from E.D.D.C. and in the light of this Cllrs agreed this meeting should take place.

The Chairman went on to say the N.P.S.G. had submitted their Aims, & Objectives etc. to District who had responded and the next Steering Group meeting was planned for Monday 8th June at 2p.m. The Clerk had obtained another grant of £5,625 for completion of the Plan and Cllrs. were happy for the Chairman to sign the contract with Stuart Todd Ltd., our consultants, proposed by Cllr. Rowan seconded by Cllr. Bradshaw.

10 R.F.O. Annual Report and Account: The Clerk produced the balanced accounts for the year and said it had been quite a challenging year due to the parish undertaking flood relief work at Luton and at the same time acquiring funds for producing a Neighbourhood Plan, the accounts balanced to the nearest penny and had been passed by our internal auditor, were still 5 or 6 receipts to come in and Cllr. Bradshaw proposed and Cllr. Game seconded that the Chair had authority to sign off the Governance Statement when he was satisfied. Cllrs. thanked the Clerk/ (R.F.O.) for work put in over the past year and passed an unanimous vote of confidence.

11. Budget 2015/16: The budget produced showed our precept would not cover our expenses this year, especially as we promised to hand over £1000 to the new hall for early running expenses, however we do have a small reserve to cover such an eventuality.

12. Play Area Report: Cllr. McArdle reported we were still looking for a Cllr. to oversee the running of Broadhembury Playground and Cllr. Paul Chowles offered his services which was gratefully received. It was confirmed that Cllr. Jones would continue as our officer for the Kerswell play area.

13. Millennium Garden: Cllr. Game said he was extremely grateful for the help received and he would be arranging another working day there shortly.

14. Parishes Together Fund 2015/16: Cllrs. Howgill and Bradshaw asked the Clerk to contact a neighbouring parish to take further the suggestion of employing someone to cut the Grass on Open Spaces/Village Greens/Church yards etc. and report back.

15. A.O.B.: None