

A Public Meeting of Broadhembury Parish Council was held Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016 7.30p.m. displaying the plans for the extension to the Memorial Hall car park.

Present: Cllrs. Nelson (Chair), Bradshaw, Chowles, Game, Howgill, McArdle, K. Granger (Clerk) and approx.. 16 members of the public.

The Chairman opened the meeting thanking everyone for coming and said that he wanted to set the extension to the car park in a proper historical context. After the WW1 there was strong public opinion that there should be some relevant memorial to those who had lost their lives. Memorial halls, cricket pavilions and pitches and in towns hospitals were all built with donations from local people. In Broadhembury 12 men had lost their lives and one of these had been a member of the Gundry family. It was therefore poignant but generous of the family to donate land for the original Memorial Hall and help to set up the original trust to manage it. Sadly with 20 years the same generation was at war again and at the end of that conflict a further 5 names had been added to the memorial.

Later, some 30 years ago the family sold a small piece of land to the PC to accommodate 12-15 cars under certain conditions, last month the family gifted a further parcel of land to enable the car park to be enlarged so that it reflected the capacity and use of the new Hall. Throughout the last 100 years the Gundry family had consistently provided land to the Parish Council for community use and they were to be thanked for this long term commitment to the Parish.

Cllr. Nelson said the Parish Council would now seek planning permission for 'Change of Use' for this land and it was probable the perimeter would be a Devon bank/hedge with native trees, however, as the area in question is now considered 'open countryside' the application would not be straight forward and we have had a pre-submission meeting with the planners to discuss the best way forward.

The Chairman said the scrub area to the back of the hall would be cleared as soon as possible and when completed the car park would be for Hall, Church and Community functions approved by the PC only. There would never be any buildings on the land. He said in response to questions that the car park capacity would reflect the capacity of the Hall, that the site would be screened and that the PC would consider the representations made by neighbours for additional features. The Trustees of the CIO were to be congratulated for their speedy and creative response to shield the exterior lights.

Cllr. Bradshaw said notelets were available on the table for those wishing to make comments on the plans.

When the public had left a private session of the Parish Council was held, proposed by Cllr. Howgill and seconded by Cllr. McArdle to discuss a confidential commercial matter. A decision was deferred to allow more time for consideration although in principle the proposal was approved.

The Chairman also sought ratification of approval by the sub-committee for monies to be spent on a planning application and ecological study amounting to approximately £600 plus VAT. Cllr. McArdle proposed and Cllr. Game seconded the spend.

The Chairman sought approval to offer to construct a fence between PC land and Manleys (Cllr. Chowles left at this point). After discussion it was felt on balance that although the spend would be questioned by some as inappropriate use of public monies it was thought that the PC should seek to behave in a way consistent with how it expected other neighbours to behave and offer to organise the construction of the fence and cover 50% of the net cost. Cllr. Nelson would write to Manleys (Cllr. Chowles) to this effect with the price estimates obtained.

The meeting closed at 8.58p.m.