

BROADHEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Broadhembury Parish Council on Tuesday 17th January 2017 7.30p.m. at the Memorial Hall

Present: Cllrs. B. Nelson (Chairman), Mrs. E. Bradshaw, (Deputy chair) P. Chowles, V. Game, Mrs. S. Howgill, Mrs. V. Jones, A. Mc Ardle. L. Roberts, K. Rowan, K. Granger (Clerk) and approx. 10 members of the public

Agenda

1. Apologies: The Police, EDDC & DCC.

2. Minutes of the last meeting: were signed correct subject to one amendment. This amendment will be recorded as an addendum to the minutes.

3. Matters Arising: (not dealt with elsewhere)

The Clerk reported on a letter from M. Drewe Esq. saying dogs were now allowed in the field above the children's playground also approval for a dog waste bin to be installed as discussed at previous PC meetings.

The Chairman informed all that the restrictions on the Hall Licence had been removed allowing windows and doors to be opened when required.

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

Public Discussion: None (*deferred to item 8*)

EDDC: None

DCC.: None

Police: In the absence of the police the Clerk reported on an email saying there had been 6 crimes since the September meeting, 2 common assaults, 2 criminal damage, 1 theft of a motor vehicle and 1 drink drive.

5. Correspondence: (not dealt with elsewhere)

The Chairman reported on a letter sent to the Hall Trustees and the Parochial Church Council regarding the conditions on the Hall car park use i.e. for Hall and Church use only, any other community event requires permission from the Parish Council. Cllr. Nelson also said a letter had been sent as agreed at the private meeting concerning a commercial decision.

6. Planning report: Cllr. Mrs. Bradshaw reported 3 applications since the last meeting, Lane End Farm, Dukes cottage and the Drewe Arms all of which we supported.

7. Culm Valley village development: Cllr. Rowan reported on Mid Devon's Local Plan for 3000 new homes around the Culm Valley, its probable effect on the A.373 and also saying there will be a planning exhibition in the Cullompton Town Hall on Monday 30th January from 12noon to 3p.m. Cllr. Rowan said Kentisbeare Parish Council will hold a meeting on January 25th at 8p.m. to try and clarify what is being proposed. Notice can be found.

(<http://www.kentisbeare.net/news/109/77/Confused-about-the-difference-between-Local-Plan-and-Garden-Village-Proposals>). Further information can be found on

<http://www.raceculmvalley>. Cllr. Mrs. Rowan to prepare a draft letter of objection.

8. Dulford water run-off: The Chairman invited residents to speak over this recent issue of flooding and also Tom Downe manager of the fish ponds behind the hamlet. Julia Noble

spoke saying this last December the flooding was worse than on other occasions in the past and asked the Council if they could investigate alongside Mr. Downe as to whether there was a particular reason for this and if so if something could be done to alleviate the situation. Mr Downe was in agreement with this and Cllr. Game and Mr Keith Bone would look into the flow of water and its courses and report back. Cllr. Nelson thanked the residents and Mr Downe for working together on this.

9. Neighbourhood Plan progress: Cllr. Nelson said the Chapter giving concern had been revised and our draft plan would soon go to public consultation, the Chairman also thanked Mary Keegan for all her help on the Steering Group over the last 2/3 years.

10. Report Kerswell flooding: The Consultants working on a plan to put before residents now suggest after further investigation the leaky dam idea to hold the rush of water back may not be the only solution, further plans are being investigated and they are being asked to report back.

11. Parish Precept: With cut backs from County and District and the parish taking on much more work themselves Councillors reluctantly increased the precept by 3% per year. During the discussion it was agreed that the PC had been very successful in obtaining grants but these did not cover continuing expenditure and they relied heavily on volunteer commitment to prepare applications, submit reports and track expenditure. Proposed by Cllr. Game and seconded by Cllr. Jones.

12. Broadhembury Charities, appoint Trustees: Cllr. Nelson proposed Mr. Robert Persey whom he understood was willing to stand and Mrs. Edwina Bradshaw, both seconded by Cllr. Roberts.

13. PTF 16/17; Churchyard and other grass cutting/weed control: The Clerk reported on the fund and its conditions, it was decided to allocate £450 for Church yard maintenance,(subject to sight of the annual cost) £100 for grass cutting /play area and £50 maintenance of millennium garden /grass triangle.

14. Planning application for Hall car park: The Chairman said our application had gone before EDDC for 'Change of Use'. He said that wherever possible points made at the public meeting or by neighbours had been incorporated. Cllr. Nelson said the estimated cost of the work was approximately £20,000 and grants were being sought to cover this. This had to be added to legal, application and specialist report fees of a further £4000, which had been covered by grants. He added that he was grateful to Steve Eastland Design Ltd. who had carried out the design and technical work at no charge so this was not included in the likely total project cost of £24000.

15. Broadband bid process: Cllr. McArdle said phase 2 was now in progress over Devon & Somerset which includes our parish in the Blackdown Hills and would expect our connection to be considerably better in general. Cllr. McArdle went on to say our web -site was proving very popular and also that we now have approx.. 116 E-mail subscribers. The Chairman thanked Cllr. McArdle for his IT support.

16 A.O.B. (For information only) Cllr. Game and Mr Keith Bone had been to St. Andrews Wood to investigate the flow of water there. Cllr. Bradshaw reported on the maintenance of our 2 defibrillators.

Cllr. Chowles tendered his resignation with immediate effect. He said that he had not appreciated the amount of commitment required from Councillors, and his professional work commitments prevented him from giving the commitment required. The Chairman thanked him for his work as a Councillor, especially on the Playground Cttee. and hoped to see him as an informed member of the public at future meetings.

The meeting closed at 8.51p.m.