

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BROADHEMPSTON PARISH COUNCIL
THURSDAY 12 MARCH 2020 AT BROADHEMPSTON VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs Dowson (Chair), Goddard, Head, Isaacs, Sutcliffe and Widger
 County Cllr Barker

Apologies: Cllrs Hughes and Wright
 District Cllr Daws

Also present: Rachel Avery (Clerk)
 3 members of the Public

No	Subject	Comments
1	The Chair will open the meeting and receive and approve any apologies.	Cllr Dowson opened the meeting at 19.30. It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the apologies of Cllrs Hughes and Wright.
2	To declare any interests arising at this meeting.	
	<i>The Council will adjourn for the following items:</i>	
3	<p><u>Public Question Time:</u> A period of 15 minutes will be allowed for members of the public to ask questions or make comment regarding the work of the Council or other items that affect Broadhempston.</p> <p><u>County and District Councillors' Reports</u></p>	<p>It was NOTED that there are lots of potholes in the village, but there is a backlog due to the bad weather. Concerns were raised that potholes are not filled but are removed from the reporting website.</p> <p>It was NOTED that the shop is willing to help with delivering groceries etc if people are required to self-isolate during the Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p>It was NOTED that the applicant for the planning application was in attendance and advised that the proposed windows look more modern than she wanted, but TDC's conservation officer had requested this to make it look more like a barn.</p> <p>County Cllr Barker reported on the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Budget – this year's spending will be increased by 7.8%, with 3.9% ringfenced for social care. An additional £1m has been ringfenced for drainage, with a further £1m found, so £2m in total. DCC currently has access to a jetter one week a month, which will be increased to two a month. More work will be focussed on resurfacing and ensuring that hedgerows are cleared, with additional communication with landowners. The capital budget will purchase an additional three dragon vehicles for pothole repairs. A further £26m will go to social care and £8.5m to child services (not including education). Due to changes in the SEND scheme, the school fund must cover this and is hugely underfunded. This budget alone will see an overspend of £21m, with its usual allocation being £3m. Unless central government help to fund this, there will be a £45m overspend by March 2021. DCC cannot spend general resource fund on this, meaning there is a negative reserve. - Trees – DCC are talking to landowners about ash trees. There are approximately 445,000 ash trees that could come down onto a highway, and DCC is offering free replacement trees. - Coronavirus – the DCC website is very comprehensive. There is revised advice due out soon. Village shops are essential and could take phone orders for delivery.
	<i>The Council will convene to conduct the following business:</i>	
4	Approval to consider, amend as agreed by the Council and approve the minutes of the following:	

	18 March 2020	It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes.
5	To consider the following planning applications: 20/00188/FUL and 20/00189/LBC Replacement of existing C20 windows and doors with painted timber slim profile double glazing windows and doors (The Barn at Radfords, Broadhempston)	<p>Cllr Isaacs expressed concerns that the conservation officer wished to ensure that the building looked agricultural, although it looks residential in nature. She would prefer to see like-for like replacement windows. It was RESOLVED that these comments would be submitted to TDC. It was also AGREED that the clerk would request for this application to planning committee.</p> <p>Cllr Sutcliffe reported that the application at Beaston had been turned down, but the application had stated that it would be appealed. It was NOTED that there are ongoing issues with class Q applications; an application in Woodland is going to be appealed, which the parish council may need to be aware of.</p>
6	Finance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To agree accounts for payment 	<p>It was RESOLVED to APPROVE accounts for payment.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the £6000 shop loan, which would be paid.</p>
7	Small Playing Field.	It was NOTED that the fort would be repaired soon.
8	Headlands.	<p>Work has commenced on the refurbishment of the pavilion and work behind it is ongoing. The weather has been poor, but the lower entrance will be improved soon. There is a new dog waste bin, which TDC are emptying as it is being used so frequently.</p> <p>The committee is open to suggestions of how to make the space more usable.</p>
9	Kings Close Field.	It was NOTED that there has been a slight improvement in the bins being brought in, and the issue would be closely monitored.
10	To discuss arrangements for Honorary Freeman of the Parish honours.	It was NOTED that the use of the cockerling stone may not be appropriate. Action: Agenda item for April.
11	Climate Action.	<p>It was NOTED that Cllr Head had circulated a carbon footprint calculator.</p> <p>It was NOTED that Cllr Sutcliffe would attend the climate fair at South Brent.</p> <p>Cllr Sutcliffe PROPOSED that the village hall CIO be contacted regarding the installation of electric car charging points. Action: Clerk to contact CIO.</p> <p>It was NOTED that there may be grants available, which would be detailed on PinPoint Devon.</p>
12	Community Orchard Update.	It was NOTED that the new gate had been installed and wood for the new shelter is being purchased.
13	Logo update.	Cllr Goddard reported that she had requested the changes to the logo and further information should be available for the next meeting.
14	Website update.	It was NOTED that the clerk would be meeting with a website provider to discuss website requirements.
15	<p>Coronavirus update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government directive - Volunteering services to support community - To consider the need for a contingency plan if there is an impact on council services and meetings 	<p>It was NOTED that the clerk had added links to the Devon County Council pages regarding Coronavirus.</p> <p>It was NOTED that the clerk had created a leaflet inviting individuals to register for deliveries. Councillors would deliver them to houses.</p> <p>The clerk had circulated the contingency plan and it was RESOLVED to APPROVE the policy.</p> <p>Cllr Dowson PROPOSED that the clerk be given delegated authority to cancel meetings if required. This was SECONDED by Cllr Sutcliffe and APPROVED.</p>

16	To consider events to commemorate VE Day.	It was suggested that pubs, the school and PCC be contact regarding their plans. Action: Cllr Dowson to speak to landlords and clerk to contact school, PCC and village hall CIO.
17	To receive an update on monthly councillor drop in sessions.	Cllrs Dowson and Goddard reported that the event was quite well attended but requires better advertising. It was AGREED that the next session would take place on Saturday 4 April with Cllrs Isaacs and Goddard at 11.30 in the shop. The following suggestions had been made at the drop-in session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Village square should be regenerated and not used for parking, making it more of a feature - Street name signs - More transport to local towns, especially in the evenings. It was NOTED that these items would be considered further. Action: Agenda item for April.
18	Allotments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water supply • Update 	It was NOTED that Cllr Wright would advise the clerk on the items to purchase. There was nothing further to report.
19	Councillors Reports: to hear reports from Councillors on highways or other matters where action can be authorised by the Council without prior notice through the next Agenda.	Cllr Sutcliffe reported that a drain at Blacker Lane has been cleared and is now virtually passable and in much better condition with the historic clapper bridge now safe. DCC hope to return in the summer to undertake additional surfacing.
20	Clerks report.	It was NOTED that due to the clerk's resignation, a personnel meeting would take place on Monday 23 March at 12.00.
21	To note any correspondence received.	There was no further correspondence.
22	To note the date of the next meeting: Thursday 09 April 2020.	This was NOTED. The meeting was closed at 21.10.