

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BROADHEMPSTON PARISH COUNCIL
THURSDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2021

Present: Cllrs Dowson (Chair), Goddard, Head, Sutcliffe, Widger, Wright.

Apologies: Cllrs Hughes, Isaacs.

Also present: County Cllr Barker
 District Cllr Dawes
 1 member of the public
 Cathy Aubertin (Clerk)

No	Subject	Comments
1	The Chairman will open the Meeting and receive apologies.	Cllr Dowson opened the meeting at 7.15pm.
2	To declare any interests arising at this meeting.	Item 13 – Parish Paths partnership funding - Cllr Sutcliffe declared an interest due to one of the footpaths running through his land.
3	Approval to consider, amend as agreed by the Council and approve the minutes of the following meeting: 14 January 2020.	Cllr Goddard PROPOSED that the minutes of 14 January 2021 be APPROVED. This was SECONDED by Cllr Wright and AGREED.
<i>The Council will adjourn for the following items:</i>		
4	<p><u>Public Question Time:</u> A period of 5 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 Stokeinteignhead, which do not form part of the agenda.</p> <p><u>District Councillor Report</u></p> <p><u>County Councillor Report</u></p> <p><u>Parish Councillor Reports</u></p>	<p>District Councillor Dawes reported that TDC had been giving consideration to next year's budget.</p> <p>In addition, consideration is being given to the use of buildings in town centres, as Covid-19 will have changed shopping habits for many people.</p> <p>The judicial review in respect of the NA3 allocation in Abbotskerswell was held in January and TDC await the result.</p> <p>Cllr Dowson asked if TDC has funding available for electric vehicle charging points. Cllr Dawes will investigate and report back.</p> <p>County Cllr Barker reported that DCC has also been giving consideration to next year's budgets. A 4.9% increase in Council Tax will be implemented in 2021/ 22, with 3% of that ringfenced for adult social care.</p> <p>For anyone who was in the Gigaclear area for broadband, there is a new contract with Airband and a check on the Airband website will confirm who is affected.</p> <p>Cllr Goddard reported a concern with an area of pavement lifting outside the park, because of tree roots. All will keep a watching eye on this.</p> <p>Cllr Sutcliffe suggested that Councillors may wish to keep the noticeboard updated, to save the time and cost of the clerk travelling to the village for this.</p> <p>Cllr Goddard agreed to update the notice board as required.</p> <p>Cllr Sutcliffe noted that the sewerage alarm at Kings Close Field was going off again recently. The sound has been disabled but the lights were flashing.</p>

		<p>Cllr Sutcliffe reported that the road from Pit to Waytown Cross was disintegrating.</p> <p>Cllr Dowson reported that the Littlehempston road is also breaking up.</p> <p>County Cllr Barker will check if these areas are on the list of roads where maintenance work is scheduled.</p>
<p><i>The Council will convene to conduct the following business:</i></p>		
5	<p>To consider the following planning applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21/000106/HOU Hemsley, road past Greenhaven, Houndhead, Broadhempston, TQ9 6AZ Proposed front extension Planning application details - Teignbridge District Council 21/00258/CAN Clouds, Houndhead, Broadhempston, TQ9 6AZ Crown reduce three field maples by up to 3m Planning application details - Teignbridge District Council 	<p>No objections, although Councillors wished to recommend that work be completed to Passivhaus standard and that rainwater harvesting be considered..</p> <p>Clerk to inform TDC.</p> <p>No objections.</p> <p>Clerk to inform TDC.</p>
6	<p>Finance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To agree accounts for payment. Update on bank account transfer. 	<p>Cllr Sutcliffe PROPOSED that the monthly accounts for payment be APPROVED. This was SECONDED by Cllr Goddard and AGREED.</p> <p>Clerk to arrange payments agreed.</p> <p>Cllrs Head and Sutcliffe visited Lloyds bank to finalise the transfer and closure of the business savings account. £20,000 was immediately transferred to the Unity savings account, with the remainder due in the next few days.</p>
7	<p>Coronavirus update.</p>	<p>County Cllr Barker reported that, by Monday, all over 70s who have come forward will have received their vaccine, and all care homes in Devon have been visited by vaccinators.</p>
8	<p>Climate change emergency – subcommittee feedback.</p>	<p>All Councillors present agreed that the information produced by Cllr Hughes should be submitted for the next edition of the Parish News.</p> <p>Clerk to forward Cllr Hughes’ email.</p> <p>Cllr Sutcliffe requested that the PC have a future discussion about tree planting, possibly on private land, and particularly the Giant Sequoia tree, which will absorb the equivalent of one person’s carbon in its life. He also requested that consideration be given to planting trees each time a new baby is born in the parish.</p> <p>Clerk to include suggestion in Parish News update from the PC</p> <p>County Cllr Barker advised that DCC has provided funding to allow the Wildlife Trust to give free trees to landowners.</p> <p>DCC is concerned that there are approximately two million ash trees located adjacent to highways, bridleways, and footpaths, all of which may be impacted by ash die back. The County is undertaking a massive programme to replant trees that will need to be felled because of ash die back.</p>
9	<p>Consider road warden scheme.</p>	<p>Councillors anticipate that more work will fall to the PC from DCC, but concern was raised that it would likely be the same volunteers all the time, so would like</p>

		<p>to see funding to support a contractor undertaking such tasks. It was noted that neighbouring PCs are paying contractors to undertake work such as buddle hole clearing and grid clearing.</p> <p>Clerk to contact clerk at Ashprington PC to ask more about arrangements in place there.</p> <p>In addition, clerk to include in Parish News update and ask if there are any volunteers to become Road Wardens in the parish.</p>
10	Consider allotment fees.	<p>Following consideration of the matter, including the cost of water provided to allotment holders, Cllr Wright PROPOSED that allotment fees for next financial year be increased to £25 for a whole plot and £12.50 for part of a plot. This was SECONDED by Cllr Goddard and AGREED.</p>
11	<p>Open spaces update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small playing field: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update re tree surgery - Agree works to be carried out on the memorial bench. • Headlands. • Kings Close Field. • Community Orchard: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Risk assessment of entrance. • Allotments. 	<p>Work completed.</p> <p>Work to the memorial bench has been completed and it was noted that a fantastic job had been carried out by John Read. John Read will also carry out repairs to the fort in the play area.</p> <p>It was also noted that invoices from Simon Birkbeck are outstanding. Cllr Sutcliffe will chase these.</p> <p>It was noted that the area is heavily used currently.</p> <p>It was noted that the Headlands Committee has applied for funding towards the cost of installing solar panels on the roof from County Cllr Barker's locality fund and hoping to receive half of the cost of £5k. County Cllr Barker confirmed that funding of £2.5k had been agreed.</p> <p>It was noted that the CIO, which is responsible for both Headlands and the Village Hall, currently has only five trustees, which makes the commitment onerous and the PC may be able to help to recruit new trustees. Cllr Dowson will discuss this, and the remaining cost of solar panels, with Roger Acton.</p> <p>No update on the sewerage issue.</p> <p>Cllr Wright reported that woodchip has been added to the path near the allotments, and that the large ash tree which was on neighbouring land has been felled.</p> <p>He also reported that there had been a rethink about how to deal with the entrance to the orchard and it had been decided to reduce the gradient of the entrance before putting wood chip down. This option was also cheaper.</p> <p>There are plans to erect a small willow den and raspberry canes have been planted.</p> <p>There is a need to have a shed in the orchard for tools. County Cllr Barker suggested applying for a 'Making Connection' grant and will find out when an application should be submitted.</p> <p>It was noted that the orchard has been well used over the last 12 months, with the shelter proving immensely popular. A second shelter would certainly be welcomed but would require fundraising.</p> <p>The hedge is currently being laid and should be completed by spring.</p> <p>It was noted that signs are needed on the gates and near the stile to remind people to keep dogs on leads in the allotment area.</p> <p>Clerk to obtain costs from SJB or look for generic signs to purchase.</p>
12	Clerks Report:	None outstanding.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of actions in previous minutes. 	It was noted that the clerk is on annual leave for week-commencing 15 February 2021.
13	<p>To note any correspondence received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email regarding caravan parked in PC-owned car park. Parish paths partnership finance. Lighting up a community building. 	<p>Councillors agreed that allowing the caravan to continue parking could set a precedent. However, considering the circumstances of the owner, will give six weeks' notice for the caravan to be removed.</p> <p>Clerk to respond to parishioner.</p> <p>Clerk to request £500 for maintenance to gates and stiles.</p> <p>Clerk to forward information to the Church.</p>
18	Public Question Time: 10 minutes.	<p>Correspondence in respect of flooding was considered. Clerk to circulate information to all Councillors.</p> <p>County Councillor Barker to investigate the matter and discuss with the DCC officer who had initiated the correspondence.</p> <p>A member of the public noted that B-Wild were also keen to plant trees and were in touch with Devon Wildlife Trust in this respect. The group are encouraging owners of existing orchards to manage them more effectively and, where feasible, plant additional trees..</p>
19	To note the date of the next meeting: Thursday 11 March 2021.	This was NOTED. The meeting was closed at 9.24pm.