

# Broadwell Parish Council

## Draft Minutes for The Annual Parish Assembly Meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**Present:** Cllr Tony Leonard (TL) (Chairman) -- Cllr Neil (WN) – Cllr Ashton (EA) – Cllr Brindley (NB) – Cllr Thorley (GT)

**Attendees:** Ex - District Councillor J Beale - Debbie Braiden - Clerk - with 6 Members of public

The Chairman started the meeting at 19:05

Reference	Details
210505/1	<b>Welcome from the Chairman</b> – Cllr Leonard opened the meeting by thanking everyone for joining the virtual meeting. He thanked Julian for attending as our outgoing District Councillor and invited him to speak.
210505/2	<b>Apologies</b> – Cllr Burtonwood sent in her apologies which was accepted & <b>approved</b> by the other members.
210505/3	<b>Minutes from the previous annual meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019</b> – The minutes were <b>approved</b> by TL & seconded by WN; it was noted there was no meeting held in 2020 due to Covid.
210505/4	<b>County Councillor and District Councillor reports</b> – No report was received from Lynden Stowe, the County Councillor.  As there was currently no elected District Councillor for this meeting, Julian Beale, kindly agreed in a private capacity, to review items from the following year, while he was serving as our District Councillor. Julian confirmed that in his opinion there were a few outstanding items from his term in office. <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Flood relief</b> – Following on from an on site meeting a few weeks ago, which showed some real progress, we were still awaiting clarification for the costs of the flood plan for both sides of the road coming down the hill into Broadwell. It was felt this was the most important matter for the village. TL agreed to chase Mr King at CDC.</li><li><b>Wheat Close &amp; parking</b> – Ownership details and cost for works still require further conversations with all of Bromford, GCC &amp; CDC. Julian will pass on contact details for Bromford to the clerk for her to continue with the project.</li><li><b>Collapsed Forge, The Smithy</b> - Julian’s successor will be required to follow through for this case. The clerk will also make contact with CDC for an update. It was noted a surveyor has been on site in order to make a report for the owners. Julian suggested CDC conservation would be concerned at any proposal to demolish the barn and replace it with a new building.</li><li><b>Fires</b>, farmland on the North side of Church Road – WN confirmed that the second site was being investigated by CDC planning enforcement. Julian confirmed that the use of land for the main site was permissible but advised the PC to pursue the burning of harmful materials with the Environmental Department at CDC.</li></ol> Julian completed his report by thanking the Chairman and all at the Council for their time and assistance during his term of acting District Councillor, also wishing everyone a good year ahead. He confirmed he was quite happy to be consulted for past items should we require his assistance and he bid his farewells. Everyone returned their

Approved and signed by the Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

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	<p>appreciation to Julian, for all of his great work, time and effort acting on behalf of the village.</p>
210505/5	<p><b>Chairman's report</b> – The chairman confirmed it has been a tough year for all throughout the country during Covid and last year proved to him how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful village as Broadwell. He was mindful that others had not been so fortunate. He continued to say that we have available such a great natural environment and last year we were able to share it with many others who may not have had outside amenities such as Broadwell. It will be interesting to see if we have visitors returning to the village during this coming year.</p> <p>He was pleased to see how strong our community had been over the last year and the introduction of the 'Buddy Scheme', led by Cllr Burtonwood. This was set up to assist locals in need and was a great success, even though the demand for it in Broadwell was fortunately not great, which again indicated we were looking after each other.</p> <p>The village stayed in touch throughout the year with the assistance of Colin's emails, for which a big thank you goes to Colin, for his time and keeping us all informed as much as possible. Cllr Leonard asked if any of the residents have any ideas on how we can make further improvements in the future: please do let us know through any of the contact channels or approach a councillor direct. We are always open to suggestions for the benefit of the village and its residents.</p> <p>Cllr Leonard reminded us that in the past year we have lost some members of our village that will be sadly missed like Tim Hill, Tim Heritage, Philip and others, so we would like to reflect and remember them.</p> <p>In terms of the PC, he stated there has been a lot of changes. The PC try to be as sympathetic as possible and want to be both cost effective and enable change for the benefit of the village and its residents. We try very hard not to increase the precept especially following years like last year which has had a profound effect on the economy.</p> <p>We would also like to encourage people to feel empowered to act and the PC are willing to support local projects, so please do get in touch with your ideas to enhance the village.</p> <p>The new clerk is assisting the PC to be more transparent and I am pleased to announce our new website will go live very soon and will provide further information.</p> <p>I would like to welcome and thank Nigel for joining as a member during the year. I would like to highlight that we do have a seat available should you or someone you know would like to join us. Please contact the clerk for details.</p> <p>We are reminded that meetings will soon return to physical meetings at the Village Hall and everyone will be welcome.</p> <p>Cllr Leonard thanked all the members for their continuous support and hard work throughout this past year. We have many items still to achieve as highlighted by Julian</p>

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	<p>above, with the replacement of the swings being a particular priority as summer approaches and with Cllr Thorley doing a great job leading on issues with speeding and highways. We need to monitor the tree pruning with GCC hopefully by receiving advance notice.</p> <p>He closed his report by thanking Julian again, it is an end of an era and we will surely see him around.</p>
210505/6	<p><b>FETE –</b>  Dilys Neill (Chair) kindly spoke to update the village with plans for the Broadwell and Donnington Fete 2021. The committee made up of 12 to 13 people are a lovely, enthusiastic bunch and they have already met 2 to 3 times. It has already been decided that Donnington will be managing the refreshments for the events. The committee have decided to hold two separate events and not the traditional fete that would have been held on the 12<sup>th</sup> June this year, due to current circumstances. Once the lockdown finishes on the 21<sup>st</sup> June, we thought it would be nice to get everyone together and hold a social village event on the first Saturday in July. Negotiations took place with Ed at the pub, to organise a hog roast or BBQ at around 4 p.m. followed hopefully by a duck race. It will be primarily intended to be a get together event for the village, rather than for fund-raising.</p> <p>The actual fete has been postponed for this year and we are organising something completely different. There will be a <b>harvest fair</b> on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October later in the year, so it will be held without normal events like the dog show but with more produce competitions like a giant marrow competition. Ed is hoping to have some fireworks at the pub on this evening too, rather than November. Ana volunteered to assist with either or both events and Dilys would like everyone to volunteer to help make both events a success. The Chairman thanked Dilys for her contribution and update re the fete.</p>
210505/7	<p><b>Public Session –</b>  Anna wanted to progress issues at Wheat Close regarding any new street lighting for the car park and exposure since the trees have been removed and the trade waste left on site in the car park. The clerk will forward contact details for her to contact Bromford Housing.</p> <p>Ana requested a recap as to works on the horse chestnut tree as to whether more work will be done. The clerk will contact the tree officer at CDC. Julian thought that they had done the expected works.</p> <p>Margrit asked if anyone had noticed the state of repair on the roof of both bus shelters? The Chairman confirmed he had already taken a mental note in passing and agreed with her. The PC will follow up with obtaining some quotes.</p> <p>Cllr Ashton confirmed the two Broadwell charities are not anticipating taking an active role this year, but would encourage anyone to call on them if assistance was required.</p>

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	<p>Anna asked if the verges on Kennel Lane would potentially be made into parking. The Chairman confirmed it was a moveable subject with different ideas and ongoing issues for ownership and budgets. He confirmed there is some erosion in the verges and probably some works would be appropriate to consider in Kennel Lane.</p>
210505/8	<p><b>Closing statement</b> – The Chairman thanked everyone for joining and looked forward to another good year ahead acting together. The last year has been surreal but hopefully the Parish Council has always been approachable.</p> <p>For us it is the first of a sequence of meetings tonight and you are all welcome to stay for the PC Annual meeting and please feel free to drop out of the meeting at any point. Julian left the meeting as the Chairman closed the meeting.</p>
210505/9	<p>With there being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:12 hrs</p>