

BROOME PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman – Cllr Nick Norton

Clerk – Mrs Bev Drew

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Broome Parish Council held on Wednesday 27th May, 2020 at 7:30pm via ZOOM

1. Welcome:- The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies:- District Councillor Lisa Jones and Ian Hardiman.

Those present were:- Cllr Nick Norton(Chairman), Cllr. Don Billington (Vice-chairman), Cllr. Mark Billingham, Cllr Sherida Breeden,Cllr Michael Clark and Cllr. Warren Edwards.

Also, present were Mrs.Bev Drew (Clerk), Mr Marcus Hart (County/District Councillor), David Pheysey, Diana Pheysey, and a member of the public.

3. Minutes of the Meeting Held on 15th May, 2019:- These were agreed as a true and accurate record and signed with no amendments.

4. Chairman's Annual Report:- The Chairman presented his report;

Overview

Most of the year remained very much the same in Broome Parish and it was business as usual. The last quarter however saw us having to deal with things that could not have been foreseen with the worldwide spread of Covid-19 pandemic. I trust that you and your loved ones have remained well and continue to be safe as this unrolls.

Membership of the PC

I am sorry to report that we are still one down from full strength and are still trying to co-opt someone into the position which is proving to be very difficult.

Administration

Marcus Hart our Clerk stepped down at the end of this year and DB and myself had the pleasure of interviewing and appointing Beverley Drew to take over as our new clerk who comes with vast experience as she is the clerk to other local parish councils. I wish her well in her new role at Broome PC and look forward to working with her for the rest of the year.

The PC agreed a modest increase in the precept of around 4% which is much lower than the two previous year but reflects the budgetary planning that took place the previous years to be able to keep our increases lower going forward.

The smart water roll out is now complete thanks to the efforts of council

members but in particular the efforts of Estelle from West Mercia Police who made use of legislation changes to be able to roll it out via post due to the Covid-19 lockdown. It only remains for us to inform her were we wish to have the signs placed to announce that the parish is now protected by a smart water scheme.

Cheque signatories remain at three who are DB, MB and WE.

Litter Bins and Litter Picking.

Bill Waldron on litter is working very well. At first there was a considerable amount of litter around the parish but now Bill has got on top of it, it is more manageable, and I must say the parish looks so much better for it. Thank you, Bill. Fly tipping continues to be an issue in Broome and other local parishes.

Lengthsman

Bill Waldron continues to do a smashing job as our Lengthsman, and I enjoy our chats on the local gossip as well as getting the job done. We have a few projects that Bill, and I have been working on that are still not resolved but I hope between the two of us this can be achieved in the next year.

Planning

Applications have increased this year and the parish commented on 20 applications as against 11 the previous year.

Hackman gate development continues to make good progress and I believe the first house completed being the show home as now sold.

The path on the left by the new wall as you enter the village has now been finished. The following members of the Parish Council, MB, SB, MC and NN attended some planning training and while it was useful I still think we need to take more advantage of training offered as some applications can be very involved. The new portal for planning applications is now live but I am personally still learning how to find my way round it.

Parish support

The PC continues to support both the Church Yard and the Village Hall by granting the Church yard £250 and the Village hall the same.

General

Warren Edwards continues to be our footpaths officer and while he did look to step down from this role due to other commitments, he as continued with help from MB looking over the footpaths nearer his home and reporting back to, WE.

Discussions continue with MR Palethorpe reference cleaning out the brook his side of the A450 and a Meeting was held on site to discuss this, but no firm solution has been found to date. The meeting did raise another issue reference trees in Broome lane that are at risk of coming down into the lane and this was being looked into as to who was responsible for these trees but no feed back has come back to Broome PC as yet from WFC.

Acknowledgements

I would like to thank Marcus on behalf of all council members for his dedication as our Clerk over the years and for helping me in my role as Chairman. We send him and his family all our wishes for the future.

I thank Don for all his support over the past 12 months as Vice Chairman.

Thank you for both the attendance and support given by the District and County Councilors to the PC in keeping us informed and with financial grants towards our smart water project.

Thank you to the local Police force for their time and reports, keeping us informed of issues local to us and in the surrounding areas. To Estelle for helping us reach our Target numbers for the Smart Water roll out.

Finally, to all PC members thank you for your continued assistance and input over the past year.

5. Broome United Charities - Update and annual report read by Mrs. Diana Pheysey:-

The last trustee meeting was held on 20th November, 2019, where all 3 trustees were present, Diana Pheysey, Nicola Speakman and Canon Sue.

Gifts were distributed by the Trustees on 21st December to 13 recipients. The gifts consist of food hampers and smaller Christmas hampers.

The income for the year ending 28.02.19 was, £157.99 (Interest), and £1.40 (Deposit Interest), totalling £159.39.

The expenditure was £163.10 and there was an excess of expenditure over income of £3.71. The balance sheet is £191.53 as at 28th February, 2020.

BD advised that Diana Pheysey's appointment as trustee expires 31st May 2020 and Nicola Speakman on 30th September 2020. Diana Pheysey confirmed that both are happy to continue as trustees. It was unanimously agreed to re-appoint both trustees.

A copy of the income and expenditure, balance sheet and annual report had been circulated to BD to be placed with the minutes.

6. To receive a report from the PC representative on the Chaddesley Education Foundation by David Pheysey:-

During the financial year, the Charity provided grants to Chaddesley Corbett Endowed Primary School amounting to £37,000 and individual bursaries totalling £7,500 to 15 qualifying individuals under the age of 25. In the main, these bursaries were to university/college students.

A board of trustees comprising of eleven members during the year meet at least every two months to administer the Charity.

There has been one bursary given to someone in Broome in the last year.

7. Tree Warden:-

The position of tree warden will remain vacant.

Public Questions:-

Mr Dominic Russell has just moved to a property in Thicknall Lane, just on the edge of the Parish and is looking for any historical information anyone may have on the property.

Meeting closed at 7:55pm.

Signed.....(Chairman)

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