

BROOME PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman – Cllr Nick Norton

Clerk – Mrs Bev Drew

Minutes of the Meeting of Broome Parish Council Held on Wednesday 7th September 2022, 7:30pm, Broome Village Hall

Present:-

Cllr Nick Norton (NN) (Chairman)
Cllr Don Billington (DB) (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Sherida Breedon (SB)

Also, present were Mrs Bev Drew (Clerk), County and District Cllr Marcus Hart, Parish Lengthsman Mr Bill Waldron (BW).

1. Apologies:-

Apologies received from Cllrs. A Allen, M Billingham and W Edwards due to holiday and Cllr. G Brown due to work commitments, it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council approve the reasons for absence. Apologies also received from West Mercia Police and District Councillors Ian Hardiman & Lisa Jones.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:-

DB and SB in village hall as member of the village hall committee.

3. Public Question Time:-

A parishioner enquired about signage for people leaving Broome House to look right as most do not do this and there is often a car or cyclists travelling at speed down the lane. There was discussion on what signage could be installed to improve the situation. NN will speak to Broome House requesting a sign to look right, MH will look at a 30mph roundel sign on road and also a No Through Road sign for Redhill Farm Lane.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting 4th May 2022:-

These were agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

5. Police Report:-

Report previously circulated;

Burglary – Hackman’s Gate. Police Ref 00429_I_23072022 - Between the 18th and the 23rd of July entry was gained to a property via side door. Person/s unknown have conducted a messy and extensive search of the entire property. It is still unknown what has been taken at this time as the occupants were away on holiday.

We will also be attending the next Broome coffee morning in October and will probably make it a police surgery when we attend if any locals would like to pop in and see us

The three Policing Priorities were agreed, with priority as Speeding then retain Burglaries (and any suspicious behaviour), and increased police patrols in rural parish of Broome.

Clerk advised of Police Community Safety Charter – Agreed BD sign up on behalf of Broome Parish Council.

6. District Councillor's Report - District Councillor Ian Hardiman reported;

Report had been circulated,

Local Issues

We have been dealing with the usual routine casework, reporting litter and fly tipping on the main A roads and along the country lanes.

Without tempting fate, all appears to have gone quiet regarding the equestrian issues that some local residents had concerns regarding on land now owned by Mr and Mrs Lampard.

District Issues

As a result of the Local Plan being approved by a majority of councillors on WFDC on 26th April, planning applications on what was greenbelt land but has now been removed from the greenbelt are flooding in, thick and fast, including a field in Blakedown adjacent to the train station.

Pauline Hayward passed away several weeks ago, funeral today.

7. County Councillors Report:-

Broome Issues

Egg Lane flooding issues are ongoing and long standing. This appears to have gone quiet but I am determined to tackle them.

I have received confirmation that the pavement on the B4188 from Knoll Hill in the direction of Hackmans Gate is on the list to be resurfaced and is scheduled for this financial year.

I have tackled all drainage issues reported to me on the A450. If there are still outstanding issues please let me know.

The WCC directional highways sign at Hackmans Gate pointing towards Belbroughton that was knocked down (presumably by a large vehicle) has now been replaced with a new one. The WCC traffic light knocked down on the A450 at the same junction has also been replaced. I have no knowledge of the facts of how the incidents occurred, whether they were speed related in any way or whether simply driver error. I have asked the police for details and await their reply.

Wyre Forest Issues

The planning application for a quarry at land at Lea Castle Wolverley was refused by the WCC planning committee at its meeting back on 24 th May and indeed I spoke against this application.

The planning application in Blakedown for an 89 space car park has now been submitted. This is certainly dividing public opinion. The application has yet to be determined.

Strategic Issues County Wide

The County Council has been heavily involved in the response to the Coronavirus pandemic working with our other statutory partners. Worcestershire has a fantastic website Here2Help which is a community action response to Coronavirus. There is also a dedicated phone number 01905 768053 for those without access to the internet. There is now a Here2Helpbusiness scheme as well. (simply google Here 2 Help Worcestershire and it comes straight up.)

Here2Help is now also coordinating our Ukranian Refugee programme working with the 6 District Councils. We now have several hundred refugees in the County and a number of families have now come to the Wyre Forest.

WCC received £1.6 million from central government to support free school meals and fund holiday activities over the school holiday periods.

On a personal note, as of annual council in May, I have now changed cabinet roles from Education to communities and am the Deputy Leader.

8. To discuss Speeding at Hackmans Gate.

AA asked for this to be discussed. MH has asked the police for information on the damage to the traffic lights to ascertain the cause and thus determine what action can be taken.

9. To discuss locations for rotation of new Vehicle Activated Sign and collection of speed data.

BD advised new sign has now been received. Approval is needed from Worcestershire County Council to erect sign on a County Lamppost (unless already approved).

NN/DB will meet to agree suitable locations.

An app needs to be loaded onto the phone of the person responsible for moving the sign so that speed data can be saved and sent to the Clerk. WW is unable to do this.

10. Lengthsman's Update:-

WW provided Clerk with a list of Blocked Drains. BD will forward to MH.

WW has completed side out work from Hagley crossroads towards Broome.

Litter average one bag per week, no fly tipping lately.

11. Planning Report:- (to consider the spreadsheet and note any applications since the last meeting)

Planning Spreadsheet had been previously circulated. Clerk reported on planning since the last meeting;

276 22/0434/HOU 26.05.2022 GLOUCESTER HOUSE, 9 MANOR GARDENS,
HACKMAN'S GATE:

Proposed vehicular access and new boundary treatment. (Application Withdrawn)

277 22/0614/HRA 09.08.2022 LAND AS OS 390100 277022 EGG LANE, DRAYTON:

Removal of up to 6 metres of hedgerow on land near to Egg Lane, Drayton in order to repair an underground pipeline. (Approved)

278 22/0712/FUL 26.08.2022 GARDEN HOUSE, BROOME LANE, BROOME:

Installation of a menage and access track (part retrospective) Comments to be provided.

It was agreed Planning Committee would remain as DB, GB, and AA.

12. Financial Report:-

a) Progress with online banking

DB reported that a second mandate was completed on 17th August and sent to the bank to get the Clerk added to the account, the first mandate was rejected as did not recognise DB signature.

b) To consider the bank reconciliation spreadsheet and bank statements since the last meeting.

The financial spreadsheet was duly circulated, and it was in accordance with the bank statements. The current bank balance as at 31st August, HSBC £11,947.44, Lloyds 3,884.90.

c) Option to opt out of SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements

Unanimously agreed to continue as part of the SAAA sector led auditor appointment and remain as part of the central scheme.

d) **Clerks Pay Review**

DB/NN to discuss.

e) **Parish Council Laptop**

Clerk had asked Broome Parish Council to consider purchase of laptop solely for use of Broome Parish Council. This was agreed subject to budget limit of £650.00.

f) **Parish Councillor E Mail Addresses**

BD to ascertain cost and availability of domain name.

g) **To approve accounts for payment.**

Already Paid;

House of Flags	£69.60
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Mr W Waldron – Lengthsman (April)	£90.00
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Mr W Waldron – Lengthsman (May)	£30.00
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Mr W Waldron – Lengthsman (June)	£105.00
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Broome Village Hall	£250.00
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St Peters Church	£250.00
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Mr W Waldron – Lengthsman (July)	£88.00
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For Approval;

Westcotec – VAS Speed Sign	£3759.00 plus VAT (£4510.80)
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Mrs B J Drew – Expenses to 7th September	£73.60
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Mr W Waldron – Lengthsman (August)	£32.00
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13. Civility and Respect Pledge.

BD reported code of conduct is being revised and suggested deferral until this has been agreed.

14. Flag and flagpole – Broome Church.

DB will liaise with MB / GB regarding getting the flag back flying and will report back.

SB will obtain suitable plaque once wording has been agreed.

15. Localism Funding.

Clerk referred to revised offer received from Wyre Forest District Council regarding Localism Proposal for Bin Emptying/ Litter Picking Funding. It was agreed to defer to December meeting to enable full discussion with all Councillors.

16. Correspondence.

Relevant e mails and correspondence are forwarded to Councillors.

17. Councillor's Reports.

a) Footpaths

The following issues have been highlighted on the portal and email sent to Patrick White.

Stile on footpath 515c in need of urgent attention.

Stile on footpath 510c@507c is awkward due to height.

Gate redundant on footpath 503d@Broome Lane.

Can be utilised elsewhere. Possibly 515c but may not be suitable for livestock.

New direction post erected on 500(c) and 523(c).

b) Christmas Tree

In light of rising energy costs, it was agreed not to pursue.

18..Parish Winter Grit.

NN advised the Parish have sufficient stock of grit for the forthcoming winter.

19. To agree 2023 meeting dates.

Clerk suggested;

1st February

10th May (After Election)

6th September

6th December

Clerk will check with booking officer and confirm.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 7th December 2022

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed.....(Chairman)

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