

Draft Minutes for Broadwell Annual Parish Assembly Meeting held 12th May 2022, at 19:00 in the Village Hall (In accordance with LGA 1972, Sch 12, para 41 (1))

Present: Cllr Kate Burton wood (KB) (Vice Chairman) - Cllr Brindley (NB) – Cllr Ashton (EA) Cllr Neill (WN joined 7.26 pm) Cllr Wodzianski (AW) – In accordance with LGA 1972, Sch 12, para 40)

Attendees: Cllr Lynden Stowe (LS) (County Councillor), Debbie Braiden - Clerk – with 4 Members of the electorate

The Vice-Chairman started the meeting at 19:05 hrs

220512/1 – Vice-Chairman welcome statement – In the absence of the chairman KB, being vice-chairman declared the annual assembly open and thanked all for attending.

220512/2 - Apologies for absence Apologies were received for Cllr Leonard who was away. KB motioned to approve with EA, WN, AW & NB agreeing. **Resolved.** It is noted additional apologies were received from the District Councillor (DC).

220512/3 - Minutes of the last Parish Assembly Meeting held on 5th May 21 KB motioned for the minutes to be approved as a true record of the meeting, with all others agreeing. **Resolved.**

220512/4 – Report from the District and County Councillor

In the absence of the District Councillor, KB read out his report received for May 22 on his behalf. It covered two topics, the **Ukrainian assistance** and **CDC budget**, the report can be read and found on the PC's website. [Cllr DC update for May.pdf \(broadwellpc.org\)](#)

County Councillor Report – LS started by apologising for his lack of attendance at our meetings and asked if we had a schedule of dates for the PC meetings. He confirmed a 2.99% increase in the **council tax** for the county which is required significantly for adult and children social care. He continued that the **budget** had been challenging over the past couple of years due to Covid, refugees & now the Ukraine situation, but on a positive note, it has been a learning curve for all concerned with the county being in contact with government on a daily basis throughout.

He was pleased to report 100 miles of **resurfacing** has been carried out throughout the county, beginning with the A road networks dropping down to B roads. LS confirmed that he holds a small budget for **minor projects** throughout the county and the PC should talk to Mr Grey in the first instance with regards to works requested. It is noted that **Grants** are available from the county to help build & set up or make better; organisations & local groups can apply to assist with set up or to buy new kit etc. Details can be found on the GCC website. He was pleased to announce the Gloucestershire **ambulance response** time has improved and now fully staffed, however, the unloading response at hospitals is having an adverse effect on these figures, as unloading into the hospital can take up to 15 hrs. Gloucestershire hospitals have been currently quoted as the worst for unloading.

Any questions can be directed to **GCC on their website** in respect to highways, grants etc. LS was keen to express GCC will deal with issues reported, and reporting items on their website is a very easy and an efficient way to deal with your concerns. If it is not reported they can't deal with it. [Contact Gloucestershire County Council - Gloucestershire County Council](#) KB thanked LS for his report and confirmed the key items for Broadwell village were road surfaces, Kennel Lane verges, drains in the middle of the road, Wheat Close parking & finally flooding. LS responded asking for the top 3 priorities to be sent to him, which would be easier to manage at any one time.

PT member of the electorate, mentioned **tunnelling of overgrowth** asking if highways could cut back further than the one metre depth? LS reiterated GCC rely on the public reporting these issues and the specifics of areas would be required. NB stated one H&S concern was the path from Stow running down to Donnington, at some periods you are unable to either walk on the path or one is pushed to the edge of the path taking you closer to the traffic. AW mentioned the logic of resurfacing the Fosse recently but why was a pothole left unfilled situated on the edge of the resurfacing? LS asked for it all specifics to be reported on the website for a faster service.

220512/5 – Vice Chairman's report - KB commenced by wanting to reflect on readjustment to life following the pandemic measures. She stressed the PC is still available for support as Covid is not over yet and if there was anything the PC could do to assist, do not hesitate to contact the PC via the clerk or approach a member. She pointed out the PC are also conscious of the ongoing economic situation and current fuel crisis. She thanked the clerk and her fellow members for their efforts throughout

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the year, especially to WN & NB for taking forward the swing replacement project & planning issues. It is noted that projects such as this requires a lot of personal time and effort.

NOTE* Cllr Neill joined the meeting at 7.26 hrs and apologised for being late.

KB confirmed that next year the PC focus would be on planning related issues & continue with pushing forward the flood prevention scheme. She also thanked the District Councillor, David Cunningham, for advocating hard on behalf of the PC. She finalised the report by saying we all look forward to what the next year brings.

220512/6 – Community engagement – KB opened the floor to public groups and committees; she extended the PC's thanks & appreciation for all of their hard work on behalf of the village and its population. Paul Teague asked to serve two financial reports representing two **local charities** by submitting the following financial details: First report was for the **Parish Church and Public Purposes charity** - opening balance £1056.74 with the charity depositing £1050 to the PC with £350 to the Broadwell church. This left a closing balance available of £429.50. There is also an investment of £27,563.08 which is approx. £2k more than a year ago. The invested money realised a dividend of £722.76 for the year.

He also submitted the **Poor Plots Allotment charity** for the period 1/3/21 – 28/2/22 as an opening balance of £568.48. He confirmed there were no collections made for the previous year during the pandemic. However, this year £800 field rent was and allotment rent of £100 collected, it is noted this covers the two years, therefore, the total income for this year was £900 covering the two years. He confirmed no Christmas gift was given out, so the closing balance was £1468.48. For this latter charity, Paul wanted to stress that small **financial help** is available to parishioners in need. This could be used for bereavements, food, utility arrears or specific personal needs. All requests made and donations made will be kept anonymous. Anyone can come forward or persons representing someone else if need be. Paul asked if anyone had any questions regarding the charities, and to feel free to speak to the trustees. He asked for the reports to be signed and finalised at the end of the meeting. He confirmed information for allotments, please contact one of the trustees of the charity.

220512/7 – Public comments - Paul raised the question of the installation of village gates & wanted to register his objection to them. The clerk confirmed to the vice-chairman this was planned for the next agenda as it will be discussed in conjunction with the spending of CIL monies received from CDC. KB requested for the clerk to find out more from other clerks as to whether or not they believe installing village gates has had an effect on speed through their villages. NB stated that he found the village gates into Cutsdean alerted you to entering an area of population.

Paul also raised concerns of only receiving the parish meeting information that day. The clerk confirmed the legal requirement for displaying agendas was three working days and she had no control over the village news publications. To alleviate this, KB asked for the publication of the next meeting to be made prior to the agenda being set, through the village news emails. Local opinions will also be sought via this route for the installation of village gates. It is reiterated the PC believes village gates to be an aid to help the prevention of speeding throughout the village and will be mostly purchased with money received from CDC. Paul was pleased to see the Donnington gate repair at Broadwell church. WN confirmed the new church gate will be blessed during the jubilee weekend. It was agreed to send the village news emails hyperlinks for items connected to the meeting etc. to make it easier to publicise without overloading with information.

220512/8 – Close of Business - With all council and public discussions completed, the vice-chairman closed the meeting at 19:45 hrs.