Broadway Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held at Broadway Village Hall on 10th January 2023 at 7.30 pm.

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**726 Attendance**: Councillors Gregory (Chair), Baker, Champion, Preece, Toms, Frayne, Driskell, Clerk Fiona Mckenzie, County Councilor Sue Osborne, District Councillor Ray Buckler and 13 members of the public.

**727 Apologies**: None.

**728 Public participation:** Nothing was raised by members of the public.

**729 Declarations of interests:** None.

**730 Minutes:** The Council approved the minutes from the meeting held on 1st November 2022 as a true record to be signed by the Chairman.

**731 Matters arising from the minutes**

1. Cllr Gregory started by thanking the those who had helped putting up and taking down the Christmas decorations;
2. The A358 dualling: Cllr Gregory reported that National Highways have delayed submission of the draft Development Consent Order in order to do further work on the environmental implications of the scheme. The Community of Parishes (15 parishes along the route, including Broadway) has submitted to the Planning Inspectorate a summary of the key issues it wished to pursue at the Examination in Public and a list of the changes to the design it proposes. He also said that he would circulate a draft of a letter to be sent to Marcus Fysh MP by the Council;
3. Cllr Frayne reported that Nick Jacklin of SCC had visited the Suggs Lane culvert over the river Ding and has authorized major work on a replacement to start in 2024. It was noted that once again in the recent heavy rain sewage was flowing from the drains and into the road and the Ding;
4. Cllr Gregory asked that SCC be asked to clear the drains in Broadway Road and Goose Lane. Cllr Osbourne requested location of drains and will pass this on to be cleared.

**732 Planning;**

1. **19/03060/FUL: Revised application for 26 houses to the rear of the Bell Inn.** The applicant’s agent told the meeting that there were no significant changes to the application. The phosphate issue had delayed consideration of the scheme by SSDC, but this had now been resolved. After discussion by Councillors and public present, the Council agreed to respond objecting for the same reason as previously stated, but with particular reference to the lack of any community benefit;
2. **22/03070/HOU: Extension at 10 Brookside**. The Council confirmed that it had informed SSDC that it had no objection to the application;
3. **Planning enforcement:** The Clerk confirmed that SSDC had been informed regarding the construction of a building at the rear of 1 The Lanes and the static caravan at Folly Lane.

**733 Playing Field:**

1. Cllr Champion reported that work had started on the re-equipping of the field, that he was coordinating the offer to help from volunteers and that he had also received some donations, which he would pass to the Clerk;
2. The Council agreed to decide on the design and sourcing of the notice board at its next meeting;
3. Members of the Horton and Broadway Eco Group presented their initial ideas for environmental improvements to the field and for creating interesting planting for children. The Council welcomed these ideas, but suggested that their work should be incremental and that an agreement was needed on the long-term maintenance of their planting scheme. They were invited to attend the next meeting for an update on their plans;
4. Cllr Gregory advised the meeting that SSDC had still not confirmed the availability of the Section 106 money from the Varden’s Farm development; he would continue to chase this. However, SSDC had agreed to make the first transfer of £5,000 on receipt of the invoice from Grinters for their work on the restoration of the existing equipment;
5. Cllr Gregory proposed that the Council should transfer £50,000 from its reserves to its current account to ensure that the Council could settle the Wicksteed’s invoice in case the remaining monies from SSDC were delayed. This would also mean that the Council could then invest the net amount remaining after all SSDC and other donations had been received. **The Council so resolved:** proposed by Cllr Champion, seconded by Cllr Frayne and carried unanimously. The Council agreed that Cllrs Gregory and Champion should visit NatWest to make this transfer later in the month.

**734 Correspondence:** The Council had received a letter from a resident who encountered problems in the Bell field at the junction of public footpaths CH2/7, CH2/6 and CH14/2 due to cattle churning up the mud, thereby making it impassable. Cllr Gregory proposed a reply to the letter, which was agreed, and undertook to take the matter up again with SCC.

**735 Finance:**

1. Further to the Clerk’s appraisal, **the Council resolved** to increase her salary by 1 point on the national pay scale;
2. The Council approved the 2023/24 budget and **resolved** that the precept should be set at £10,500: proposed by Cllr Champion, seconded by Cllr Baker and unanimously agreed;
3. Payments since the last meeting which were agreed were the Clerk’s November salary £474.84 (included back pay to April from national pay increase and overtime) on chq 319 and her December salary £310.92 chq 320. Chq 318 void;
4. Cllr Toms presented his draft of the Council’s investment guidelines. **The Council resolved** to adopt the guidelines: proposed by Cllr Frayne, seconded by Cllr Driskel and unanimously agreed. The Council would consider the investment of its reserves when all grants and donations had been received, as previously agreed.

**736 Date of next meeting** 7th February 2023

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Date……………………………………………..