**Broadway** **Parish Council**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Broadway Village Hall on 7th November 2023 at 7.30pm

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**831 Attendance;** Councillors Gregory ( chairman ) Preece, Frayne , Neate, Toms, Clerk Fiona Mckenzie and 4 members of the public

**832 Apologies**; Cllr Champion

**833 Public participation** - nothing was raised

**834 Co opting of a new councillor;** Cllr Gregory welcomed the 2 applicants to the meeting and invited both to introduce themselves to the Council, explaining there was currently only 1 vacancy to be filled at this meeting but he is standing down next month which will create another vacancy. The Council voted to co opt Mr Richard Jones who completed the register of interest and joined the council.

**835 Declarations of interests;** None

**836 Approval of Minutes**; The Council approved the minutes from the meeting held on 5th September 2023 as a true record to be signed by the Chairman.

**837 Matters arising from the minutes;**

1. Details of the Councils grass cutting contract had been circulated to councillors to review
2. Cllr Frayne advised the Council of a site meeting at Suggs lane with a representative from Wessex water, unfortunately it appeared she had not been fully briefed on the long standing problems but will issue a report.
3. Cllr Preece reported that she had been successful in obtaining permission for a SID at 4 separate locations in Broadway , she is now awaiting confirmation from Horton PC that they are still able to lend Broadway the device.
4. The tree to be planted in memory of Richard Baker has been approved by his family and a date for planting is to be arranged – the Council will also have a plaque made at a later date.
5. The training for use of the De fib is arranged for 24th November, notices have been displayed on notice boards , facebook and the website

**838 Planning;** 23/0501/HOU - to note the council had submitted a No objection response

**839 A358 update**; Cllr Gregory reported there have been further meetings he has attended but at this stage there are no updates.

**840 Finance;**

1. Payments were approved for ; chq 353 £12,500 invested into a savings bond ,chq 354 £284.84 clerks sept salary, 355 £35 HMRC, chq 356 £ 378 PKF Littlejohn (external auditor) chq 357 £80 I Pest (wasps nest) chq 358 £229.33 SALC, chq 359 £60 payroll, chq 360 £294.84 Clerk Oct salary and postage, 361 £35 HMRC, chq 362 £540 De fib, chq 363 £1092 Woodland garden & tree services, chq 364 £75 Scout donation
2. Draft Budget - The clerk presented a budget to the council with an increase of £400 to the precept to allow for the 3% increase in contractors costs for 2024/25. Councillors discussed and felt it would not be enough and had a show of hands to increase the precept by £1000. The clerk advised the Council she would note she considered this increase of 10% was too high.

**841 Date of next meeting**; 5th December 2023