Broadway Parish Council

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Broadway Village Hall**

 **at 7.45pm on Tuesday, 10th May 2022 following The Annual Parish Meeting**

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**550 Attendance:** Councillors Gregory, Preece, Toms, Frayne, Champion, District Councillor Ray Buckler, Clerk Fiona Mckenzie and 4 members of the public.

**551 Apologies**: Cllrs Baker and Driskell.

**552 Public Participation:** No matters were raised.

**553 New Council:**

1. It was confirmed that all 7 Broadway Parish Councillors have been re-elected with no election required. The Councillors for the new Somerset Council are Val Keitch and Sue Osbourne.
2. Peter Gregory was proposed as Chairman by Cllr Champion and Seconded by Cllr Toms and confirmed unanimously by Council.
3. Richard Baker as Vice–Chairman was proposed by Cllr Preece and seconded by Cllr Frayne and adopted unanimously by Council.

**554 Minutes**: The Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 5th April 2022 as a true record to be signed by the Chairman.

**555 Matters arising:**

1. Cllr Champion confirmed that he had held a meeting with Somerset Highways on site at Vardens Pond to discuss the replacement safety rail. He confirmed that they will carry out the work, but advised that it may not be for several months.
2. Cllr Preece advised the meeting that there would be many individual Jubilee celebrations taking place in the village including at The Bell, as well as a charity duck race and picnics.

**556 Review of Council Policies**:

1. Council agreed to review its Code of Conduct and Standing Orders during the coming year.
2. Council agreed that the Financial Regulations and the Planning Procedures Policy had been reviewed last year and did not need to be updated.

**557 Archiving of Council documents:** Council agreed to send the minutes and accounts for 2018-19 to the Somerset Heritage Centre for archiving.

**558 Planning**: No planning applications had been received since the last meeting and there were no updates of existing ones.

**559 Playing field:**

1. Cllr Gregory said that he had been hopeful that the Section 106 and Community Grant applications for funding of the re-equipment project would be approved at the May Area West Committee meeting, but SSDC had not confirmed that the Section 106 monies from the Orchard Court development had been received. This was likely further to delay the project and to put up costs. He would be pressing SSDC to resolve the funding issue and to take the applications to the June Area West meeting.
2. In view of the likelihood that the cost of the re-equipping project would increase Council agreed to seek grant aid from charitable sources and from the village. Councillors agreed to research sources of such financial aid.

**560 Correspondence:** I

1. It has been reported that some fence posts in Standerwick Orchard at the border with Bullen House have broken. It was agreed to obtain 3 quotes from local businesses for their replacement.
2. Council was informed that the quotation for the 2 refurbished fingerposts at the Pound and Newhouse Farm has increased by £200 due to there being 3 direction fingers to be replaced rather than 2 as initially. Council agreed the destinations on the replacements for the 2 missing signs. Cllr Champion agreed to set up a fundraising Facebook page to help fund this work.
3. Council noted confirmation from Somerset Highways that the repairs to White Bridge had been completed.
4. The Chairman informed Council that it had been invited to participate in a discussion among Somerset parish councils about enforcement of affordable housing conditions in consented housing developments. Council agreed to be kept informed.

**561: Finance:** Payment of the Clerks April salary was approved.

**562: Date of next meeting** 7th June 2022