

Minutes of the meeting
Broadwas and Cotheridge Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

15th May 2023

Broadwas Village Hall at 7.00pm

1. Welcome by the Chair.

Cllr Burrows welcomed all to the meeting. The Chair thanked all for attending and explained the meeting's history, purpose and approach.

2. Note the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting.

The minutes from the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 9th May 2022 were noted.

3. To note any reports from local organisations and bodies.

Noted the reports received and asked those present to highlight what would be important for them, the community and the Parish Council in the coming year. (Supplied full reports will be attached to these minutes).

Broadwas Primary School.

The school had made good progress recovering from Covid, and had the Jubilee Picnic and Coronation Big Lunch, first

The headmaster had shared concerns about mental health in pupils and the continuation of the need for more pupils to maintain a fully functioning school and to remain viable.

The school maintains to be an integral part of parish life.

Cllr Barbara Jones-Williams.

Discussed the change in the ward boundaries and its implications and that she was looking forward to representing residents at County level.

Community issues; Primarily from speaking to residents the highest concern was traffic speeding on the A44, particularly by HGV's and motorbikes and that she would be working with the Parish Council, Malvern Hills District Council and Worcestershire County Council, to enquire about possible traffic calming.

Cllr Burrows informed the meeting that the local police were going to start the process of a Community Speed Watch.

Broadwas Village Hall. Georgina Tabberer-Catt.

There had been changes in the committee, the treasurer has stepped down as had further members who represented outside bodies, WI and the Broadwas Sports Association. Full membership is ten members currently on five so at half capacity. If anyone was interested in joining the Village Hall Committee to go along to their AGM on the 6th June.

Successful events included craft fairs, quiz nights, monthly coffee mornings and a selection of musical evenings.

Future events include the summer fete, quiz night and autumn barn dance.

Legal changes had been made with full policies to be legally compliant. Handbook located in the kitchen has the terms of hire, risk assessment and emergency procedures, a full list is available on the new website since March 2023 <https://broadwasvillagehall.co.uk> and includes a new booking system and the hiring of a caretaker and cleaning service.

Financial position. Current figures not confirmed as with accountant: 2020-2023 income £8336, expenditure £9,217.59. Monies held for charitable purposes £16,604.85 and community fund balance £26.29.

Rev Jennifer Whittaker.

Church continues with the LinC (Lunch in Company) first Thursday at 12pm at Broadwas Village Hall and continues to be popular.

The church continues to seek to meet the needs of all who come to them for help and guidance.

Rev Whittaker recently became the chair of the Nora Parsons Centre, who currently open 9.30am-2.30pm on Mondays to provide a space for older people in the area who would normally be alone to spend time with company in a safe and comfortable environment with similar people.

Currently there are spaces available please call to enquire.

Thanked the PC and all other organisations that support the Nora Parsons Centre as it is run completely through donations and the work of volunteers.

4. To consider the Annual Report from the Parish Council.

The Chair read through the Parish Council report. (see attached).

Highlighted the following:

- Difficulties of functioning without a clerk, however, have new clerk Vid Blakeney.
- Wanted to thank all councillors for their help and continued support, for standing for election and in particular, Cllrs Cullen and Worall for their help in working as the clerk whilst the position was vacant.
- Vacancies for councillor positions: one for Cotheridge and three for Broadwas.
- Parish Council finances have been maintained and the council follows a ten-year plan to reduce the monies held in the account.
- Welcomed new ward Councillor.
- Parish Council is active in all planning applications as a statutory consultee.
- Planning enforcement continues within the parish.
- Speeding and road safety on the A44.
- Full fibre had been completed for Cotheridge and Little Green.

- That the council is committed to strengthening links between the school, the village hall, places of worship and Broadwas Sprots Association.

5. Questions and discussion re the coming year

Cllr Worall wants to further the Dementia Community project. The meeting was told that meetings had been held in Martley organised by the church and had been well attended. Cllr Burrows suggested that the Parish Council to enquire if there was any interest in the parish for the project and if so then to take it further.

6. Vacancies for Parish Councillors.

This had been raised in the parish report, however, Cllr Burrows was keen to suggest that anyone who had suggestions on how to encourage people to volunteer, not only for the Parish Council but for other organisations to contact the council.

7. Any other business

None declared.

8. Close of meeting

The Chair thanked those members of outside bodies and members of the public for their attendance. The meeting was declared closed at 7.40pm.