

BROADWAY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES
of ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Conducted via 'Zoom'
on Thursday, 18th March 2021, at 9.05 pm

PRESENT: Chairperson - Councillor B. M. Parmenter,
Councillors: R. Bennett MBE, G. J. Franks, Miss D. Hardiman,
A.A.L.Holmes, Mrs. J. Hudson, Mrs. F.E.A.Phillips,
N.D.A.Robinson (Vice-Chairman), A. P. Riley Mrs. R. Rogers,
Dr. E. Wilks

Also in Attendance: County & District Councillor Mrs. E. Eyre
One member of the Public

(1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received and accepted from
Councillor Penny
(currently recovering from Covid at home)

(2) MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on 14:03:19
Following a proposal from Councillor Robinson, seconded by Councillor Miss Hardiman,
and unanimously agreed, the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 14th March
2019. The Clerk would ensure, due to the meeting being undertaken remotely, that the
minutes were duly signed and dated by the Chairman.

(3) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

'I would like to welcome everyone this evening and, as usual, I would like to thank each of the councillors for their commitment and endeavours during the last twelve months. But what a last twelve months we have all had - no one could have predicted what has happened to us all during this dreadful pandemic. I would firstly like to thank the people of Broadway for all their efforts to stop the spread of this deadly virus in the village, which thankfully has not resulted in the death of many residents, but to those who have sadly passed away we pass on our condolences to all their families and friends. We were greatly saddened to lose former Chairman and longstanding Councillor David Folkes MBE through Coronavirus last year – he will be greatly missed.

Due to the sad loss of David, and the resignations of both Graham Love and Fred Hartley, the Parish Council has co-opted two new councillors to join us – Mrs Jeannette Hudson and Mr. Roger Bennett - and we are currently seeking to fill the remaining place, again through co-option.

The whole appearance of the village has changed over the past year - gone the busy High Street, full of visitors in and out of the shops – just a deserted street – very strange. Our thanks must go to all the essential outlets that have remained open during this time, together with the restaurants and food outlets that have kept us supplied with a local source of food and essential goods. Many restaurants have been providing home

delivery services which again has been a great help to many residents. There has also been the 'Local Support Group' which was led by Revd. Shellie Ward, supported by so many willing volunteers who collected and delivered vital medicines, delivered food to those who couldn't go out, or who simply weren't allowed out. Many thanks to all those who helped – it really was so much appreciated by everyone

The usual Parish Council meetings where all the councillors sit around the table in the Parish Office have been replaced by 'Zoom' meetings – again very strange to start with, but almost becoming second nature now. At this stage, I would very much like to thank our Clerk, Kevin Beasley, for keeping the Parish Office running, organising meetings, etc. during these very different and difficult times.

The Neighbourhood Plan is progressing well and, dare I say it, nearing completion. Our thanks go to Councillor Franks and the hard-working committee for their continuing efforts to produce this vital document for the future development and protection of our village.

This year will also see the completion of the new Medical Centre, which you will all have seen being built along Station Road, giving Broadway the much needed bigger and better equipped medical facilities for everyone.

The Parish Council is currently undertaking a restructure of its committees and will shortly be publishing a list of these committees, the responsibilities of each of them and who to contact. This will allow everyone to reach the correct councillor if there are any issues, matters of concerns or ideas for improvements within the remit of each the committees. The Parish Council wants to improve its profile within the village and to become more proactive with both residents and businesses, so that next year we have an Annual Parish Meeting that villagers want to attend and to be able to speak to the Councillors about not only items of concern, but to say positive things about Broadway Parish Council!

Once again thank you to everyone for keeping Broadway safe during this pandemic and let us all hope for a better, brighter and virus free 2021.'

(4) REPORT ON AUDIT OF COUNCIL ACCOUNTS TO 31:03:20

The Clerk reported that the accounts to 31:03:20 had been approved by the Parish Council on 13th August 2020 (page 1523 item (8) of the Minutes) and audited. PKF Littlejohn LLP, the auditors, had indicated their approval on 19th November 2020 and the Clerk had displayed the customary statement on the notice board. A copy of the audited accounts was available for inspection at the Parish Council office.

(5) ANY OTHER MATTERS RAISED BY ELECTORS

There were no matters raised by the public

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15 pm