

BROOME PARISH COUNCIL

**Chairman – Cllr Nick Norton
Clerk – Mrs Bev Drew**

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Broome Parish Council
held on Wednesday 4th May 2022 at 7:30pm, Broome Village Hall.**

1. Welcome:- The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Present:- Cllr Nick Norton (Chairman), Cllr. Don Billington, Cllr. A Allen, Cllr. Mark Billingham, Cllr Sherida Breeden, Cllr. W.Edwards.

Also, present were Mrs.Bev Drew (Clerk), Mrs Lisa Jones (District Councillor) Diana Pheysey, William Waldron and 1 parishioner.

2. Minutes of the Meeting Held on 5th May 2021:-

These were agreed as a true and accurate record and will be signed with no amendments.

3. Chairman's Annual Report:- The Chairman presented his report.

Overview

While we started the new council year off with a zoom meeting, it was good to get back to face to face meetings by the next one that took place in September at the village hall. It has been a more involved year than normal for the PC with interesting planning applications, retirement of a councillor due to ill health, the frustrations of changes in the Banking arrangements that had to be addressed.

Membership

We currently have a full team even though due to ill Health Cllr M Clark had to step down but after advertising the vacancy we were able to fill it and George Brown joined the PC. I would also like to remind you all to the fact that my term finishes in 2023 and as I am now out of area and have no business interests in the Parish, I cannot continue to be a Broome PC member.

Administration.

Beverley Drew our Clerk has now completed her second year with us and met us all now in person. I would like to thank her for an excellent job in keeping everything flowing in these challenging times that still have a hangover from Covid restrictions that make achieving things extremely drawn out. The PC agreed a modest increase in the precept for 2022/2023 of £500.00 (9%) Which keeps us in line with our budgetary planning and with the tax base increase of 8 to 210 the precept will show as a 4.9% increase on the tax notice.

Dog Bin and Litter Picking

Bill Waldron continues to conduct the litter picking, and the level of rubbish is manageable at around two bags a week. NN continues to monitor the dog Bin in the village and empty when required. This is an operation that Bill does not wish to take on so a solution to this will need to be found within the next twelve months.

Fly tipping continues to be an issue for all Parish Councils but the reporting system in place seems to work well for Broome and the unsightly rubbish is removed quickly.

Lengthsman

Bill Waldron as usual continues to do a fantastic job for us as our Lengthsman. There are still ongoing projects that Bill and I have been working on that have not been completed but hopefully these can continue to be addressed in this year, along with the support from the District and County councils.

Planning

Seventeen applications this year down from previous year by four, two of which have been withdrawn. Training in this area is important and I would encourage PC members to consider looking at what is available as advertised by CALC and if they wish to take advantage of this to let the Clerk know.

Parish Support

The PC continues to support both the church and the village Hall by granting the church yard £250.00 and the village hall the same.

General

The Banking signatories, HSBC changing the banking terms at short notice and changing bank. This is taking for ever to put into place and is still ongoing as we battle our way through the disconnect from one department to another (We shall overcome or rather BD, DB and MB are, Thank you). Warren Edwards our footpaths officer, who asked to step down still wants to step down but has continued to stay on while we try to find a new volunteer. Mark Billingham is still supporting him, covering paths nearer his home and reporting in to WE. We thought we had a solution to this early in the year but in the end, it did not turn out to be the case.

Acknowledgements

I would like to thank Beverley Drew on behalf of the PC for all her arduous work this year supporting me and keeping us all informed. I would like to thank Don for all his help and support over the past twelve months as Vice Chairman and especially his help standing in for me while I was unavailable for health reasons. Thanks to the County Council and District Council for their continued support, attendance to our meetings and valuable information to what is going on locally and beyond. Thank you to the Local Police force for the time and reports given over the year keeping us informed of issues local to us and the surrounding areas.

Finally, to all PC members thank you for your continued help and support in what has been an unusual year for me for all sorts of reasons.

4. Reports to Annual Parish Meeting

a) Broome United Charities - Update and annual report - Mrs. Diana Pheysey

Income and Expenditure accounts for the year ending 28th Feb 2022

Income		Expenditure	
COIF Interest	164.39	December 2021 parcels	161.9
COIF Deposit Interest	0.05	Bank charges	5.4
Deposit from D Pheysey	3.33	Excess income over expenditure	0.47
	<u>167.77</u>		<u>167.77</u>

Balance Sheet at 28th Feb 22

28th Feb 21 COIF	201.36	28th Feb 22 COIF	203.9
28th Feb 21 HSBC	2.07	28th Feb 22 HSBC	0
Excess income over expenditure	0.47	Excess income over expenditure	
	<u>203.9</u>		<u>203.9</u>

Annual Report

The Trustees were unable to meet this year, but communicated via phone to make arrangements for the Christmas parcels for 2021

Gifts were distributed by the Trustees on 18th Dec to 11 recipients. Although we didn't enter any properties due to COVID - 19, all the recipients were at home so we were able to have a chat.

The gifts consist of food hampers, and smaller Christmas hampers containing store cupboard items. Also for those in care or hospital, they receive

b) Chaddesley Education Foundation – Ms Sherida Breeden

Educational Bursaries

The Foundation aims to provide bursaries for those individuals under 25 and normally resident within the Ancient Parish of Chaddesley Corbett for financial assistance to participate in activities at any school, university or other place of learning. Also for financial assistance with the costs of preparing for entry to any trade, profession or calling.

Support for beneficiaries in pursuing music and performing arts is particularly encouraged. The Trust is also able to provide assistance with the cost of travel associated with educational activities.

In 2021, some 56 properties in the Parish of Broome fell within the Ancient Parish of Chaddesley Corbett. These properties were included in a mail shot and applications invited from qualifying individuals for the bursaries.

£10,000 was set aside for the purpose throughout Chaddesley Corbett Parish, with most applicants receiving £500 each; there were two successful applicants from Broome Parish.

General

During the Financial Year (2021), the Foundation has provided grants to Chaddesley Corbett Endowed Primary School amounting to just over £42,000, as well as the individual bursaries mentioned above. The school has embarked on developing an Autism Centre to be completed later in the year.

The Foundation, through its elected committee, continues to effectively manage a portfolio of properties as well as to maintain sound investments to ensure that the aims of the Charity are fulfilled.

5. Residents Open Forum

No questions raised.

Meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Signed.....(Chairman)

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