

BROADWELL PARISH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 8th May 24

Members Present: Cllr T Leonard (Chair), Cllr E Ashton (EA), Cllr W Neill (WN), Cllr R Ross (RR), *Cllr N Brindley (NB), Cllr C Morse (CM), Cllr A Wodzianski (AW). **Members of Public (MOP) Present:** 15 **Officers Present:** Cllr Lynden Stow (LS) County Councillor. **Noted:** *The Clerk was absent due to sickness and the Cllr Ross took notes. *NB arrived later than the start as he had previously advised.

MINUTES

- 1) The Chairman opened up the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.
- 2) **Apologies** received from the Clerk (sick), Cllr. Nigel Brindley (joined late) and District Councillor David Cunningham.
- 3) **Minutes** approved from the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on 24th May 2023.
- 4) **Glos County Council** - Update from Lynden Stowe:

The County Council is in a good position financially, however, 60% of GCC expenditure is on Adult/ Child care services (+10% and YOY inflation.) The Budget for GCC is capped by Central Government at +5%. GCC pot to spend is therefore falling Year on Year.

After a boundary commission review of the electoral divisions of Gloucestershire County Council, Broadwell is moving out of the Campden and Vale division to the new Moreton, Stow & Rissingtons division. The commission recognised that Broadwell would be more appropriately represented by a councillor who also represented Moreton and Stow, given its geography. The change will take effect at the next county council elections in May 2025. Some finance is available from GCC to support Broadwell.

Buildbackbetter funding of £500 towards resurfacing under swings.

In 2024/25, dates are still to be confirmed, road resurfacing from Church through the village past the ford is planned.

LS advised all to use "Fix my street" to report issues with springs, potholes, trees down etc in our parish. Everyone is invited to report issues.

A query was raised, "Do Gigaclear need to do further highway disturbance before we resurface?" LS agreed to follow this up with Gigaclear and whether we can chase the "switch on" for Broadwell.

Email details to village ref 'Requesting Gigaclear', for households in Broadwell.

5) Annual chairman report

Thank you to everyone on the Parish Council team, for their work and support this year in delivering projects.

William Neill has resigned as a Parish Councillor and the Chairman gave thanks to William Neill for all of his work as a councillor over the years. Thank you very much.

Main events to report on:

Stow housing successfully rejected, thank you to everyone in the team who helped secure crowd funding and coordinating the response with banners and leaflets informing residents locally of the Stow NHP.

Speeding work started: Laser strips had been installed and data made available. To discuss use of white gates in Broadwell in the PC meeting.

Broadwell Village Plan discussed and to be considered for our parish going forward. To email the village contact list and suggest setting up a working team to work towards a Neighbourhood statement. Emma & Rebecca to steer to be agreed in PC meeting.

Thank you to the teams who help run the village, the Village Hall team, the Fete team, the Village Charities, and the organisation of The Annual Litter Pick.

6) Topics discussed

Precept:

Broadwell, although a small village, has very many public areas to maintain including a large green, the pond, Watery Lane, our ford, swings/seesaw, bus shelters x 2, many litter bins, greens/ grassy areas. It has been highlighted that the current amount collected in precept from villagers as part of the council tax paid, is not high enough to cover basic maintenance costs in the village. Going forward, there are some areas which need further maintenance, and there is also a wish list of future items e.g. clearing the pond, car parking in Kennel Lane, further kerb installations.

There is currently not the money available from CDC or GCC and the suggestion is for us as a village, to review our precept.

When working out the precept, a Band D is used for ref point, (for example: £43.91 in Broadwell Council tax is taken as the precept for the PC to run the PC projects for the year) £8925 raised for this current year.

Examples of monies raised by other local parishes for a Band D are as follows:

Blockley £109, Bledington £85, Eastleach £85, Longborough £66, Lower Slaughter £49, Naunton £71, Quenington £78, Swells, £61, Weston Subedge £68. Towns contribute over £200.

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Increasing the precept will be discussed as part of the budgeting exercise for 2025 to ensure enough funds are in place.

Car parking:

CDC has no funds to support Kennel Lane parking plan. Highways don't have any budget for creating parking. Could this money come from increasing our Precept and/or crowd funding as another option?

Could Bromford make a donation to the PC for parking? When CDC moved their housing estate over to Bromford, are there any covenants in place that can be used?

Flooding risk:

Broadwell, at the bottom of Stow hill, has no long-term solutions for protecting the village from flooding if weather continues to get wetter in coming years.

7) Guest speakers:

Emma Ashton spoke about The Village Charities: There is a small pot of money which is being preserved for making a larger donation to anyone in need.

Rebecca Ross updated that there is £3892.34 in the Fete funds account for the set up of the 2024 Fete.

Gloucestershire "Rights of way" team coming to cut hedges gently now, and then a larger cut back in the Autumn, with more scalping going down in the winter. Nigel is managing this with the "Rights of way" team. Historically, the Cotswold Wardens have taken this on and put scalping down.

Bin request to be placed at the end of Monarchs way adjacent to the Stow Hill highway. Lots of dog bags were found in the hedgerow. To ask David Cunningham to request a bin to be placed there and also at the top of Broadwell Hill.