

BROADWAY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Broadway Parish Council held in Broadway Village Hall on Tuesday 1st October 2024 at 7.30pm

982. Attendance and Apologies:

Present: Cllrs Neate, Champion, Toms, Preece and Jones; Mrs Larsson (Clerk)
Apologies: Cllr Wilkins, Cllr Frayne; Somerset Council Cllr Osborne

983. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations: Cllr Champion declared an interest in minute item 985b.

984. Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September 2024

Minutes were approved unanimously by Councillors as a true record of the previous meeting.

985. Planning Applications

- a. Amended Plans / Additional Information - 24/00153/FUL: Land OS 8332 Paulls Lane Broadway Ilminster Somerset TA19 9RB - Change of the use of the land to residential for the erection of 3 dwellings, including access arrangements, new pedestrian footway, landscaping and associated works. Amended site plan with associated vehicle tracking.
- The applicant attended the meeting to provide an update and discuss potential options to alleviate concerns of the development following discussions with Somerset Council Highways.
- After lengthy discussion, councillors still had concerns with regards to the safety of the junction of Paulls Lane with Broadway Road, as commented in the previous responses to the application, but felt that if the application was to be approved it was important to put in other measures to minimise risk and impact of the development. Considering all available information the council RESOLVED to submit a "No Objection" response, but on the basis that they wished to see the following conditions imposed:
1. Signage put in place to indicate Paulls Lane is shared by vehicles vulnerable road users due to the lack of footway and narrowness.
 2. The new footway indicated to be within the boundary of the development site must be sloped down onto Paulls Lane to ensure accessibility.
 3. The inclusion of a passing place on Paulls Lane as proposed by the developer must be implemented.
 4. Re-instatement of the white lines and hatched area at the junction of Broadway Road and Pauls Lane.
 5. Repairs to the poor surface of the junction of Paulls Lane to Broadway Road, to cover the full width of the highway.
 6. Signage at each entry junction to indicate Paulls Lane is not suitable for HGVs.
- b. 24/02050/HOU: Blackdown Lodge Hare Lane Broadway TA19 9LN - Demolition of existing UPVC porch and erection of new front porch. RESOLVED to submit a "No objections" response to the application.

The Council's full responses to all planning applications are available to view against the respective applications on the Somerset Council planning portal [Link to Somerset Council planning portal](#)

986. Accounts and Financial Information

- a. Financial statement to 30/9/24: RESOLVED to approve the financial statement. The reconciliation with latest bank statements was also checked and signed by Cllr Toms.
- b. Payments requiring authorisation:

The Council RESOLVED to authorise the following payments:

Clerk salary & PAYE to 30/9/24 (restricted information under GDPR)	
Phone box refurbishment	£395.00
Phone box paint	£52.27
External Audit Fee	£252.00
Administration costs – stamps	£6.80

- c. Investment of funds to a fixed term bond: RESOLVED to re-invest the funds of the bond due to mature on 4/11/24 for a further 12 months with Cambridge & Counties Building Society.
- d. The council noted the conclusion of 2023/24 external audit and agreed a period of 14 days for publication of the notice.

987. Purchase of a Speed Indicator Device (SID)

RESOLVED to purchase a single solar powered unit from Elan City, with additional brackets to accommodate easy mounting of the device at each approved location. Cost of the unit, mounts and delivery is £2414.99 + vat.

988. Standerwick Orchard Hedge Maintenance

RESOLVED to proceed with the works quoted by Woodland & Garden Tree Services for £620 + vat which includes hedges, clearing pathways and reducing the shrubs around the attenuation pond.

989. Arrangements for Annual Play Park Inspections

RESOLVED to engage The Play Inspection Company to carry out the annual inspection at a cost of £90 + vat.

990. General Updates and Actions

- a. Local Community Network: Last meeting was held on Wednesday 25th September. More information can be found at the following link: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/local-community-networks/>
- b. Highways: SC Highways are making arrangements to clean the gullies along Broadway Road from the school to Goose Lane.
It has been noted that hedges from some properties are encroaching on the highways and footpaths. Letters will be delivered to any properties where this is an issue to request they are attended to.
- c. Flooding: Nothing to report.
- d. Village Maintenance: The works to refurbish the phone box have been completed. Volunteer day took place on the 28th September with a number of residents taking part. Another volunteer “spring clean” day will be organised in March. Thank you to everyone who gave up their time to help tidy the village up.
- e. Rights of Way: Nothing significant to report. Residents can report issues direct to Somerset Council using the following reporting tool: <https://roam.somerset.gov.uk/roam/map>
- f. Playpark: Nothing significant to report from the inspections. Quotation needs to be sought for servicing the roundabout. The stone with memorial plaque is now in place.
- g. Community Group Updates: None.

991. Correspondence/Matters for Report

Cllr Toms advised the monthly defibrillator checks have been completed and the report sent.

It was noted that the hedge at Elm close is in need of attention. This is managed by Abri who will be contacted to request it is attended to.

General correspondence and updates are circulated to councillors regularly. No significant items to report.

992. Items for the next meeting: None requested.

993. Date of next ordinary meeting: Tuesday 5th November 2024.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.28pm.

Signed

Date