

BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Public Session

A member of the public raised a question about who has responsibility over clearing the footpaths. If you go on the County Council website and search for Rights of Way, you can report any blocked footpaths. Karen Hughes is our representative for Pathways and Rights of Way and you can report any issues through her.

The Minutes

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting of Broomfield Parish Council held at Broomfield Village Hall on Tuesday, 1st March 2022 at 7 pm when the following business was conducted.

Present: Councillors Steve Hughes, Ali Aras, Doug Wilson and Lucinda Garland

In Attendance: Councillor Alan Bradford, Clare Winter (Clerk) and 6 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Declaration of interest

None

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 21st September 2021 were circulated with the agenda of this meeting and unanimously approved.

4. Chairman's Report

Local Government Reorganisation is taking a lot of time and effort. 5th May is voting for new councillors at County Council level – only 110 for a five-year term.

A Local Community Network is being trialled as a link between County Council and Parish Councils and we will keep an eye on this to see if this benefits a parish council as small as this one.

More volunteers are sought for the Queens Platinum Jubilee. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council will underwrite the event to the value of £500.

The recent storm caused extensive power outages and trees down. Thanks to Edwin for helping to clear fallen trees.

5. Planning

There is a planning application for The Pines. We will hold a Planning Meeting on either the 22nd or 29th March at 7 pm in the Village Hall.

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6. Elections

Will take place on the 5th May to the new County Council and for us at the Parish Council. We can have 5 councillors but currently have just 4 so currently have a vacancy.

7. Parish Plan

The questionnaire has been circulated to members of the Parish Council and the questionnaire was unanimously approved.

The questionnaire will be hand delivered to all households within the Parish.

8. Broomfield Common

Bill Jenman, AONB, addressed the meeting. The tree planting took place a little later than hoped but thank you to the volunteers.

There might be some weeding needed this coming spring and this can be done in house if required.

Edwin has been asked to mow in September and the AONB will knock the bracken back in late June into July, after the Spring flowers are over. It was unanimously approved by the council for the work to go ahead.

There have been reports of off roaders on the commons – please report to the police if spotted.

Dormice boxes are being installed on one of the commons within the next week for a survey – please leave them alone. There will also be some bat surveys taking place in the summer.

There is some funding available for hedge work to be carried out in the Autumn. Plans must be put in place in time.

There is also funding available for traditional black and white signposts.

9. Road Safety/Highways

County have done some extensive road filling throughout the village.

10. Village Hall

There has been a change of committee and they are working through getting a structural survey of the hall and reviewing the cottage.

The Village Hall committee will discuss what they want to do with the field at the back of the village hall and let the Parish Council know.

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11. Village Litter Pick – Sunday, 20th March 2022

Sedgemoor are going to supply high visibility jackets, pickers and bags. Any volunteers to please contact Lucinda Garland.

12. Finances

The Council unanimously approved the receipts and payments, budget and audit.

The meeting closed at 2040.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, 17th May 2022 at 6 pm in Broomfield Village Hall.

Signed _____ (Chairman) 17th May 2022.