



BROADMAYNE

P A R I S H C O U N C I L

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023-24

OUTGOING COUNCIL Councillors: 2023-2024

Steve Diamond (Chairman)
Sam Toogood (Vice Chairman)
Karen Ellis
Sue Hawkins
Peter Lamb
Colin Lawley
Richard Macer-Wright

INCOMING COUNCIL Councillors: 2024-2025

Ted Byrne	07719 137 947
Jane Cox	07592 182 593
Barry Eason	07941 758 203
Karen Ellis	07917 123 305
Ash Evans	07460 760 912
Dave Lewis	07396 813 152
Richard Macer-Wright	07903 608 390

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Community Website: www.broadmayne.org

Meetings: The Parish Council normally meets on the first Monday in the month, usually in the Methodist Church Hall, Main Street at 7.30 pm. Agendas and minutes are posted on the community website, www.broadmayne.org and on village notice boards. The public are always welcome to attend the Council meetings whether or not they have a specific issue to discuss.

Annual Parish Meeting – Saturday 11th May – 10:30am – Broadmayne Village Hall

This is an important meeting for residents if they want to influence the way forward for Broadmayne.

You are once more cordially invited to the Annual Parish meeting.

**Yes, this year it's on a Saturday morning so that hopefully more of you can attend
and it will include a time to socialise over a cup of coffee/tea.**

We will hear reports from Broadmayne First School, our Dorset Councillor – Roland Tarr, and from the police. Most importantly we want to hear from you so that you can give the new council your ideas as they take up the reins.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Review of the years by Cllr. Steve Diamond – Chairman

You will forgive me if I start this report by paying tribute to councillors who are retiring at the time of the election on May the 2nd. Peter Lamb and Colin Lawley have been valuable contributors to council business for many years and although Sue Hawkins has only served for a short time, she has made a significant impact on our work and we should thank them all for their time and commitment. However, the greater loss to the community is the retirement of Sam Toogood who has been a dedicated vice-chairman for around 20 years. I have had the privilege of working alongside Sam for much of that time and have benefited, as has every Broadmayne resident, from her detailed, painstaking, and thorough approach to the council's work. I too am "handing in my badge" at this point. It has been a privilege, and most of the time a pleasure(!), to be the chairman of the council. All of us have served the Broadmayne community to the best of our ability. Together with colleagues, I have been involved in many projects – we undertook a lot of work when we thought we might have to save, first the Black Dog and then the Post Office and Shop, we helped fund the extension to the village hall, we installed the fitness equipment on the playing field, we have organised celebrations of a Royal Wedding, the Queens 90th Birthday, two Royal Jubilees and a Coronation – presenting mugs and coins to children from the village. Members of the council and their helpers have undertaken these extras alongside their regular work on the council.

During the year we were sad to see the retirement of Dr Janet Davis as the council's clerk, after many years of dedicated service, and we wish her well for the future and look forward to her continuing contributions to the community.

We welcome Tim Watton. Tim is a very experienced council clerk and is busy settling into Broadmayne's particular quirks and peculiarities, we wish him well.

Every year councillors are kept busy with the month-by-month scrutiny of planning applications, the management of the council's funds, the representation of parishioners, formulating responses to consultations, pressuring the Dorset Council (and before that the District Council) on your behalf, and all the other activities that need to go on behind the scenes.

The names of new councillors who will take up the reins from May onwards have been added at the top of the front page of this report and we should all be very grateful that they have stepped forward to run the council's business and to look after Broadmayne in the future.

They deserve a big vote of thanks from us all and our very best wishes for their term of office.

**For new and old residents alike
all the details about Broadmayne that you need are in one handy place,
your community website**

www.broadmayne.org

To be kept in touch by email whenever we post news, go to the site and "subscribe".
If you run an event or organisation, let the world know by sending details to
contact@broadmayne.org

Now to turn to a more normal Annual Report.

During the year the Parish Council has been going about its usual business including considering around a dozen new planning applications. Not exactly new this year but the "Land at Broadmead" application has been to no less than three Planning Committee Meetings during the year. Each time concerned residents and a representative of the Parish Council have prepared and given presentations to the committee. The end result is that, subject to further discussions/negotiations between the planners and developers on developing legislation about phosphate/nitrate contamination, outline planning permission will be granted and we will await the actual detail of the scheme to be presented in a further application.

I don't think that any of us can be unaware of the flooding issues on Main Street this year. They have been worse than anyone can remember. Councillors and our clerk have been involved in chasing Dorset Council for immediate action, such as clearing drains as well as trying to come up with longer term solutions involving the highways department and the landowner. I also obtained roadside "Flood" notices so that a couple of Main Street residents can quickly display them in an attempt to slow the traffic down at times of flooding. Meanwhile the flooding issue around the Rectory Road/Close corner seems to have been improved by work we agitated for on the sewers.

Other disruption during the year was caused by the replacement of so much of the gas main network south of Main Street. I think that residents were generally tolerant of the work and the contractors were cooperative. However, it was good to see them go.

If you are a walker or if you just enjoy some of the prettier parts of the parish you will certainly have missed the bridges at the Washponds. The sudden removal of one aging bridge, judged unsafe by Dorset Council officers, came as a shock to us all. You can be assured that we have been working vigorously for its

replacement and as soon as is possible. Unfortunately, we have been frustrated by budgeting issues and shortage of funds at Dorset Council. The plan is to replace both bridges with more substantial structures. I have been told that their cost will be more than the annual budget for such bridges in our area. As soon as we know more, we will let you know.

Issues are brought to the attention of the Parish Council all the time - some minor some major, but all deserve attention. For example, amongst other things, this year we've looked into problems on Rights-of-Way and abandoned cars.

It wouldn't be an Annual Report for Broadmayne if it didn't touch on traffic issues, which you bring to the attention of the council regularly. You should already know that we have recently consulted residents on whether we should pursue an expanded proposal for speed limits. The clear majority of those who responded wanted us to and so the next step will be to commission speed surveys that we can present to Dorset Council for them to consider along with the idea of a 20mph limit throughout the village.

I am going to end this report and my period in office with one of my regular topics. VOLUNTEERS, those we have and those we need. A village like Broadmayne thrives when it has great community spirit and keen volunteers giving their time to organising, running, supporting, caring, etc.

Of course we have some, and we should be very grateful to them. Volunteers like those who are on our list for the Emergency Plan, those who run the Village Hall, and the Playing Field, those who run the Scout Group and the Brownies, those who host Warm Welcome Wednesdays, those who organise the Arts and Crafts show, those who cook and serve at the Lunch Club, who run various coffee shops, etc. etc.

COULD YOU GIVE A LITTLE MORE? – Many of the above, and other initiatives, could do with more support and I am sure that with initiative and the help of friends you could come up with more ways to support and grow the community. **The Parish Council has grant money available for groups and projects.**

For example - could you get involved in this project?

BEAUTIFYING BROADMAYNE

The council is funding the purchase of thousands of daffodil bulbs for the verge between the zebra crossing and the village shop. They will need planting in the autumn! To help - contact Sam (852791) or Carrie (852285)

Useful people to know

The Parish Council and the community are supported by people with specific interests/roles.

Ancient Monuments – Robin Walls

Rights of Way – Janet Davis

Webmaster – Steve Diamond

SID coordinator – David Eaglestone

Deputy Flood Warden – Barry Eason

Emergency Plan Coordinator - Kevin Denham - 01305 854483 & 07810 658310

Rural Transport – Richard Macer-Wright

Allotment Watch – TBA

Environmental officer – TBA

Flood Warden – Richard Macer-Wright

AED (Defibrillator) coordinator – Phil Marriott

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The draft accounts for the financial year 2023 - 2024 form part of this report. They have yet to be seen by the Internal Auditor. The final version will be approved by the Parish Council at its June meeting, prior to submission to the External Auditor.

Included in the balances are the following reserves: £20,000 for road safety improvement projects, £3000 for asset maintenance, £1000 for temporary staffing cover, £975 in allotment deposits, £3500 for election fees, £2930 for environmental works, £806.35 from the Patient Support Group Legacy and £1380 towards the cost of the defibrillator. The £3488.90 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) received during 2023-2024 is being held for other local initiatives during the coming year.

Note that the Business Reward Saver (BRS) account contains the remainder of the money following the completion of the extension and refurbishment of the village hall. This is held in reserve solely for the hall and playing fields improvement project. In the financial year just finished there was no expenditure from that account.

