

BRADWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday 1st September 2015

Present: Cllr P Downing (Chair), Cllr C Furness, Cllr L Granger, Cllr P Higgs,
Cllr A Nash, Cllr L Sowerby, Cllr R Stevens.

Mr S Lawless (Clerk)

Members of the public: Six members of the Public attended this meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation at this point.

PART I – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

106/2015 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr M Salvage by reason of work commitments and from Cllr K Lancaster by reason of holidays. These apologies were accepted by the meeting.

107/2015 Acceptance & Signing of Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

It was **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 11/08/15 subject to one clerical change.

The Clerk reported on progress in reaching an agreement with Severn Trent Water Ltd (STWL) regarding the conveyance of the toilet block on Town Bottom playing field. It was decided that the Clerk should communicate with the STWL solicitors that council is minded to agree to the 'status quo' agreement proposed subject to STWL permitting council on-going use of the Store room and STWL underwriting the council's legal costs to date.

108/2015 Finance

Financial Authorisations

	Payee	Purpose	Amount (£)	Cheque Number
01	Mr S Lawless	Clerk's salary, allowances & expenses (£46.06)	667.36	100722
02	Mr J Frith	Caretaking Services	240.00	100723
03	Grant Thornton UK LLP	External Audit fees	240.00	100724
	TOTAL		£1,147.36	

It was **resolved** to authorise the above 3 financial together with the following six supplementary financial transactions. The Clerk was asked to write to DDDC to complain at the election charges being imposed, especially as the election was uncontested.

Ref	Payee	Description	Amount	Cheque
04	P Johnson Tree Services Ltd	Tree Surgery - BPPF & PG – July & August	1,470.00	100725
05	Mr G Storey	Caretaking Services – July & August	112.00	100726
06	Came & Company	PC Insurance Renewal – 2015-16	1,018.00	100727
07	Post Office Ltd	DDDC Election Expenses	428.66	100728
08	Bradwell Packaging Services Ltd	Storage Charges – 31/08 – 27/09	48.00	100729
09	Mr A Samwell	Bus Shelter glass cleaning – 27/08/15	10.00	100730
	TOTAL		£3,086.66	

Other Financial Matters

The Clerk gave his financial report which included the following information:-

- The latest financial position following payment of the first three transactions above.
- The Clerk discussed the External Auditor comments on the Annual Return. It was agreed that there was no reason for concern given that the council monitoring procedures were well in excess of those expected of a parish council.
- The existing grass mowing contract was due to expire. The Clerk was asked to contact the contractor to obtain a quotation for coming years.
- The HMRC payment for the first quarter VAT claim has been received.
- The Clerk was asked to include an item on the next Finance committee agenda to consider whether to stay with the Co-operative bank and to advise Cllr Nash of the present account balance with this bank.
- Two donations have been received for the Youth Club.

109/2015 Parish Council processes

Cllr Downing reported that no applications have yet been received for the remaining vacancy on the council. However, one resident has expressed possible interest in joining the council and has attended the meeting to inform her thinking.

110/2015 Village Issues / Initiatives

Cllr Sowerby gave her report from the Youth Club (YC) committee. Her report included the following:-

- The committee proposed to open the YC at the Sports Pavilion from 18:30 to 20:30 between 14th September and 14th December. Posters will be displayed around the village.
- More helpers are being recruited to help run the YC, especially as the existing Youth Assistant will not be able to continue.
- A programme of events is being planned. This programme will include a trip to Chesterfield and a session where exotic animals will be present.
- The first session will include an Induction / Registration session.
- Grants have been received from Bradda Dads and the Co-operative store. In addition, a grant application has been sent to the Hope cement works.

The invitation from a consultancy to investigate the feasibility of installing a hydropower scheme in the village was considered. It was decided not to take any action regarding this invitation.

111/2015 Playing Fields, Open Spaces & Village Caretaking

Cllr Stevens gave her report from the Playing Fields & Open Spaces committee. Her report included:-

- The tree work on selected trees in Beggars Plot and the Peace Gardens has been completed.
- Some of the dry stone walls (especially on Beggars Plot playing field) are in need of repair. The Clerk is obtaining quotations for this work.
- The Clerk presented the quotations for replacing the Wetpour around the Beggars Plot roundabout. It was **resolved** that the Clerk should place an order for the lower of these quotations subject to satisfactory responses to queries on guarantees etc.

Cllr Granger gave her report on the development of a car park in Soft Water Lane. She reported that, due to holidays, no progress has been made.

The Clerk gave his report on progress with disposing of the Bradwell Dale Quarry Piece. He reported that the council's decision has been publicised in the latest edition of Bradwell News and that he has yet to contact the landowner of the adjacent property. He was asked to reply to the estate agent to decline the proposal to include the Quarry in the October auction.

The Clerk gave his update on recent caretaking activities.

112/2015 DCC Highways and Rights of Way

Progress in the initiative to install 'Welcome to Bradwell' signs and up to 15 new concrete planters in the verges was considered. The Clerk is to arrange a meeting with a DCC Highways officer to decide how best to proceed. He was asked to circulate the dates offered by DCC to councillors.

Progress in the resolution of HGV traffic problems in the village was considered. DCC has already agreed to make two changes to highways signs which are awaiting implementation. The Clerk is to write to DCC Highways, copying PDNPA CEO, giving details of the actions outstanding.

The implementation of traffic monitoring systems (Vehicle Activated speed signs) was considered. The Clerk reported that DCC Highways had stated that, as the proposed installation locations were on private land, it had no objections but that permission should first be obtained from PDNPA. PDNPA have indicated that advertisement consent should be obtained for this sign.

The issues associated with the footpaths and bridleway on Bradwell Edge raised by Cllr Furness were considered. The landowner, Mr A Ridgeway, and two representatives of the mountain biking community were present. There followed a wide ranging discussion about the problems and issues associated with the footpaths and bridleway on Bradwell Edge. The issues covered included the width of the footpaths, the erosion and surfacing of the footpaths, the felling of trees, the control of bracken, the history of work already undertaken and the authority who should be responsible for remedying the problems. It was decided that Cllr Furness should convene a meeting of all interested parties to seek a satisfactory conclusion to this issue.

The invitation from DCC to take part in the Parish Council Snow Warden scheme for 2015/16 was discussed. It was decided that Cllrs Downing and Higgs should register for the basic level of involvement.

The DCC consultation invitation for 20 mph speed limits on residential streets was considered. It was **resolved** that members should respond with their own individual views to this invitation.

The matter of vehicles being parked on grass verges in the parish was discussed. It was **resolved** that Cllrs Downing and Higgs should advise PDNPA of the problem (providing photographs as appropriate) and seek its help in managing this issue.

The DCC temporary closure of Charlotte Lane between 26/10/15 and 29/10/15 was noted.

113/2015 PDNPA & Planning Applications

Type	Date of Application / Notice	Reference	Property	Summary
New	29/07/15	NP DDD 0715 0716	Outland Head Quarry, Outlands, Bradwell	Enclosed loading area between existing warehouses.
Reviewed	14/07/15	NP DDD 0715 0643	Mountain View, Far Hill, Bradwell	Erection of Garden Shed. Council supported this application (4/0).
Reviewed	14/07/15	NP DDD 0715 0649	3, Main Road, Bradwell	Side Extension to Property. Council objected to this application (0/5).
Granted	16/06/15	NP DDD 0515 0466	Whirlow Cottage, The Hills, Bradwell	Change of use of land to a garden. Council supported this application (6/0).

The above Planning Applications were noted.

The planning application for the Newburgh site (NP DDD 0815 0779) was considered. This Planning Application was submitted by Camstead Ltd. to demolish the existing buildings on the Newburgh site, to build a new Newburgh works and to build 55 new dwellings.

It was decided to provide an open session in the Memorial Hall on 14th September to enable residents to inspect the plans in more detail and to encourage them to submit their views to PDNPA. Once the council has a better understanding of the residents' views, a special Parish Council meeting will be convened on Friday 18th September to formally decide on its response to PDNPA. This response will then be sent to PDNPA.

Progress in the handling of cases of development to properties in the parish of which the council is unaware was considered. It was decided to review progress at the next PC meeting.

114/2015 Other Partner Authorities / Agencies

There are no items under this heading for this meeting.

115/2015 Reports from Council Representatives on Outside Bodies / Attendance at External Meetings / Relationship with Local Authorities & Other Bodies

Recent Meetings:

Date	Event	Council Representative(s)
	There were no recent meetings	

Future Meetings:

Date	Event	Council Representative(s)
09/09/15	EA / DCC Flood Warden Workshop DCC County Hall, Matlock from 17:30 One representative to be nominated	
03/10/15	PPPF – AGM	L Granger
03/10/15	PDNPA Annual Parishes Day / PPPF AGM (09:30) Aldern House, Bakewell from 10:15 to 16:00. Two representatives are to be nominated.	L Granger / A Nash
14/10/15	DDDC – Northern Area Forum TBA – from 19:00	

116/2015 Publications / Information Received

Date of Information	Description	Decision Req'd
14/08/15	DDDC – Notice of Stage 6 of the Cycling Tour of Britain	
20/08/15	DDDC – Notes on July Area Community Forums	
20/08/15	Derbyshire Law Centre – Recruitment information	

If any member wishes to view any of these documents, please inform the Clerk.

117/2015 Date of Next meeting

The next monthly parish council meeting is planned to start at 7:30 p.m. on **Tuesday 6th October** in the Methodist Lounge, Towngate, Bradwell.

Cllrs Downing & Furness gave their apologies for this meeting.

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

There is no Confidential Business this month.

The meeting concluded at 10:00 p.m.