

**Notes of
BRADWELL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
held in the Methodist Hall at 7:30 p.m.
on Tuesday 28th APRIL 2009**

Present:-

Parish Council Members

Cllr P Downing, Cllr S Eyre (Chair), Cllr C Furness, Cllr J Lawson,
Cllr A Nash, Cllr S Nunn, Cllr A Slater, Cllr J Walker

Steve Lawless Clerk to Bradwell Parish Council
Richard Jarman Responsible Financial Officer

Cllr Mrs J Twigg Derbyshire County Council
Cllr Mrs J Goodison Derbyshire Dales District Council
Mr R Bryan Peak District National Park authority

Around 8 members of the public were present

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr R Davies, PC P Whitehead.

2. Notes of Annual Parish Meeting – 1st April 2008

The notes of the previous meeting were agreed to be true record of the meeting.

3. Parish Chairman's Report

The Chairman introduced the meeting and welcomed those present.

4. Parish Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on the following aspects of the previous year:-

- a) Three councillors, Mr A Briggs, Mrs J Byrne & Mr B Hardy, had resigned during the year and the council wished to thank them for their contribution to the running of the council and committees over their term of office. Two new councillors, Cllr S Nunn and Cllr J Walker, had joined the council and there was presently one vacancy. Filling this vacancy is presently being addressed. Contact details of the councillors had been made available as a Bradwell News insert and are currently available on the website.

Besides working on the council and associated committees, members also represent the council on nine other local bodies e.g. Lafarge, Bradwell War Memorial Hall. Also, some members of the village have been co-opted onto a number of council committees, particularly the Youth Centre, Carnival and Rights of Way committees.

Over the past year members have attended 42 formal meetings of the council and committees.

In addition to the established committees and series of meetings was held with neighbouring councils with interests in preserving the historic tracks through the implementation of Traffic Regulation Orders. Brough Lane is the track of most interest to Bradwell Parish Council.

Work continues in increasing the professionalism of the council, for instance, the Clerk has now achieved the CiLCA certificate, all committees have agreed Terms of Reference, Financial Regulations have been applied, the ICO's new model Publication Scheme has been adopted and software purchased to manage Risk Assessments.

- b) In order to be effective in delivering improvements for the village, the Parish Council must engage with many outside bodies and agencies. Over the past year the council has worked closely with the DCC, DDDC, & PDNPA, and also with Derbyshire Constabulary, RoSPA, Lafarge and Northern Counties.

26 Planning Applications had been reviewed over the year.

A letter was sent to the planning inspector in support of the appeal by Netherwater Environmental against their closure notice.

Issues still exist relating to the access to housing and car parking in and around Wortley Court.

Regarding the planning application by Newburgh Estates Ltd., a series of meetings was held with Newburgh management, a number of village meetings were held, presentations were made by Newburgh and the PDNPA, PC councillors held surgeries for residents, a referendum was held and the PC then decided to unanimously oppose this planning application.

The PC worked with other partners, namely DCC Highways to improve signing to quarries and to facilitate road repairs, and to resolve the outstanding 'Stopping Up' order at the 5 dwellings adjacent to 'The Shoulder of Mutton'. The PC also worked with the DCC Rights of Way to maintain and improve parish footpaths.

The PC also worked with Derbyshire Constabulary to keep Bradwell safe and pleasant.

- c) The Clerk then mentioned some of the many activities carried out over the year, e.g. organising the filling of grit bins, repairs to bus shelter, & grants given to village organisations.
The Clerk also made particular mention of the on-going care and maintenance work on the Playing Fields e.g. annual inspection of play equipment and associated repairs, the cutting of the grass, the regular litter picks, wall repairs and other maintenance. In addition, improvements carried out at Town Bottom, the Peace garden and in the Rose Garden.
- d) In addition, the War Memorial had been refurbished, re-lettered and cleaned, the Millennium Plaque had been produced, new flower tubs had been provided and prepared for the W.I. to plant.

The Clerk concluded by expressing his thanks to all who had helped over the past year, especially the RFO, The Youth Centre Co-ordinator & Cleaner and the village caretaker. Thanks were also expressed to the litter picking group, the W.I. for planting tubs and the Tuesday Walkers for surveying the parish footpaths.

5. Responsible Financial Officer's Report

The Parish Council's accounts are maintained in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 with the financial year ending on 31st March.

We are required

- To appoint an internal auditor
- To prepare our accounts for inspection by the Audit Commission
- To advertise to members of the Parish the timetable for the audit process

6. Committee Reports

Cllr Slater gave an overview of Carnival 2008. He stated that although the PC had underwritten the cost of the Carnival, many village organisations had benefitted. The relocation of the Carnival back to Beggars Plot had been very successful. The entertainment provided during the second Saturday had been exceptionally well received and thanks were due to many people for their hard work and support. He especially wished to thank Mr Clive Allen for his work in preparing the venue.

Cllr Slater had now stood down as Carnival committee chairman, and gave his best wishes to those organising carnival 2009.

Cllr Downing gave a presentation on the current position with the Youth Centre. The Centre had done very well during the year where attendances were typically between 20 – 30 per session. For the last few sessions attendances had been low, and the committee would assess how often the Centre should be open. He congratulated Mr McCartney for his hard work at the Centre.

The Centre had received a number of grants and the committee would decide how best to spend this money. He wished to thank all the volunteers for their work in supporting the Centre and especially Mrs J Emsen for all her work in keeping the Centre running prior to the appointment of Mr McCartney.

Cllr Nash gave an overview of the work of the Finance committee. Most of the points he wished to raise had been covered by Mr Jarman, but he emphasised a) that the 2009 precept was in line with inflation, b) the council operated with a low level of contingency, c) that grants were still available to village organisations and d) that all the financial documents and meetings were open to members of the public. He expressed his thanks to Mr Jarman for all his work.

Cllr Furness summarised the position regarding the Newburgh Estates Ltd planning application. He stated that Mr R Bryan, Head of Planning at the PDNPA was present, that the PC had objected to this application and provided its concerns and villagers comments to the PDNPA, would provide transport to take well for residents to attend the planning meeting this application was decided, that c. 60 residents' letters had been sent to PDNPA, and that residents were considering an Action Group. He also stated that the Friends of the Peak Park support the PC's view except that they wished to see more affordable housing included in the scheme.

Cllr Furness then gave a review of the work of the Rights of Way committee. His review included the following comments:-

- It had been a busy year for the committee with site visits in addition to committee meetings.
- The caretaker now reports to this committee which manages his costs.
- The survey of parish footpaths had been passed to DCC for action.
- Lafarge had provided litter picking equipment for the village.
- The village transport map was being developed.
- The registration of Beggars Plot and the Peace Gardens as Village Greens was progressing.

- Liaison with adjoining parishes to obtain a Traffic Regulation Order on Brough Lane progresses.
- The inclusion of the Dale Quarry on parish insurance was in hand.
- The plan to acquire and improve the plot of land at Dale End had been abandoned.
- The 'Stopping Up' order on the 5 dwellings adjacent to 'The Shoulder' had been progressed.
- The footpath to Bradwell Edge was again causing concern. The committee was working with county to resolve this matter.
- The matter of access and parking at Wortley Court was still outstanding.

Cllr Downing then gave an overview of the Bradda.org website followed by a demonstration.

7. Report by Other Authorities

Mr R Bryan of PDNPA then gave an update on the Newburgh Estates Ltd planning application. He felt that the date for determination of this application by members was now likely to slip further and it could be as late as July / August before it went to committee. There were two main issues that needed to be resolved, namely a) the number and type of affordable houses to be included in the application in view of the recently issued East Midlands regional Plan (EMRP) and then b) the design issues needed to be addressed.

He stated that there was no indication at present whether officers would recommend this application or not. However, should changes be made to the application, then the parish would be re-consulted.

There then following a prolonged period of questions and answers between Mr Bryan and councillors & members of the public. Cllrs Twigg declared an interest by virtue of her position in the PDNPA and Cllr Goodison because of her position Dales Housing.

8. Questions from the Public

No questions were raised by the public at this point.

The Chairman thanked councillors for all their work over the past year in the running of the council and its committees and then also thanked members of the public for attending.

Mr S Bradwell then offered his thanks to all members of the council for their work over the past year.

The Chairmen then brought the meeting to a close at 9:12 p.m.