

BRADWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday 6th October 2009

Present: Cllr R Davies, Cllr P Downing (Chair), Cllr C Furness, Cllr V Horstead,
Cllr S Nunn, Cllr A Slater, Cllr J Walker

Mr S Lawless (Clerk), Mr R Jarman (RFO), Mr B Nicols (from 8:40)

Members of the Public:
Mr P Ormerod & another member of the public.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation at this point.

128/2009 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr S Eyre by reason of family matters, Cllr J Lawson by reason of holidays, Cllr A Nash by reason of family matters & PC I Richardson by reason of work commitments. These apologies were accepted by the meeting.

129/2009 Declaration of Members' Interests

Cllr Downing declared a personal interest in the matter of Bradwell Village Action Group, item 131/2009.

Cllr Horstead declared a personal interest in the matters of a) the Bradwell Village Action Group, item 131/2009, b) the allotments, item 135/2009 and c) Brook Cottage Planning Application, item 136/2009.

130/2009 Acceptance of Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of 1st September 2009. The Clerk was asked to progress the response from PDNPA regarding the planning conditions applied to all the dwellings on Michlow Close & Michlow Drive.

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Meeting of the Rights of Way and common Land committee of 18th September 2009.

131/2009 Finance**Authorisations for Approval**

	Payee	Amount (£)	Purpose
1	Mr S Lawless	783.17	Clerk's salary, allowances & expenses (photocopying & stationery - £60.36).
2	Mr R Jarman	271.58	RFO's salary & allowance
3	Mrs S Wharton	56.00	Youth Centre cleaning services
4	Brian Nicols Gas Services Ltd	412.50	Caretaking services
5	Mr A Samwell	10.00	Bus shelter cleaning
6	Julian Frith	30.00	Caretaking services
7	Favel, Smith & Lawson	381.50	Legal Services – Peace Gardens
8	J Goodinson	320.00	Tree Surgery – Town Bottom
9	BG Sports & Leisure	425.27	Sinking Fund - Playground equipment on Beggars Plot
10	The Royal British legion	16.50	Chair's Allowance – Remembrance Wreath
11	E-ON	2.24	Carnival - Electricity on Beggars Plot
12	Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport	105.00	YC – Bus Hire
13	BT	62.55	YC – Adjusted Line & Phone charges
14	Royal Bank of Scotland	57,761.00	Re-investment of maturing bond
15	Mr C Furness	9.60	Travel Expenses
16	Wild Park Brailsford	40.00	YC - Paintballing Excursion
	TOTAL	£60,686.91	

It was resolved to approve the above financial authorisations excepting numbers 14 & 16. Number 14 is superseded by the re-investment decision below and number 16 is to be re-submitted next month with supporting documentation.

Matters Raised by RFO (working papers to be provided by RFO)

The RFO reported that updating the signatories for council bank accounts would be completed after the meeting.

The RFO reported that information had been received about a new investment product with the Abbey bank that would be suitable for re-investment of council reserves. This 12 month bond product will yield 2.5%. It was resolved to invest £50,000 in the Abbey bond by taking £43,000 from the Halifax and £7,000 from the Alliance accounts.

The RFO tabled documents confirming to the Chair & the Clerk that the monthly process of bank reconciliation is working satisfactorily.

The process for deciding the value of the precept for the coming fiscal year was discussed. It was decided that the precept should be decided at the November council meeting and that, to aid decision making, the RFO should provide three sets of figures for that meeting a) based on 0% inflation, b) based on the current inflation rate and c) allowing no call on council reserves.

Other Financial Matters

The need for financial support for the Bradwell Village Action Group in recompense for publishing the council news in Bradwell News was discussed in principle. It was resolved, subject to a properly documented application, to pay £40 per issue for the coming year.

132/2009 Parish Council Processes

The notification of a Parish Council ethics training course was discussed. It was decided that Cllr Horstead should attend this course. The Clerk is to make arrangements.

The need for a system to improve acoustics during meetings was discussed. Cllr Downing presented the results of his investigation into PA systems. It was decided that Cllr Downing and the Clerk should meet with Mr Bradwell to discuss options for improving the existing system installed in the Hall.

133/2009 Village Issues / Initiatives

The Clerk read the monthly report provided by PC I Richardson of Derbyshire Constabulary.

Cllr Downing presented his report on the current situation with the Youth Centre. He reported on the last meeting with the DCC Youth worker and the matters raised there. Cllr Walker was asked to pass the latest volunteer rota to Cllr Downing, and the Clerk was asked to raise the matter of the loose external wiring with the Newburgh works manager. The next meeting with the DCC Youth worker was planned for 3rd November.

Cllr Davies gave his report on securing Carnival bunting fixing points to the properties of selected residents. He stated that this would be progressed next year before the Carnival.

It was decided to refer the matter of the letter from St. Barnabas Church regarding their Christmas Tree Festival to the next Youth Centre meeting.

134/2009 Playing Fields & Village Caretaking

The village caretaker gave his monthly report. On the Town Bottom Playing Field he reported that he had removed a cherry tree, tidied the bushes at the edge, improved the zip-wire and repaired the walls. He was asked to reshape the tree on Towngate green. The Clerk is to investigate if bird-proof litter bins could be provided around Town Lane.

Cllr Slater reported on his investigation into acquiring suitable Christmas tree lights. Cllr Eyre had earlier informed the Clerk that he would ensure a suitable tree was provided on Beggars Plot Playing Field.

The letter from a resident asking for specialist play equipment on Town Bottom Playing Field was considered. It was decided that the Clerk should conduct further investigations into this matter and report to the November meeting.

135/2009 Highways, Rights of Way & Open Spaces

Cllr Nunn gave her report on the recent inter-parish group meetings to protect ancient parish highways.

Progress in establishing Parish Council allotments in Bradwell was discussed. It was decided that a) the Clerk should re-send a previous letter by recorded delivery, b) the Clerk should write to the owner of land near Stretfield, c) Cllrs Davies & Furness should approach Lafarge to investigate the provision of suitable land.

Cllr Nunn presented her report from the Rights of Way & Common Lands committee. This report included:-

- Progress in maintaining the parish footpaths.
- Progress with the Peace Gardens. The Peace Gardens are now registered with the Land Registry in the name of Bradwell Parish Council. It was resolved to proceed in registering the Peace Gardens as a Village Green.
- The status of Beggars Plot was discussed. It was decided not to proceed with registration as a Village Green, and to review council planning policies at the next meeting.
- The proposed Transport Information Guide still requires further work before being presented to the committee.
- The Dale Quarry. This is to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.
- DDDC Minor Maintenance agreement. It was decided to opt out of the present agreement and the Clerk was asked to write to DDDC to confirm this decision.

The letter from a resident regarding footpaths in the Michlow Lane area was discussed. It was decided to ask Cllrs Davies & Furness to thank Lafarge for their work.

The request from a resident that the car parking spaces immediately in front of the Co-operative Retail store should be designated for disabled use only was discussed. It was decided that the Clerk should send this letter to DCC Highways department for their consideration.

136/2009 Planning Applications

Type	Date of Application / Notice	Reference	Property	Summary
New	04/09/09	NP DDD 0909 0794	Brook Cottage, Brookside, Bradwell	Single storey side extension.
Reviewed	10/08/09	NP DDD 0809 0717	Hillcote, Jeffrey Lane, Bradwell	Demolition of porch and construction/conversion of larger kitchen and toilet facilities. The council objected to this application.
Granted	13/11/08	NP HPK 1108 1031	Lafarge Cement UK plc, Hope Cement Works, Hope	Infrastructure for using PFA in cement.
Granted	22/05/09	NP DDD 0509 0384	Bradwell Methodist Church, Towngate, Bradwell	Erection of shed for storage of Teddy Bear Club. The council supported this application.
Dismissed appeal	16/09/08	NP DDD 0908 0819	New Road, Bradwell, Derbyshire	Conversion of redundant building to dwelling. The council opposed this application and noted that the garage was not redundant and the proposal was out of character. The appeal was lodged 02/06/09.

CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

It was resolved that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw.

The reason given for this exclusion is under the Freedom of Information Act exemption Section 36 – Conduct of Public Affairs.

CLr Horstead left the meeting at this point.

NP DDD 0909 0794B - Brook Cottage, Brookside, Bradwell

It was resolved that the Clerk write to PDNPA objecting to this planning application.

It was resolved to remove confidentiality and to return to normal business.

CLr Horstead returned to the meeting.

Newburgh Estates Ltd.

The amended Outline Planning Application, NP/DDD/1208/1089, from Newburgh Estates Ltd. for the Newburgh site was discussed.

CLr Downing reported on progress since the Village Meeting and the establishment of the B.A.N.D. group.

137/2009 Reports from Council Representatives on Outside Bodies / Attendance at External Meetings / Relationship with Local Authorities & Other Bodies

Recent Meetings:

Date	Event	Council Representative(s)
05/09/09	DALC AGM Council Chamber, County Hall, Matlock 11:00	
08/09/09	Derbyshire Constabulary – Have Your Say consultation Town Hall, Matlock 10:00 – 15:00 Railway Station, Matlock 17:00 – 19:00	
15/09/09	Derbyshire Constabulary Parish Councils’ Evening, Police HQ, Ripley. 19:00	
15/09/09	High Peak & Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership Lawrence Hall, Hathersage 10:00	
19/09/09	PDNPA Parishes’ Day & AGM Ilam Hall Youth Hostel, Ilam, Ashbourne 11:00 – 16:00	Cllr Furness
24/09/09	SDD – Themed Community Safety Panel Meeting, Town Hall, Bank Rd, Matlock 10:00 – 13:00	
29/09/09	DRCC – AGM & 85 th Birthday celebrations Markham Vale Centre, Nr. Bolsover 14:30 – 16:30	

Future Meetings:

Date	Event	Council Representative(s)
05/10/09	East Midlands Regional Plan review Agricultural Business Centre, Bakewell from 17:30 to 21:00	
14/10/09	DDDC – Parish Council training – Ethics Agricultural Business Centre, Bakewell 19:00	
22/10/09	County Council – Parish Council Liaison Forum County Hall, Matlock 18:00 – 20:30	Cllr Downing
27/10/09	BECT – Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport AGM Social Evening at the Darley Dale Methodist Church Rooms 18:30 with AGM at 19:15	

138/2009 Publications / Information Received

Date of Information	Description	Decision Req'd
02/09/09	Bradwell Well Dressing Committee – Letter of Thanks for Carnival Street collection	
03/09/09	DDDC - Corporate Plan 2009/10	
08/09/09	Mr & Mrs Bradwell – Thank you card for 60 th Wedding bouquet	
26/09/09	DCC – Nominations for Young Achievers Awards It was decided not to nominate any Bradwell residents for these awards.	Y
26/09/09	DDDC – Consultation on Gambling Act 2005 (by 16/11/09) The Clerk was asked to circulate the information from this communication to members.	Y
28/09/09	DALC – Circular 48 – General Circular incl. 5 th Countryside Alliance awards, Sustainable Communities Act 2009	
28/09/09	DALC – Circular 49 – General Circular incl. Policing of Local Events, Local Councils Make a Difference	
28/09/09	DALC – Circular 50 – General Circular incl. membership of DALC, Subscriptions 2010,	
28/09/09	DALC – Circular 51 – Pay Settlement 2009 for Local Council Clerks, Car Allowances	
28/09/09	DALC – Circular 52 – Parish and Town Council Liaison Meeting	

These documents are available from the Clerk.

139/2009 Date of Next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 3rd November 2009 in the Methodist Hall starting at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting concluded at 10:03 p.m.