

BRADWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday 6th November 2012

Present:

CLlr R Davies, Cllr P Downing (Chair), Cllr L Granger, Cllr P Higgs
Cllr K Lancaster, Cllr A Nash, Cllr S Ridgeway, Cllr R Stevens

Mr S Lawless (Clerk)

Member of the Public:

DCC Cllr J Twigg, DDC Cllr C Furness, PC I Richardson, Mrs E Downing

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was a discussion regarding the monthly policing information provided by Derbyshire Constabulary. PC I Richardson stated that there were legal restrictions on the information he was allowed to provide. The subsequent discussion covered provision of CCTV, the email 'Alert' system, problems with illegal drugs and the fact that crime levels were generally falling. It was decided that the reports were still needed and the police were asked to add a note to the report where it felt that the council could provide some help.

DCC Cllr J Twigg discussed the planned temporary road closure of the B6049 at Brough from January 2013 for water main renewal. She provided answers from DCC officials to councillor questions provided by the Clerk. The council considered that this closure would have a serious impact on residents and businesses. It was decided that Cllr Twigg would arrange a meeting for some councillors with DCC officials & Severn-Trent managers at Matlock as soon as possible.

PART I – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

118/2012 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr V Horstead by reason of family matters. These apologies were accepted by the meeting.

119/2012 Declaration of Members' Interests

Cllr Stevens declared an interest in the matter of the planning application 1208/1089 for Newburgh Estates (126/2012).

120/2012 Acceptance & Signing of Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

It was **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 2nd October 2012.

It was **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Finance committee of 17th October 2012.

Financial Authorisations

	Payee	Purpose	Amount (£)	Cheque Number
1	Mr S Lawless	Clerk's salary, allowances & expenses (£57.21)	673.83	100238
2	Mrs C Allison	YC – Assistant Remuneration	40.00	100239
3	Mr P Nicols	Caretaking Services	300.00	100240
4	Mr J Frith	Caretaking Services	35.00	100241
5	G.E. & M.P. Davies	Monthly Grass Mowing Invoice	200.00	100242
6	Mr A Samwell	Cleaning Bus Shelter glass	10.00	100243
7	Hope Valley College	Carnival – Chair Hire	100.00	100244
8	Royal British Legion	Chair's Allowance – Poppy Appeal	17.00	100245
9	Mrs S Nunn	YC - CRB Update Course	10.00	100246
10	Mrs V Horstead	YC – Tuck Shop stock	30.00	100247
11	Peak Advertiser	YC – Advert for Youth Leader	46.80	100248
12	Derwent Treescapes Ltd	Quarry Knotweed treatment	100.80	100249
13	Wm Eyre & Sons	Caretaking Materials	0.89	100250
14	JPR Farm Direct Ltd	Caretaking Materials – woodchip	171.00	100251
	TOTAL		£1,735.32	

It was **resolved** to authorise the above 14 financial transactions together with the following 4 transactions:-

	Payee	Description	Amount	Cheque
15	Audit Commission	External Audit fee	510.00	100252
16	Mrs L Cliffe	Purchase of spring bulbs for village tubs	57.54	100253
17	Mr P Downing	Chair's Allowance – flowers for Mrs Morley	25.00	100254
18	High Peak Heating Supplies	Caretaking Materials	29.57	100255
	TOTAL		£ 622.11	

Other Financial Matters

The Clerk tabled a document giving the financial position following the above financial transactions and highlighted a number of points for members.

It was noted that the Annual Return has been returned by the Audit Commission with a qualification regarding the reporting of fixed assets and that the second quarter accounts are presently being audited by the Internal Auditor.

Cllr Stevens presented a report from the Finance committee following its recent meeting. The report included a) a review of 2012/13 spending to date, b) the proposals for the 2013/14 precept and c) the proposals for the 5-year financial plan. It was **resolved** to accept this report and to approve the 2013/14 precept of £36,266. The Chair thanked the Finance committee for its work on the council finances.

The application from St Barnabas PCC for a grant towards the cost of electrification of the clock winding mechanism was considered. It was decided not to make a grant and the Clerk was asked to write to the PCC giving the reasons.

It was noted that a) HMRC plans to have all PAYE & NIC information entered by RTI (real time input) from the next fiscal year and b) the new Pensions legislation will require the council to provide employee pension contributions.

122/2012 Parish Council Processes

The Clerk gave an update on progress in recruiting a councillor. It was decided that an advertisement for this position should also be included on the website and that councillors were encouraged to advertise this vacancy.

It was **resolved** to suspend Standing Orders to allow members of the public to contribute. Cllr Granger gave an update on the opportunities provided by the new Localism Bill. She stated that the Parish Plan was now ready for publication and that this plan could form the basis for a Bradwell Neighbourhood Plan. It was **resolved** that the Clerk should write to PDNPA to register Bradwell CP as the Neighbourhood Plan area for Bradwell.

The dates of monthly PC council meetings for 2013 were considered. It was decided, under usual circumstances, to hold the monthly PC meetings on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

123/2012 Village Issues / Initiatives

The policing report had been addressed earlier under Public Participation.

Cllr Lancaster gave a progress report on the latest developments at the Youth Club following its re-opening. The number of members attending was usually around 15. The Hallowe'en disco had been successful although only 10 members had attended. It was reported that a) the DCC Youth Leader is only available as a temporary measure and that the council urgently needed to recruit a new Leader and b) that more volunteers are needed. It was **resolved**, subject to Youth Club committee approval and a satisfactory interview, that a second Youth Assistant be recruited.

The letter from the chairman of Newburgh concerning the slow progress in the provision of high speed broadband for the Hope Valley was considered. Because most activities to promote the implementation of broadband were outside the scope of the council, it was decided that Cllr Downing should inform members when he considered that the council could meaningfully contribute to this initiative.

The DCC response to the Bradwell nominee for its Young Achievers Awards 2012 was noted.

The provision of Christmas decorations by the council was considered. It was decided that the tree adjacent to the Peace Gardens should be decorated and that the acquisition of a tree for Beggars Plot should be investigated.

The request from DDDC to comment on its Draft Policy 'Licensing Statement of Principles' was considered. It was decided that, if so minded, councillors should provide personal responses.

The Local Government Boundary Commission's Final Recommendations for DCC were noted.

124/2012 Playing Fields, Open Spaces & Village Caretaking

The Clerk gave an update on recent caretaking activities.

DDDC Cllr C Furness gave an update on DDDC matters affecting the village (e.g. grass verges, refuse collection / recycling). He stated that he had just returned from a DDDC meeting at which the problems with domestic waste collection by Serco, the contractor, were discussed. Many DDDC councillors strongly expressed their anger at Serco's poor service. Serco have promised to remedy all outstanding problems within two weeks. Cllr Furness was asked to monitor the Serco contract to ensure that DDDC do make the planned savings on this contract.

Cllr Higgs gave a progress report from the Playing Fields and Open Spaces committee. He stated that all inspections and regular maintenance were being carried out. He would help the caretaker in inspecting the Beggars Plot roundabout bearing. Cllr Higgs then summarised the contents of the 2002 file giving options for the Royal British Legion site on Soft Water Lane. It was decided that the Clerk should clarify the legal position regarding the sale of parish assets and Cllrs Higgs & Ridgeway are to identify who might be interested in acquiring the plot.

The Clerk gave a progress report on the request to install a memorial bench on Town Gate Green. The applicant has agreed to underwrite the costs and the precise location is to be agreed.

Cllr Higgs gave a progress report on the proposal to provide a Skate Park in the village and on the application for grant funding. The Sports England application is still being considered.

125/2012 Highways and Rights of Way

Cllr Downing stated that DDDC has some funds available for acquisition of land for allotments. Cllr Horstead will progress this matter on her return.

The consideration of DCC plans to close the B6049 at Brough from 14th January 2013 to facilitate water main renewal works had been considered during Public Participation.

The DCC plan to close Bridge Street (from Towngate to Netherside) on Sunday 18th November for building maintenance was considered. No action was decided.

The Clerk gave an update on DCC plans to increase road signage to discourage the use of Hollowgate by HGVs and coaches. No further action was decided.

126/2012 Planning Applications

Type	Date of Application / Notice	Reference	Property	Summary
Reviewed	05/09/12	NP DDD 0812 0862	18 Michlow Drive, Bradwell	Rear conservatory extension. Council supported this application (4/0).

The above application was noted.

Newburgh Estates Ltd.

The amended Outline Planning Application, NP/DDD/1208/1089, from Newburgh Estates Ltd. for the Newburgh site was considered. Cllr Downing stated that he had been in contact with PDNPA to obtain an update from them.

The PDNPA consultation invitation on its Public Participation Scheme was considered. It was decided that, if so minded, councillors should provide personal responses.

The PDNPA consultation invitation on its sustainability and other appraisals on its development management policies were considered. The PPPF Management Committee's response to these policies was also considered. It was decided that this should be considered again at the next PC meeting.

The PDNPA invitation to become involved in raising awareness for Broadband in the Peak District National Park was considered. It was decided that, if so minded, councillors should provide personal responses.

The information provided by PDNPA as part of its request to facilitate discussion with the local community on its proposals for boundary works and grazing at High Rake, Windmill has been posted to the website.

The documents provided by PDNPA arising from the recent Parishes Day meeting were noted.

127/2012 Reports from Council Representatives on Outside Bodies / Attendance at External Meetings / Relationship with Local Authorities & Other Bodies

Recent Meetings:

Date	Event	Council Representative(s)
10/10/12	Derbyshire Dales CVS – Funding & Networking event Ashbourne	
11/10/12	Derbyshire Constabulary - Neighbourhood Watch event Post Mill Centre, Market Street, S. Normanton from 18:30	
16/10/12	DDDC – Area Community Forum Agricultural Business Centre, Bakewell from 19:00	
19/10/12	Rural Action Derbyshire AGM Willersley Castle Hotel, Cromford, Matlock at 13:30	
25/10/12	DCC Parish Liaison Forum County Hall, Matlock from 18:00	
25/10/12	Derbyshire Dales CVS AGM Over Haddon Village Hall from 10:00	

Future Meetings:

Date	Event	Council Representative(s)
	None This Month	

128/2012 Publications / Information Received

Date of Information	Description	Decision Req'd
29/09/12	RAD – Suicide Awareness – Partnership Training	
29/09/12	Streetscape – Outdoor Fitness System brochure	
01/10/12	DCC – Winter Service Scheme	
03/10/12	Eco Centre – Course Information	
03/10/12	RAD – Rural Action Derbyshire support for ACRE's 'Village & Community Buildings' campaign	
05/10/12	Bradwell Bowls Club – Letter of Thanks for the S137 grant of £350	
05/10/12	Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre -appeal	
05/10/12	DDDC – Election of Police Commissioner – Notice of Election	
15/10/12	DALC – Circular 43: DALC General Circular; Pensions – LGPS 2014 Proposals; Derbyshire Gold Cards; New Resource for Communities wanting to set up a community shop; BBC One Show – Looking for community projects that need help; Iconic Facilities Fund – Sport England; Community right to build – Homes & Communities Agency; Business Group; Overhaul of County Ambulance Service	
16/10/12	DALC – email re GPC qualifications; to be raised at NALC/SLCC	
17/10/12	Came & Co – Parish Matters Insurance Ne2wsletter	
24/10/12	OSS – Request to lobby MP on the Growth & Infrastructure Bill	
26/10/12	DALC – General Circular 44: Code of Conduct; Café Clusters; Training; NALC enquiry – 'What Next for Localism'; Community Right to Bid; RTPI 'Map for England'	
26/10/12	RAD – Rural Action Derbyshire 'The Playing Field' magazine	
26/10/12	DCC – email re 'Contact you Broadband Champion' online form	
27/10/12	PPPF – Draft Minutes of their AGM	
28/10/12	OSS – Open Spaces Society Autumn newsletter	
31/10/12	Clerk & Councils Direct newsletter	

The above communications were noted.

The Clerk is to lobby the MP in support of the OSS request to oppose Clause 13 of the Growth & Infrastructure Bill.

129/2012 Date of Next meeting

The next monthly meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday 4th December 2012 in the Small Hall of the Memorial Hall, Netherside.

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

There is no Confidential Business this month.

The meeting concluded at 10:28 p.m.