

BRADWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday 14th November 2013

Present: Cllr R Davies, Cllr P Downing (Chair), Cllr L Granger, Cllr P Higgs, Cllr V Horstead, Cllr K Lancaster, Cllr A Nash, Cllr M Salvage, Cllr L Sowerby, Cllr R Stevens

Mr S Lawless (Clerk)

Three members of the public were present:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation at this point.

PART I – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

135/2013 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Horstead indicated that she would be late attending this meeting by reason of alternative arrangements.

136/2013 Declaration of Members' Interests

No interests were declared.

137/2013 Village Issues / Initiatives (Guide Time 30 minutes)

It was decided to suspend Standing Orders to allow members of the public to contribute to discussions.

The Derbyshire Fire & Rescue proposals to close the Bradwell & Hathersage Fire Stations were then considered.

Cllr Downing presented a summary of the DFRS proposals. This presentation included a) a summary of the DFRS plan, b) the key issues, c) the impact on fire engine response times, d) impact on response times to RTCs and e) the timetable of events leading to a DFRS decision.

A wide-ranging discussion then took place between all those present.

It was then **resolved** to object to the DFRS 'Transforming Service Delivery for 2022 and Beyond' Proposal 4.

The meeting then discussed what steps should then be taken. The conclusions included the following points:-

- Having the backing of the other Hope Valley (HV) councils would greatly add to the weight of any response made, but if no other councils were willing to support this position, then Bradwell PC would proceed alone. A letter is to be sent to all HV council chairs making them aware of our concerns and seeking their support for our position.
- A public meeting should be convened to make Bradwell (& other HV residents) aware of the issues involved.
- A meeting between HV councils and senior DFRS officers should be sought.
- Bradwell PC is to attend the Buxton 'Fit to Respond' consultation event on 22/11/13.
- The implications of the DFRS proposal should be publicised as widely as possible (e.g. Bradwell News, Bradda website, notices and a petition in the Post Office) and other councils are to be encouraged to include similar material in their own publications.
- A meeting should be arranged with the Chair of the Derbyshire Fire Authority to ensure that he is aware of our concerns.
- A letter, on behalf of Bradwell & Hathersage PCs, should be sent to local MPs, County & District councillors and our local DFRS Authority member.
- It was **resolved** that a working party of four councillors (Cllrs Davies, Downing, Higgs & Salvage) be delegated authority to represent the council in this matter. This working party is to hold its first meeting on Sunday evening.
- It was believed that the DFRS consultation is not legally robust and that the response from residents on social media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, 38.Degrees) would be ignored.
- This matter should be raised at the next Peak Park Parishes Forum meeting with a view of getting its support against this proposal.

138/2013 Date of Next meeting

The next PC meeting is planned to start at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday 26th November 2013 in the Methodist Lounge, Towngate, Bradwell.

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

There was no Confidential Business.

The meeting concluded at 09:33 p.m.