

BRADWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday 26th November 2013

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

Mr S Lawless (Clerk)

Four members of the public attended:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public raise his concerns that a footpath he and other residents have used for over 50 years has been fenced off by HCM. This footpath is used by many residents as it provides a circular route of a convenient distance, and the closure has caused much upset. The resident has also involved DCC Rights of Way officers, but they say it will be years before they can do anything, and it is also not a registered DCC Footpath. The resident now asks the PC to intervene on behalf of these residents. Council debated this matter and decided:-

- Cllr Savage is to produce a map showing the route of the footpath.
- Cllrs Davies and Lancaster were asked to raise this matter at the next HCM liaison meeting.

PART I – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

139/2013 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr L Sowerby by reason of family commitments, Cllr R Stevens by reason of holidays and from Cllr R Davies for health reasons. These apologies were accepted by the meeting.

140/2013 Declaration of Members' Interests

The following interests were declared:-

Cllr Downing declared a personal interest in 147/2013 Planning Applications.

Cllr Horstead declared a personal interest in 146/2013 Allotments.

Cllr Lancaster declared personal interests in 144/2013 Christmas Decorations and in 147/2013 Planning Applications.

141/2013 Acceptance & Signing of Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

It was **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of 22/10/13.

It was **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Youth Club committee meeting of 07/11/13.

It was **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Finance committee meeting of 11/11/13.

It was **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Parish Council of 14/11/13.

It was **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Neighbourhood Planning committee meeting of 21/11/13.

Financial Authorisations

	Payee	Purpose	Amount (£)	Cheque Number
1	Mr S Lawless	Clerk's salary allowances & expenses (£824.51)	1,460.21	100415
2	Mr S Lawless	YC Youth Leader's salary	180.00	100416
3	Ms L Austin	YC Youth Assistant's salary	145.00	100417
4	Mrs L Ward	YC Cleaning Services	60.00	100418
5	Mr J Frith	Caretaking Services	60.00	100419
6	Mr G Storey	Caretaking Services	73.00	100420
7	Mr A Lawless	Caretaking Services	216.00	100421
8	High Peak Heating Supplies	Caretaking Materials	30.67	100422
9	Mr A Oldfield	Flowers / Bulbs for Tubs	80.00	100423
10	Mr A Samwell	Bus Shelter Window Cleaning	10.00	100424
11	Mr P Downing	Chairman's Allowance	25.00	100425
12	Bradwell War Memorial Hall	Room Hire (03/10 & 17/10)	32.00	100426
	TOTAL		£2,371.88	

Supplementary Financial Authorisations

	Payee	Description	Amount	Cheque
13	Barry Wood Plant Hire	Filling 5 Grit Bins	324.00	100427
14	Mr A Nash	Neighbourhood Plan – SurveyMonkey fees	24.00	100428
	TOTAL		£ 348.00	

It was **resolved** to authorise the above 14 financial transactions.

The following Financial Receipts were noted:-

	Source	Reason	Amount (£)	
1	Derbyshire Constabulary	YC Grant from Proceeds of Crime Fund	750.00	INC-13-25
2	DDDC	YC Grant for Hallowe'en Disco	50.00	INC-13-26
	TOTAL		£ 800.00	

Other Financial Matters

The Clerk provided an update on the latest financial position following payment of the above financial authorisations.

Cllr Granger gave a report from the Finance committee following its recent meeting. Her report included:-

- The 2013/14 actual figures indicate that there will be a significant under-spend.
- The 5-year plan was reviewed.
- The figures used to calculate the 2014/15 precept were discussed and some changes were proposed.
- The Clerk is to apply these changes to the spreadsheet and re-issue it.
- It is expected that the precept proposal to the council will be decided at the next Finance committee meeting.

The DDDC information on the Parish Precept Setting Process 2014/15 was noted. This information will be considered by the Finance committee meeting at its next meeting on 18th December.

It was decided that the response to the NALC consultation request on the operation of the Localised Council Tax Support scheme should be deferred until the next PC meeting.

143/2013 Parish Council Processes

It was decided that Cllr Granger and the Clerk should meet to agree the values to be assigned to each individual asset in order to finalise the register.

144/2013 Village Issues / Initiatives

The latest monthly Policing report for Bradwell was considered. It was decided that the liaison process with our local police was in need of improvement and that Cllrs Davies & Stevens (with Cllr Horstead) should meet with the PC I Richardson to discuss this matter.

Cllr Granger gave a report from the Neighbourhood Planning (NP) committee following its recent meeting. Her report included:-

- The project is progressing well.
- About 80 completed survey forms have now been returned. It has been decided to extend the qualifying period until Christmas to allow more residents time to submit their forms.
- Committee members plan to meet with businesses.
- A review of other NP has shown that many supporting documents are required.
- More posters will be displayed to encourage residents to become involved.

Cllr Lancaster gave a report from the Youth Club committee following its recent meeting. Her report included:-

- The new leader, Wendy Butler, has been appointed and has taken over running of the club.
- The members are offering ideas for new events / excursions. A Go-Karting excursion is being planned as is a Christmas Disco.
- A number of improvements have been completed to the YC.

The application from the Storeybag theatre group to use the YC premises was discussed. It was decided to allow this access subject to the YC key being promptly returned after use. The Clerk is to advise the applicant.

The application from the Pre-School committee to use the YC premises for a number of fund-raising events was discussed. It was decided to decline this request, but to encourage the organisation to apply for a S137 grant to cover, at least, room hire costs.

Cllr Nash discussed Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service proposal 4 to close the Bradwell & Hathersage Fire Stations and the recent progress made in opposing this proposal. His report included:-

- A letter has been sent to 11 influential individuals / organisations seeking their support.
- Another letter has been sent to 12 Hope Valley (HV) parish clerks seeking the support of their councils.
- A petition has been distributed around the village.
- A meeting of HV PCs is planned for Wednesday 27th November to plan the campaign.
- A HV public meeting is planned for Tuesday 10th December in Hathersage.
- The DFRS drop-in sessions at Buxton and Glossop were difficult to locate.
- Cllr Downing expressed his thanks to all those councillors who have helped for their efforts in this campaign.

It was **resolved** to suspend Standing Orders to allow members of the Public to participate. DDDC Cllr Furness reported that at the DFRS session at DDDC it was concluded that a) the DFRS proposals were developed as a 'purist or theoretical' exercise with little regard for practicalities, b) there was no significant financial saving for Proposal 4, c) a member of the public, John Geddes, made a valuable presentation and d) it was reported that Bamford had little expectation of being able to recruit the required 17 firemen.

Cllr Downing discussed information from PDNPA on the Bradwell Conservation Area and its boundaries. It was **resolved** to delegate the authority to request new Bradwell Conservation Area boundaries to the Neighbourhood Planning Working Group meeting of 4th December.

The provision of Christmas decorations around the village was discussed. It was decided that the offer of a tree from a resident should be accepted and it should be installed as is usual. The need for Christmas Tree lights was discussed and it was **resolved** to spend up to £400 from general Reserves in purchasing 2 sets of suitable lights.

Cllr Downing discussed the communication from the Bradwell Well Dressing committee seeking help in appointing officers. It was decided that members should approach suitable residents to see if they would help and also that the Clerk should invite the well Dressing committee secretary to attend the next PC meeting to discuss this matter.

Cllr Horstead gave an update on progress with the request for Bradwell Parish Council to contribute a decorated tree to the St Barnabas Christmas Tree festival. It was decided that members should provide Cllr Horstead with pairs of suitable photographs for display on the tree. Cllr Downing expressed his thanks to Cllr Horstead for her efforts.

The response from Rt. Hon. P McLoughlin MP to the council's support for the Rural Fair Share Campaign was noted.

The request by Rural Action Derbyshire to complete a survey on the Good Neighbour Schemes was discussed. It was decided that Cllr Downing should respond on behalf of council.

145/2013 Playing Fields, Open Spaces & Village Caretaking

The Clerk gave an update on recent caretaking activities by village caretakers. He reported that good progress has been made this month as the new caretakers were now tackling jobs that had been pending for some time.

It was decided that the small wicket gate at the southern end of Beggars Plot playing fields should be permanently closed off. The Clerk is to arrange for the work to be carried out by stone-walling tradesman. One gate to the Peace Gardens should also be widened to allow disabled access.

The ground above the culvert against the Brook wall is to be inspected and rectified as necessary.

146/2013 Highways and Rights of Way

Cllr Horstead reported that there has been no progress to note in the council's provision of allotments.

Cllr Granger gave a progress report on the recent meeting held with the DDDC officer responsible for car parking. She reported that a number of village sites had been inspected and that the Soft Water Lane was considered to be the most promising. It was **resolved** that Cllr Granger and the Clerk should apply for the DDDC maximum grant available and that the council would contribute £100 in matched funding.

147/2013 Planning Applications

Type	Date of Application / Notice	Reference	Property	Summary
New	18/10/13	NP DDD 0913 0864	Newburgh Engineering, Netherside, Bradwell	Replacement of roof covering and windows to Shop 6.
Reviewed	08/10/13	NP DDD 1013 0902	Joiners Cottage, Towngate, Bradwell	Removal of fence and construction of stone wall. Council supported this application (5/0).
Granted	23/05/13	NP DDD 0713 0642	Laburnum Cottage, Hill Head, Bradwell	Replace Flat Roof with Pitched Roof and new Wooden Garage Doors. Council objected to this application as it is retrospective (5/2).
Refused	27/06/13	NP DDD 0713 0745	The Barn, Bradwell Grid Ref – 417603 381404	Proposed Change of Use of Vernacular Building to Camping Barn. Council objected to this application (2/7).

The above planning applications were reviewed. In light of the outcome of application 0642 above, it was decided to review the council's policy on retrospective planning applications at the next meeting.

Newburgh Estates Ltd.

The amended Outline Planning Application, NP/DDD/1208/1089, from Newburgh Estates Ltd. for the Newburgh site was reviewed. Cllr Downing gave an update on his recent conversation with Mr. J. Keeley of PDNPA, who stated that the viability assessment has now been received. He stated that significant progress could not now be expected until January / February at the earliest. DDDC Cllr Furness read the contents of the PDNPA Conservation Officer's report.

Other Planning Matters

The communication from residents about their proposal to build a new dwelling on Bessie Lane was considered. It was decided that the Clerk should contact the correspondent to advise them of the discussion.

It was noted that planning applications for businesses outside the parish that employed Bradwell residents were not being submitted to this council for consideration. An example was Buxoplas where the application to extend the premises was approved by PDNPA but Bradwell PC had not been consulted. It was decided that Cllr Downing and the Clerk should write to PDNPA to complain about this matter.

148/2013 Reports from Council Representatives on Outside Bodies / Attendance at External Meetings / Relationship with Local Authorities & Other Bodies

Recent Meetings:

Date	Event	Council Representative(s)
	None this month	

Future Meetings:

Date	Event	Council Representative(s)
25/11/13	Hate Crime Awareness Seminar County Hall, Matlock from 09:00	
30/11/13	Community Buildings 'Away Day' Hulland Ward Hall, from 10:00	
17/03/14	Rights of Way Course, Derbyshire Eco Centre, Wirksworth from 10:00	

These meetings were noted.

149/2013 Publications / Information Received

Date of Information	Description	Decision Req'd
17/10/13	DALC – Circular 20: General Circular; Revised Model Standing Orders; Revised Legal Topic Notes; NALC Policy Consultation	
22/10/13	Chesterfield Law Society – AGM 13/11/13	
23/10/13	Dales Housing – Estate Walkabout information	
25/10/13	DDDC – Changes to off-street car parking arrangements	
28/10/13	'Thank You' card from resident for Chairman's Gift	
28/10/13	War Memorials Trust – awareness raising	
28/10/13	Clerk & Councils Direct Newsletter	
31/10/13	Up Front- Neighbourhood Planning newsletter	
01/11/13	OSS – Autumn newsletter	
01/11/13	Hathersage Skate Park information	
02/11/13	Derbyshire Children's Holiday centre appeal	
06/11/13	MAT – Sportivate Applications for 2014/15	
06/11/13	DDCVS – Training course to Attract & Train Trustees	
06/11/13	DALC – Circular 21: General Circular; DALC Drop in Surgery; Erewash Physical Activities Survey; Localised Council Tax Support Arrangements; Sustainable Communities Act; Good Neighbour Schemes	
12/11/13	Groundwork Newsletter for Autumn 2013	
13/11/13	DCC – URL Link to DCC Information for Winter Service Scheme	
14/11/13	OSS – TGO Personality of the Year – Kate Ashbrook was runner-up	
14/11/13	EA – Campaign to check for heating oil leaks.	

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

150/2013 Date of Next meeting

The next PC meeting is planned to start at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday 18th December 2013 in the Methodist Lounge, Towngate, Bradwell.

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

There is no Confidential Business this month.

The meeting concluded at 10:34 p.m.