



Minutes of the
Meeting of the Parish Council
held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday 1st February 2022.

Present: Cllr P Downing (Chair), Cllr P Higgs, Cllr L Granger, Cllr Z Harrison, Cllr A Taylor, Cllr B Salisbury, Cllr K Lancaster, Cllr M Salvage, Cllr M Joseph, Cllr A Nash

Mrs C Preston (Clerk)

Members of Outside Bodies / Authorities: District Councillor Furness

Members of the public: Six

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Six members of the public joined the meeting. One resident requested that the following questions/comments were recorded. The questions or comments are as follows:-

Thank you for sending over the documents from the FOI request. I still have some queries which remain unanswered in respect of the Dumbles track, both from the FOI and my additional questions.

1. Are your replies recorded in the January Minutes to my questions from December - Committee replied categorically no but no explanation was given.
2. I am very puzzled why you do not answer my question re access and demonstrate why I do not have access. Planning permission has nothing to do with legal access.
3. From the responses provided by the Clerk, I cannot find any details on the valuation of the land purchased. Can you please confirm who valued this? how did the Parish Council decide what to offer for the land?
4. The John Middleton Trust offered to sell the small area of land to facilitate the access for a bridge to the Newburgh site or grant an easement for this. Was the cost of this explored separately?
5. Nowhere in the Planning Permission does it state that BPC must purchase the Holmes track for £35,791.68 (squandering council taxpayers money on a track valued at £6000.00) to facilitate to the Newburgh site.
6. I would like evidence of the date and minutes recording Cllr Downing, Cllr Lancaster and Cllr Taylor declaring an interest when the tendering buying process was taking place. By securing the future of access to land they own they stood to benefit from the Parish Council obtaining further land, so this must have been recorded. I hope that they stood down from any negotiations re purchasing the Track from day one of tendering, otherwise they were supporting the purchase of the track for their own gains. Please refer to Openness and transparency on personal interest page 7 for Councillors.
7. Also, I see that Cllr Downing in September 2021 is on a subcommittee for dealing with this purchase, surely that is not ethical.
8. I find interesting a prospect purchaser withdrew his interest because. Quote 'I feel that I can no longer participate in the purchase of this land. I have been left out of the decision-making process and it is no longer the consortium or project that was initially discussed and that I felt I could put my money into.'
9. There have been too many times when decisions have been made without consultation and the whole thing seems to be being driven in a different direction from that originally outlined and by just a few individuals.

10. Explanation why discussions are not minuted and decisions not made in the Council Meetings.
11. Lastly why are Bradwell Parish Council and Land Playing fields Meetings and agendas not available to download and online and also to let the general public know when they are taking place.
12. In summary I am concerned that as a resident of the village that the purchase of the wider area of land from the John Middleton Trust is not for the benefit of the community, is not best value for the use of public funds, and that there are conflicts of interest in respect of this which have not been properly declared.
13. Please can you supply me with the supporting evidence claiming I have sent an email "vexatious in tone and context" - again this was not included as an item on the agenda.

District Councillor (DC) Furness advised that the company who collect the food waste in Bradwell have had a fire at their premises and will be closing their business. DC Furness told the council that Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC) are going to speak to Derbyshire County Council about the removal of the food waste and if their facilities could be used for the disposal of the waste.

Cllr Lancaster asked if DDDC were prepared to compensate residents for failing to provide a satisfactory refuse collection service. DC Furness stated that DDDC would not be paying any compensation to residents.

DC Furness advised that DDDC are taking legal action against Serco, who have the contract to collect all the waste in Bradwell and are issuing fines for failing to provide a satisfactory service. DC Furness also advise that the results of the independent enquiry into the performance of Serco are not yet available but are planned to be discussed at a special meeting of DDDC.

DC Furness stated that only two companies tendered for the business when last tendered. DDDC believed that Serco would be the best for the work as they had the experience of working in the area. DC Furness stated that DDDC are unable to take the work away from Serco as there is no one else to take on the contract. Cllr Granger advised that the first time Serco had the contract it took them twelve months to sort through the problems they experienced and provide a satisfactory service to the village.

DC Furness was requested to take the views from Bradwell parish council back to the committee running the waste collection service at DDDC.

Apologies for Absence

023/2022

Apologies were received from County Councillor Sutton

Declaration of Members' Interests

024/2022

Cllr Lancaster declared an interest in agenda item 027/0022 as she is a director of the company MyPaye

Acceptance and signing of Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

025/2022

It was **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 04/01/2022

026/2022

It was **resolved** accept the minutes of the Land and Playing Fields committee Meeting of 27/01/2022

Cllr Higgs reported that there were a number of matters arising from the Land and Playing Fields committee meeting of 27/01/2022

- Cllr Higgs advised that the committee were unable to reply to a mail received from a resident and felt it should be reviewed by full council. It was felt that the email was discourteous and abusive. Some councillors felt the email was vexatious in tone and context. It was **resolved** to have a discussion with DALC and the standards officer at Derbyshire Dales District Council and seek their advice on how to respond to emails of this type.

ACTION: Clerk to contact DALC and the standards officer to arrange meetings

- Cllr Higgs wanted to clarify a point on the planning application for the proposed bridge linking Bradwell Springs to Softwater Lane. He clarified that what had been received was a discharge of conditions and not a new planning application. It was felt that this point should be clarified so not to cause any confusion to residents.
- As an action from the Land and Playing Fields committee meeting a resident has been informed of the application to discharge the condition on the provision of access from Bradwell Springs which has been submitted to Peak Park Planning Authority.

Financial Matters

027/2022

It was **resolved** to authorise the 6 financial transactions from January below, together with 6 supplementary transactions.

Ref	Payee	Description	Amount £	Cheque
01	Xero	Monthly direct debit	£31.20	Direct Debit
02	E.ON	Monthly electricity charge	£7.00	Direct Debit
03	Total Energies	Electricity charge for toilet block at Town Bottom Playing Fields	£247.92	BACS
04	Documents Team	Title Deeds	£59.94	Debit Card
05	Mr A Samwell	Cleaning of bus shelters	£10.00	BACS
06	Mr J Sowerby	Caretaking services – Peace Garden and Beggars Plot	£330.00	BACS
Ref	Payee	Description	Amount	Cheque
01	A & J Cleaning	Public convenience cleaning	£259.13	BACS
02	Cloudy IT	Microsoft 365 subscription	£78.07	BACS
03	Water Plus	Water charges for Town Bottom Toilets	£28.12	BACS
04	HMRC	National Insurance contributions	£8.75	BACS
05	Nest	Pension contributions	£55.91	Direct Debit
06	C Preston	Salary and office allowance	£768.63	BACS

Other Financial Matters

028/2022

The Co-operative bank account was reviewed on Xero by Cllr Lancaster and no queries were raised.

029/2022

Cllr Granger presented a report on the proposal that all councillors are issued with council owned IT equipment. Council discussed the report and the cost associated with proving the devices. The proposal was passed, and council **resolved** to provide the following device to any councillor who requested one - Samsung Tab A 10.4-inch Ram 3GB 32 GB

It was **resolved** that the device had to be signed for by any councillor who required one and must be returned when the councillor resigns from council.

030/2022

The clerk advised council that charges for the hire of the Methodist Hall and Lounge have been increased for 2022. A copy of the new charges was circulated to all councillors as part of the meeting papers

031/2022

Council agreed to move agenda item - *To consider the annual pay review for the clerk and resolve how to proceed (Cllr Lancaster)* to the end of the meeting as there were members of the public present and did not feel it appropriate to discuss this issue with the public and clerk present.

Parish Council Processes

None this month

Parish Issues / Initiatives

032/2022

Cllr Salisbury reported that a letter had been received from the Environment officer on the issue of flooding on Softwater Lane but did not have any additional information and they continue to work on the issue. They advised that they were having a meeting with their manager the following week to discuss the issue of flooding in Bradwell.

It was **resolved** that ownership of the brook needs to be established to move forward with establishing a solution to the flooding from the brook onto the roads.

ACTION: Write a letter to the Angling Club to establish their understanding of the ownership of the brook

033/2022

Council discussed replacement of the Beggars Plot play equipment, and the next step is to meet with the school and share some of the options available to the pupils so they can help with choosing the equipment.

ACTION: Cllr Nash to meet with the school and get the views of the pupils on the options available

Once a final decision on what equipment will be purchased a tender document will be created so three comparable quotes can be obtained.

It was noted that once the equipment is chosen the installation will be after the summer holidays as the installation crews are already fully booked to work in schools during their summer holidays.

034/2022

Cllr Joseph stated that the Resilience Committee are looking at new equipment possibilities to be used in association with snow clearing and salt distribution. A costed and justified proposal to be brought back to council.

ACTION: Resilience Committee to present a costed and justified proposal to council

Cllr Higgs advised that three people have volunteered to be snow wardens. They have received a copy of a video to watch as there is no face-to-face training at the moment. Derbyshire county council have promised to provide Hi-Viz jackets and snow shovels

035/2022

Cllr Higgs presented a proposal for a drinking water facility at Town Bottom playing field. The proposed facility will be insulated and have the facility to be turned off in times of hard frost. It was **resolved** to proceed with the proposal which needs to include appropriate signage. A budget cost of £1400 was agreed by council

ACTION: Clerk to organise the installation of the facility

036/2020

Council considered a proposal that they organise or facilitate a Village celebration for the Queens Jubilee on 5th June 2022. It was **resolved** that a separate committee be formed to investigate what can be done which will include involving other village organisations. Cllrs Granger and Lancaster agreed to be part of the committee. Cllrs Downing and Salisbury stated that they would support the committee. Cllr Nash stated that he would be involved in what the CLT were planning for the celebrations

ACTION: Clerk to organise a committee meeting

037/2022

Council considered a proposal that council works in cooperation with the police and Hathersage council to install CCTV in the village in an attempt to combat the recent significant increase in vehicle thefts. It was **resolved** to contact Hathersage parish council to get information on the system they have in place

ACTION: Clerk to get the information from Hathersage parish council so it can be discussed at the parish council meeting in March

Parish Playing Fields, Open Spaces and Village Caretaking

038/2022

The clerk advised that there is no new information on the agreement with Severn Trent Water on use of space at the toilet block at Town Bottom playing fields. The clerk confirmed that all information has been supplied to the solicitors.

039/2022

The clerk advised that there is no new information on gifting the "orphan" land strip off Michlow Close, Bradwell from The Guinness partnership. Solicitors have been appointed and the councils solicitor have chased the solicitors for the Guinness partnership for an update.

Derbyshire Dales District Council have agreed to issue the Parish Council with a 'Tenancy at Will' – for the strip of land owned by them. Once they have issued a 'Tenancy at Will' they will continue with the full transfer.

There was a possibility of Breedon Hope Cement works helping with tidying up the area, but this cannot be progressed until ownership is established.

Highways & Rights of Way (Guide Time 5 minutes)

The following proposed road closure was noted :-

The DCC proposed road closure of Brookside, Bradwell for 23rd Feb 2022 between 08:00 and 17:00 to facilitate a Manhole Cover Replacement

The DCC proposed road closure of Bridge Street, Bradwell for weekend working only Sat 12th Feb to Sunday 13th Feb 2022 to facilitate a new Gas Connection

Council resolved to write to Derbyshire County Council for confirmation that the bus companies have been informed about the road closures and notices placed at the bus stop informing residents of the bus changes

ACTION: Clerk to write to Derbyshire County Council and request confirmation that the bus companies have been informed of the road closures

040/2022

Planning Applications

Type	Date of Application / Notice	Reference	Property	Summary
Planning Application	17/12/2021	NP/DDD/1221/1376	Newburgh Engineering Works Netherside Bradwell	S.73 application for the removal or variation of condition 4 on NP/DDD/0918/0870. (Council objected to this application with comments)
Planning Application	13/01/2022	NP/DIS/0122/0018	Bradwell Springs Development.	Discharge of Condition 42 (new pedestrian bridge) on NP/DDD/1119/1232 - Bradwell Springs Development. (Council requested more information on this application)

Other Partner Authorities / Agencies

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

041/2022

Recent Meetings:

Date	Event	Council Representative(s)
	None	

The Breedon liaison meeting was discussed, and the traffic levels need to be monitored because of recent increases in traffic.

Future Meetings:

Date	Event	Council Representative(s)
08/03/2022	Breedon Liaison meeting	Cllrs Nash, Salvage & Salisbury
01/10/2022	Parishes Day	

Publications / Information Received**042/2022**

Communications have already been circulated electronically.

043/2022 - Other Financial Matters

This proposal was moved to the end of the meeting with councils agreement

Council considered the annual pay review for the clerk and resolve to move the clerk onto the next rate on the NALC pay scale. This is effective from 1st February 2022

ACTION: Clerk to implement rate change on payroll system

Date of Next Meeting**044/2022**

The next meeting of the parish council is planned for Tuesday 1st March 2022 at 7.30p.m.

The meeting concluded at 9.15 p.m.