# **BRADWELL PARISH COUNCIL**



# Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

Present: Cllr B Salisbury (Chair), Cllr A Taylor, Cllr K Lancaster, Cllr L Granger, Cllr Z Harrison,

Cllr R Cornish

Mrs C Preston (Clerk)

Members of Outside Bodies / Authorities: District Councillor Furness

Members of the public: Two

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Two members of the public spoke to council about the letter that they had received from Camstead Homes regarding the two properties on Bradwell Springs which are being used as holiday lets. The residents stated that they are disappointed that the covenant about the houses being used as businesses is not being enforced. They have been advised that one of the houses has agreed with Camstead Homes that it could be used as a holiday let for a period of three years as long as there is no annoyance to the neighbours. They have put in place a "no noise" request after 10.30pm as a condition of renting the property. The residents say that despite Camstead Homes saying they had spoken to the neighbours about the complaints they do not know who they spoke to on Bradwell Springs. The residents have said they are considering that a solicitor's letter from the affected residents to both Camstead Homes and the owners of the two properties may be the way forward.

District Councillor Furness advised council that Derbyshire Dales District Council have completed a review of the clean and green services provided by them. One of the services they provide is grass cutting of the verges in the village. For the last number of years, the service they have provided has been well below the standard expected. Unfortunately, they are still not going to be able to collect the grass cuttings as it is too expensive but have promised to provide a better service in 2023. They have also promised to conduct a bi-annual survey with all parish councils to review the service provided and see if there can be any improvements.

#### **Apologies for Absence**

#### 047/2023

Apologies were received from Cllrs Downing and Nash for reason of holiday, Cllr Salvage for reason of family. These apologies were noted. Apologies were received from County Councillor Sutton

#### **Declaration of Members' Interests**

#### 048/0023

Cllr Lancaster declared an interest in agenda item 051/2023 as she is a director of the company MyPaye. Cllr Harrison declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 055/2023 due to family interest.

# Acceptance and signing of Previous Minutes and Matters Arising 049/2023

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 07/02/2023.

#### 050/2023

In matters arising Cllr Taylor reported that the Youth Activities program is scheduled to start in April 2023. Cllrs Salvage and Taylor met with the personnel providing the activities and agreed a schedule of events which will take place monthly on a Thursday night commencing on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023. The cost of each event is £130 (which will be covered by the grants and fundraising funds held by council) and there are twelve places per event for Bradwell children in school years 6 to 11.

#### **Financial Matters**

#### 051/2023

It was **resolved** to authorise the thirteen financial transactions from February below, together with six supplementary transactions.

Ref	Payee	Description	Amount £	Cheque
01	Xero	Monthly direct debit	31.20	Direct Debit
02	E. ON	Monthly electricity charge	13.70	Direct Debit
03	HSBC	Monthly bank charge	5.00	Bank Charge
04	Paul Roberts	Investigation of laptop issue	25.00	BACS
05	C Preston	New laptop	655.97	BACS
06	C Preston	Salary & Office allowance	852.72	BACS
07	HMRC	NI & Tax Jan 23	62.09	BACS
80	Nest	Pension contributions	22.10	Direct Debit
09	CloudyIT	Microsoft 365 subscription	78.06	BACS
10	A Samwell	Bus shelter cleaning	10.00	BACS
11	Morrisons	Gift for resident	26.99	Debit card
12	St Barnabas Church	Charge for Warm Space	200.00	BACS
13	A & J Cleaning Services	Cleaning of public conveniences	238.38	BACS
Ref	Payee	Description	Amount	Cheque
01	C Staves	Playground inspections	£40.00	BACS
02	Bradwell War Memorial Hall	Room Bookings	£50.00	BACS
03	Water plus	Water charges for toilet block	£43.86	BACS
04	Post Office	Postage for registered letter	£3.45	Debit Card
05	Beresford Contracting Ltd	Filling grit bins	£1,549.10	BACS
06	Ann Harrison	Queens expenses	£358.36	BACS

#### Other Financial Matters

#### 052/2023

Cllr Lancaster reviewed the Co-operative bank account, and no queries were raised.

#### 053/2023

The clerk advised council that the S137 grant application from The Wildflower Group had been withdrawn as they have been unable to provide details of their bank account due to people leaving their group. They will reapply when they have resolved the issues with their bank account.

#### 054/2023

Council **resolved** to continue with Cloudy IT as their provider of Microsoft 365 for the next twelve months. This means that a cost increase of 9% can be deferred to 2024 if a twelve-month contract is signed by 7th March 2023. The clerk advised that the cost increase that was deferred from 2022 to 2023 will now be applied in March 2023.

**ACTION:** Clerk to advise Cloudy IT that council wishes to continue with them for the next twelve months.

#### 055/2023

Council **resolved** to accept the price increase from A & J Cleaning Services for cleaning of our public conveniences. The increase is 8.75% and is effective from 01/03/2023. Council commented that they are very happy with the service provided. Cllr Harrison abstained from the voting.

**ACTION:** Clerk to write to A & J Cleaners and advise council have accepted the price increase.

#### 056/2023

Council resolved to allow the clerk to seek a new electricity contract for the toilet block at Town Bottom Playing Field as the existing contract has finished and to move the account to the best provider.

**ACTION:** Clerk to investigate if a better deal is available from any other provider and move the account if a cost saving can be made.

#### **Parish Council Processes**

#### 057/2023

Council was advised that the start time of the annual parish meeting must be amended to 8.00pm due to availability of the Memorial Hall.

**ACTION:** Clerk to ensure that the meeting is advertised with the starting time of 8.00pm

#### Parish Issues / Initiatives

# 058/2023

Cllr Salisbury gave the following report from the Land and Playing Fields committee: -

- The drainage channel at the start of the Dumbles is planned to be installed in May 2023. Once
  the date is confirmed people with authorised access will be advised of the works which may
  affect access at certain times.
- The used sandbags that are currently located at the toilet block need to be removed. Cllr Harrison agreed to remove the bags.
- There is still unauthorised access onto the Dumbles which needs to be addressed.

#### 059/2023

Cllr Taylor gave the following report from the Carnival committee: -

- There is to be an open theme for the carnival this year.
- The admin of the Carnival Facebook page has been transferred to Cllr Taylor. The page has been renamed to include the Wells Dressings Group
- The planning of the day is progressing well and the next meeting is planned for the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

#### 060/2023

It was **resolved** to post on the Council Facebook page regarding the new benches located in Beggars Plot Playing Field, The Kings Coronation celebrations and the retirement from council of Peter Higgs.

**ACTION:** Cllr Taylor to organise posting these items on Council Facebook page and sharing the posts on Bradwell Hope Valley community forum Facebook page.

#### 061/2023

Cllr Granger gave an update on the initiative to provide a warm space for residents in the village during the winter months. Cllr Granger advised that the space was normally being used by two or three people but with a maximum of five people. Derbyshire Dales District Council have not requested a second report on the usage of the space but when they do it will be submitted online. One person has expressed a wish that the space remains open after the end of March. Cllr Granger agreed to discuss the idea with St Barnabas Church to see if it could be opened once a week following on from the Toddler and Baby group as the church would be heated for this group. It could be rebadged as a community coffee morning as the funding for the warm spaces ceases at the end of March.

Council thanked Cllr Granger for her on going work with warm spaces.

#### 062/2023

Cllr Granger gave an update from the working group organising a Village celebration for the Kings Coronation on 7th May 2023. The working group are looking to book a hog roast, entertainment by a band or DJ and also a bouncy castle for the children. The next meeting of the working group is on 13th March 2023.

#### 063/2023

Council considered a proposal that council resolve to send a letter to Peak District National Park Authority in support of the Castleton initiative objecting to the Threatened Closure of Peak District Visitor Centres and Castleton's Museum. Council resolved to write a letter of support in objecting to the threatened closure of Peak District Visitor Centres and Castleton's Museum.

**ACTION:** Clerk to write a letter of support on behalf of council

#### Parish Playing Fields, Open Spaces and Village Caretaking

#### 064/2023

The clerk advised that the signed lease has been sent to the solicitors acting for Severn Trent Water. It was **resolved** that the clerk is to continue to chase the solicitors to complete the process and get the consideration of £4,950 due from Severn Trent Water paid to council.

**ACTION**: Clerk to continue to chase the solicitors for an update.

#### 065/2023

The clerk advised that there is no further progress with the solicitors acting for The Guinness Partnership. It was **resolved** that the clerk continues to progress transfer of the land to Bradwell parish council.

**ACTION:** Clerk to continue to chase the solicitors for an update.

# 066/2023

The clerk advised that all of the documentation has been signed to complete the transfer of Grey Ditch from Derbyshire Dales District Council to Bradwell Parish Council

**ACTION:** Clerk to advise when a copy of the completed paperwork has been issued to Bradwell Parish Council.

# **Highways & Rights of Way (Guide Time 5 minutes)**

# **Planning Applications**

# 067/2023

Туре	Date of Application / Notice	Reference	Property	Summary
Planning Application	09/02/2023	NP/DDD/0223/0140	Land to the east of Springfield Road, Bradwell	Demolition of existing garages and construction of new garages (32 divided into 6 blocks) with associated landscaping works and improvements to access.
Planning Application - Granted	16/02/2023	NP/DDD/1122/1425	Edge Cottage, Edge Lane, Bradwell	12 solar panels for domestic use to be positioned in a gravel pit. (Council supported this application)
Planning Application	22/02/2023	NP/DDD/0223/0153	Outland Head Quarry, Walker Minerals Limited, Unnamed Road From Outlands Road To Jeffrey Lane, Bradwell,	Erection of building for use in connection with existing mineral processing operations

# Other Partner Authorities / Agencies

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

# 068/2023

# **Recent Meetings:**

Date	Event	Council Representative(s)
	None	

# **Future Meetings:**

Date	Event	Council Representative(s)
17/04/2023	Peak Park Parishes Forum	Cllrs Granger and Downing

#### **Publications / Information Received**

#### 069/2023

Communications have already been circulated electronically.

# PART 2 – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION (Guide time 10 minutes)

#### 070/2023

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

The reason given for this exclusion is under the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and Local Government Act 1972, ss 100 and 102 – the early stages of any dispute.

The council discussed the response to an email received from a resident regarding work that had been undertaken on the Dumbles. This drainage work was subsequently undone by persons unknown. The clerk advised council that they had responded to the email and advised the resident that council would be in touch when information was available. Council **resolved** to seek legal advice on what could be done to stop this malicious damage to council property.

**ACTION:** Clerk to set up a meeting with a solicitor to discuss what can be done to resolve the issue.

# **Date of Next Meeting**

#### 070/2023

The next meeting of the parish council is planned for Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7.30p.m.

The meeting concluded at 9.10p.m.