# **BRADWELL PARISH COUNCIL**



# <u>Minutes of the</u> <u>Meeting of the Parish Council</u> <u>held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023.</u>

Present:

Cllr B Salisbury (Chair), Cllr C Furness, Cllr R Cornish, Cllr Z Harrison, Cllr A Taylor, Cllr E Lake, Cllr M Salvage, Cllr L Granger.

Mrs C Preston (Clerk)

Members of Outside Bodies / Authorities: District Councillor Nash

Members of the public: Six

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

A member of the Wildflower group gave a report to council. They requested that Council approve their project for a further 3 years. They also requested that a small strip on Beggars Plot is left uncut until late summer/early autumn - to allow flowers to self-seed and provide shelter for small mammals, and insects and for butterfly and moth caterpillars to form larvae. The proposed strip would measure approximately 4.50 meters wide and 15 meters long, from the wall down to the hedge next to the bungalow.

A resident spoke about taking over the lease on the café in the toilet block. They said that they are from Bradwell and want to have a café which sells homemade cakes and food. They want the café to be part of the community. Their goal is to open full time in the summer and stay open later into the early evening. They promise consistency with their opening hours. The café would be their full-time job so can dedicate time to ensure it is running smoothly.

Bradwell Sports Club presented their S137 grant application. They are looking for a grant towards providing better access for disabled and restricted mobility users to the pavilion. They have a legacy of £5,000 and the project is due to cost circa £12,000. They still need to raise the balance of the money. They confirmed that they have approached Breedon, Hope Cement Works for some funding but haven't heard from them yet.

A resident wanted to speak about a report that they have written on the bus service to the village. However, this item was not on the agenda, so he agreed to come to the next parish council meeting.

Cllr Salisbury reported on discussions with County Councillor (CC) Sutton. He advised that there was nothing back from the Environment Agency so they will continue to chase for information. CC Sutton commented on the financial situation with Derbyshire County Council. He reported that the council would be ok this year but are not starting any new projects this financial year.

The clerk reported that CC Sutton has donated £255.60 for the youth activities program.

District Councillor (DC) Nash spoke about the adopting of the roads within Bradwell Springs. He advised that County Councillor Sutton has spoken to Highways about the roads but is still waiting an answer. DC Nash advised that the change to the rubbish collection days went well. There was some confusion as to which bins were scheduled for collection. A sweeper van returned the next day to empty any bins that were missed. DC Nash agreed to join the next meeting that CC Sutton has with

the parish council. DC Nash advised that he has allocated £250 from his budget to the youth activities program.

# **Apologies for Absence**

# 217/2023

Apologies were received from Cllrs Downing and Lancaster by reason of holiday. These apologies were noted. Apologies were received from County Councillor Sutton.

# **Declaration of Members' Interests**

#### 218/2023

Cllr Salisbury declared an interest in agenda item 220/2023 as he is due reimbursement for items purchased on behalf of council.

Cllr Lake declared an interest in agenda item 233/2023 as she is the solicitor acting for council on this matter, and agenda item 224/2023 due to family connection.

## Acceptance and signing of Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

#### 219/2023

It was **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 05/09/2023.

#### **Financial Matters**

#### 220/2023

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

Ref	Payee	Description	Amount £	Cheque
01	Xero	Monthly direct debit	36.00	Direct Debit
02	E. ON	Monthly electricity charge	48.90	Direct Debit
03	HSBC	Monthly bank charge	5.00	Bank Charge
04	Bradwell Memorial Hall	Room booking	16.00	BACS
05	Co-operative	Gift for resident	28.50	Debit Card
06	Cash payment	Gift for ex-councillor	40.00	CASH
07	Mr Carpet	Flooring for room in toilet block	1325.03	BACS
08	G E Davies	Grass cutting Aug 23	350.00	BACS
08	C Preston	Salary and office allowance	883.50	BACS
09	HMRC	NI contributions August 23	19.95	BACS
10	Nest	Pension contributions Aug 23	63.18	Direct Debit
11	PKF Littlejohn LLP	Annual audit fees	378.00	BACS
12	Cllr Salisbury	Expenses from meeting with Bradda Dads	50.00	BACS
13	Gallagher Insurance	Council insurance for 2023- 24	1812.73	BACS

Ref	Payee	Description	Amount	Cheque
01	Water Plus	Water charge	£44.80	BACS
02	A & J Cleaning	Public convenience cleaning	£247.50	BACS
03	Cloudy IT	Microsoft 365 Subscription	£84.14	BACS
04	G E Davies	Grass cutting	£350.00	BACS
05	Total Energies	Electricity Toilet Block	£257.94	Direct Debit
06	DALC	Councillor training	£50.00	BACS
07	Bradwell War Memorial Hall	Room booking	£16.00	BACS

#### **Other Financial Matters**

#### 221/2023

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

#### 222/2023

Council considered a proposal that council authorises a S137 grant application to Bradwell Sports Club to provide better access for disabled and restricted mobility users to the pavilion. The project is due to cost circa £12,000. Council **resolved** to award a grant of £2000 for the project.

**ACTION:** Clerk to advise Bradwell Sports Club and add the amount to the payments for November 2023.

#### **Parish Council Processes**

#### 223/2023

Council reviewed the membership of council committees and **resolved** that Cllr Lake will join the following committees Finance, Administration & Training and Carnival. It was **resolved** that the clerk would update the committee membership document and arrange an updated copy is posted to the website.

**ACTION:** Clerk to update the document and arrange for the updated document to be posted to the web site.

#### Parish Issues / Initiatives

#### 224/2023

The clerk advised council that the lease holder for Brook Café, which is located in a room in the toilet block, has given three months' notice to cancel the lease. Council resolved to advertise the lease of the room until the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023. It was **resolved** that the advertisement would be posted on the village notice boards and on Council's Facebook page.

**ACTION:** Clerk to organise the posting of the advertisements.

#### 224/2025

Council considered the offer from a local resident to take over the lease of the room and run it as a café. Council **resolved** to advertise the lease of the room until the 18th October 2023. It was **resolved** to offer the lease to the applicant if there are no other applications by the closing date of 18th October 2023. Council resolved that the clerk would contact the applicant and advise them of council's resolution.

**ACTION:** Clerk to contact the applicant and advise them of council's resolution.

#### 225/2023

Council considered the request for support from a resident for the installation of a zebra crossing on Main Road Bradwell adjacent to the fire station. Council was advised by Cllr Granger that this had been fully investigated by council and Derbyshire County Council when a second egress point from Bradwell Springs has been sought. It was deemed as being unsuitable due to its proximity to the Fire Station and the bend in the road. Putting a pedestrian crossing on Netherside was also investigated but it would have meant losing the bus stop at the Memorial Hall, so this was also deemed unsuitable. Council resolved that they couldn't support the installation of a pedestrian crossing at the point identified by the resident. It was **resolved** that the clerk would advise the resident of council's decision.

**ACTION:** Clerk to write to the resident and advise them of council's decision.

#### 226/2023

It was resolved to post the following to council Facebook page.

- An update on progress on the allotments
- The lease of a room in the toilet block
- The installation of a defibrillator in The Hills

**ACTION**: Cllr Taylor to post the items agreed on the council Facebook page.

#### 227/2023

The clerk advised council that they had not received any positive feedback on their queries with phone providers to request that they start the mast site search again because the signal strength in much of Bradwell is extremely poor. The responses received stated that they have no plans for a new mast in Bradwell. The clerk agrees to continue to chase for more replies.

**ACTION:** Clerk to continue to chase for more replies.

#### 228/2023

The clerk advised that they had not received any update on the provision of a new handrail at the Methodist Church from Derbyshire County Council. They confirmed that they have written to County Councillor Sutton to request his assistance but are yet to receive a response. The clerk agreed to continue to chase for updates.

**ACTION:** Clerk to continue to chase for updates.

#### 229/2023

Cllr Salisbury advised that the defibrillator is scheduled to be installed on the 6<sup>th</sup> October. It was **resolved** that Cllr Salisbury would advise the clerk when it was installed so it can be registered with East Midlands Ambulance Service.

**ACTION:** Clerk to register the defibrillator with East Midlands Ambulance Service when it is installed.

#### 230/2023

Cllr Granger gave the following report from the Amenities Committee

- Cllr Granger advised that they were still investigating if any grants are available to rewild the Dumbles area.
- The Clerk to follow up for agreement with Nottingham Housing Association to have a permanent entrance into Town Bottom Playing Field behind Church Mews.
- The carpark at Softwater Lane is full and there is a short waiting list for spaces.
- They committee plan to contact Breedon, Hope Cement works to restart the project for providing some car parking spaces at the bottom on Gore Lane up as far as the substation.

Prior to contacting Breedon, Cllr Granger agreed to contact Cllr Salisbury to discuss the communication that had taken place with the local residents.

- The budget for 2024/25 was reviewed. The majority of the cost centres managed by the committee were maintained at the same level as the previous year. A small increase was applied to one cost centre as increases from suppliers were anticipated, a couple of cost centres had reductions applied.
- The 5-year plan was reviewed and updated where necessary.

#### 231/2023

Council considered the request from the Wildflower group that council support their project for the next three years and allow for a strip of land in Beggars Plot Playing Field to remain uncut until late summer/early autumn. Council **resolved** to support the wildflower project for the next three years with no change to the mowing schedule so the request to allow for a strip of land in Beggars Plot Playing Field to remain uncut until late summer/early autumn was rejected.

**ACTION:** Clerk to write to the wildflower group with council's decision.

#### 232/2023

Council considered a request from a resident to hold a charity event on Town Bottom Playing Field in March 2024. Council **resolved** to agree to the request as long as no vehicles drive on the field as the ground will be wet in March.

**ACTION:** Clerk to speak to the resident and advise that the event can be held on Town Bottom Playing Field with the understanding that no vehicles drive on the field.

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

#### 233/2023

The solicitor acting for the council advised that the transfer deed for gifting of the "orphan" land strip off Michlow Close, Bradwell to Bradwell Parish Council from The Guinness partnership has been produced and needs signing by The Guinness partnership. The solicitor is to continue to chase for completion on a regular basis.

**ACTION:** The solicitor is to continue to chase for completion on a regular basis.

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

None

#### **Planning Applications**

#### 234/2023

Туре	Date of Application / Notice	Reference	Property	Summary
Planning Application – Granted	18/09/2023	NP/DDD/0523/0564	Samuel Fox Country Inn, Stretfield Road, Bradwell	Proposed change of use from fine dining restaurant with rooms to a holiday rental. No structural changes to the property are required.
Planning Application – Withdrawn	23/09/2023	NP/DDD/0723/0841	Round the back, Church Street, Bradwell	Proposed change of use from garage/store to holiday let.

### **Other Partner Authorities / Agencies**

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

#### 235/2023

#### **Recent Meetings:**

Date	Event	Council Representative(s)
	Breedon Liaison Meeting	Cllrs Salisbury, Furness

# **Future Meetings:**

Date	Event	Council Representative(s)
07/10/2023	Parishes day	Cllrs Granger, Furness

# **Publications / Information Received**

#### 236/2023

Communications have already been circulated electronically.

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

#### 237/2023

The next meeting of the parish council is planned for Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7.30p.m.

The meeting concluded at 9.00p.m.