# **BRADWELL PARISH COUNCIL**



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

Present: Cllr P Downing (Chair), Cllr B Salisbury, Cllr C Furness, Cllr R Cornish, Cllr A Taylor,

Cllr E Lake, Cllr M Salvage, Cllr L Granger, Cllr K Lancaster

Mrs C Preston (Clerk)

Members of Outside Bodies / Authorities: None

Members of the public: Five

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

A member of Bradwell Bowls Club spoke about the S137 grant application that they had submitted. They advised council that both of their mowers broke down in 2023 and cost approximately £1,200 to repair. They advised that as they are a small club that amount was a lot for the club to spend. Council confirmed that they would support the Bowls Club with a grant of £600. (This grant was voted on by council when the meeting commenced and standing orders were in place see minute 244/2023) The Bowls Club member expressed thanks on behalf of Bradwell Bowls Club.

Other members of the public agreed to wait until the items they were interested in were reviewed in the agenda.

Cllr Salisbury reported on discussions with County Councillor (CC) Sutton. District Councillor (DC) Nash also attended the meeting. He advised that the councillors who attended the meeting with CC Sutton asked several questions relating to the flooding in the village and shared a report that was written by Cllr Salisbury. Council continues to push for action by the Environment Agency to ensure the culvert system is repaired as it is known from surveys that they are in a poor state of repair and that some are blocked. Even if attention is paid to the brook, as above it will be of little benefit if the water can't get to it due to blocked culverts.

Council have requested full a hydrographic survey and analysis of the areas surrounding the village to identify what is happening and why we are seeing so much more water.

CC Sutton and DC Nash agreed that they will continue to support, and work get the Environment Agency to understand the full problems with the village and clear/repair the culvert system.

## **Apologies for Absence**

# 238/2023

Apologies were received from Cllr Harrison by reason of work. These apologies were noted. Apologies were received from County Councillor Sutton and District Councillor Nash.

# **Declaration of Members' Interests**

#### 239/2023

Cllr Salisbury declared an interest in agenda item 241/2023 as he is due reimbursement for items purchased on behalf of council.

Cllr Lake declared an interest in agenda item 253/2023 as she is the solicitor acting for council on this matter.

Cllr Lancaster declared the following interests - agenda item 241/2023 as she is a director of the company MyPaye and any discussions on flooding as it affects her property.

# Acceptance and signing of Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

# 240/2023

It was **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 03/10/2023.

# **Financial Matters**

## 241/2023

It was **resolved** to authorise the twenty-two financial transactions from October below, together with two 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 Sports Club	S137 grant award	2,000.00	BACS
05	Safety signs	Warning signs for The Dumbles	122.83	Debit Card
06	GES Electrical	Installation of Defibrillator	125.00	BACS
07	Derbyshire Dales District Council	Garden waste bin	50.00	BACS
08	Stewardsons picture framing	Framing of picture for resident	62.35	Debit card
09	C Preston	Salary and office allowance	1037.59	BACS
10	HMRC	NI contributions	84.90	BACS
11	Nest	Pension contributions	78.10	Direct Debit
12	Secure shred	Shredding of old documents	66.00	Debit Card
13	S & F General store	Caretaking supplies	203.47	BACS
14	Sheaf Skips	Skip for removal of flood waste	270.00	Debit Card
15	The British Royal Legion Poppy Appeal	Remembrance Day wreath	20.00	Cheque
16	Wm Eyre & Sons Ltd	Caretaking supplies	17.59	BACS
17	A Samwell	Bus shelter cleaning	10.00	BACS
18	Cllr B Salisbury	Plants for village tubs	65.00	BACS
19	Bradwell War Memorial Hall	Room booking	£16.00	BACS
20	WN Eyre & Sons	Compost for village tubs	16.69	BACS

21	A & J Cleaning	Public convenience cleaning	294.46	BACS
22	Water Plus	Water charges public conveniences	44.15	BACS
Ref	Payee	Description	Amount	Cheque
<b>Ref</b> 01	Payee Cloudy IT	Description  Microsoft 365 Subscription	£84.14	<b>Cheque</b> BACS

#### **Other Financial Matters**

#### 242/2023

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

#### 243/2023

The clerk advised council that the electricity supplier for the toilet block at Town Bottom Playing Fields has been changed to British Gas Lite. The change has resulted in a cost saving of 22% on the unit charge and a 24% saving on the standing charge.

#### 244/2023

Council considered a proposal that council authorises a S137 grant application to Bradwell Bowls Club for repairs to mowers. The cost is approximately £1,200. Council **resolved** to award a grant of £600 for the project.

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

# **Parish Council Processes**

None

# Parish Issues / Initiatives

#### 245/2023

Cllr Salisbury gave a report from the Community Resilience committee: -

- It was agreed to advertise for more residents to become snow and flood wardens.
- It was agreed to set up a WhatsApp group for all snow and flood wardens to make communication easier.
- It was agreed to request a copy of the presentation and a sample of a flood plan from the Derbyshire Flood Warden Workshop attended by three people in June 2023
- It was agreed to create a flood plan for Bradwell using the training material as a template for what is required.
- It was agreed not to purchase any more equipment until the flood plan has been created and agreed.
- It was agreed to request a budget of £1000 for 2024/25 to purchase any equipment needed.
- The 5-year plan was reviewed and updated.

Council gave a commendation to Cllr Harrison for all his work when the village was badly flooded in October.

#### 246/2023

Council suspended standing orders to allow a resident to speak on the bus service to the village.

The resident presented his idea which is to replace the double decker bus which has trouble negotiating the parked cars and narrow streets in the village with a suitable number of smaller buses. His thought is that this will increase the number of residents using the service if the buses were more frequent. The resident was advised that in the experience of one councillor the double decker bus is full when it arrives at its destination in Sheffield. The resident advised that they had not been in touch with the bus companies to discuss their ideas to improve the bus service.

The resident was advised to get in touch with District Councillor Nash as he is working with the bus companies to try and get a reliable bus service to the village.

The council confirmed that they fully supported getting a reliable bus service for the village.

Standing orders were reinstated.

# 247/2023

Council considered the request from a resident to have better signs at the end of Town Lane and Gore Lane toward Smalldale and the one at the top of Smalldale to advise that the road is unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles. Council **resolved** to write to the Highways department at Derbyshire County Council requesting better signs. It was **resolved** to request signs like the sign at the junction of Charlotte Lane and Hugh Lane.

**ACTION:** Clerk to write to Highways on behalf of council

# 248/2023

The clerk advised that the café contract has been signed and the new tenant is planning to open the café from the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Council **resolved** the rent would commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2024, but electricity would be paid from 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Council **resolved** that the clerk would ask for details of the sign that the tenants want to install to advertise the café and what external weatherproof covering are they considering. It was **resolved** that the clerk would advise the tenants that nothing can be permanently secured to the ground as part of the planning consent.

**ACTION:** Clerk to advise that tenant of council's decision

# 249/2023

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

- Thanks to S & F General store for providing their full stock of sandbags, at cost, to the council so they could be distributed to residents being flooded.
- Thanks to Cllr Harrison for all of his work when the village was badly flooded in October.
- Share a link to Bradda.org latest news where more information is available about the flooding suffered by the village in October and what assistance is available (it was stated that there is too much information to share on Facebook)

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

# 250/2023

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. Council suggested the problem is shared with Sarah Dines MP to see if she can assist.

**ACTION:** Clerk to contact Sarah Dines MP and ask for her assistance.

# 251/2023

The clerk advised that they had not received any update from Derbyshire Council on the provision of a new handrail at the Methodist Church. 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 both Derbyshire County Council and County Councillor Sutton for updates.

It was **resolved** that the clerk would ask for the cost of installing the handrail to see if council could contribute, which may assist in completing the project.

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

#### 252/2023

Council considered if more Christmas lights could be displayed in the village and resolved to see it the trees in Beggars Plot Playing Fields could have lights installed. It was also resolved to contact local businesses to see if they are planning to decorate their businesses.

Cllr Granger confirmed that she is planning to put a tree in St Barnabas Church on behalf of council.

**ACTION:** Clerk to investigate lights for the trees and to contact local businesses.

# Parish Playing Fields, Open Spaces and Village Caretaking

#### 253/2023

The solicitor acting for 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. It was **resolved** that the clerk would write to The Guinness partnership, copying in council's solicitors, asking them to chase their solicitors for completion.

**ACTION:** Clerk to write to The Guinness Partnership

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

None

# **Planning Applications**

#### 254/2023

Туре	Date of Application / Notice	Reference	Property	Summary
None				

# Other Partner Authorities / Agencies

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

# 255/2023

# **Recent Meetings:**

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

# **Future Meetings:**

Date	Event	Council Representative(s)
11/12/2023	Peak Park Planning Forum	Cllrs Downing, Granger

# **Publications / Information Received**

## 256/2023

Communications have already been circulated electronically.

# **Date of Next Meeting**

## 257/2023

The following schedule of parish council meetings for 2024 as follows was agreed. It was **resolved** not to have a parish council meeting in August 2024. It was **resolved** that payments that would have been agreed at that meeting would be agreed by email instead.

Date	Description	Venue
02/01/24	Monthly PC Meeting	Methodist Lounge
06/02/24	Monthly PC Meeting	Methodist Lounge
05/03/24	Monthly PC Meeting	Methodist Lounge
02/04/24	Monthly PC Meeting	Methodist Lounge
30/04/24	Annual Parish Meeting	Memorial Hall
07/05/24	Annual Meeting of the PC	Methodist Lounge
04/06/24	Monthly PC Meeting	Methodist Lounge
02/07/24	Monthly PC Meeting	Methodist Lounge
03/09/24	Monthly PC Meeting	Methodist Lounge
01/10/24	Monthly PC Meeting	Methodist Lounge
05/11/24	Monthly PC Meeting	Methodist Lounge
03/12/24	Monthly PC Meeting	Methodist Lounge

**ACTION:** Clerk to book rooms for the meeting as per the schedule.

# 258/2023

The next meeting of the parish council is planned for Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7.30p.m.

The meeting concluded at 9.00p.m.