# Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Tuesday 1<sup>ST</sup> October 2024. 1930pm.

## Present:

Cllr Downing (chair) Cllr Harrison, Cllr Salvage, Cllr Lancaster, Cllr Lake, Cllr Furness, Cllr Salisbury, Cllr Granger

Mrs V. Ball (Parish Clerk)

## **Public participation:**

One

# **Apologies for Absence:**

#### 195/2024

Cllr Cornish for reason of holiday and Cllr Taylor for reason of work. These apologies were noted.

Apologies were also received from County Councillor Sutton and District Councillor Nash

# **Declaration of Members' Interests:**

## 196/2024

No interests were declared.

# A report from Derbyshire County Council:

## 197/2024

Cllrs Salisbury and Downing attended a meeting on 19/09/2024 with County Councillor Sutton to discuss topics of concern including flooding and transport and how these issues could be addressed and resolved. County Councillor Sutton had agreed to contact the Environment Agency to ask what experiments they had been conducting in the Brook. It was reported back that they were measuring water temperatures and taking samples to test for pollution. This was very frustrating as the increased presence of EA team members gave residents false hope that something was to be done about brook dredging.

He also reported that Derbyshire County Council, Highways department and Camstead Homes were now ready to sign the S38 document regarding the roads on Bradwell Springs, however they were currently waiting for Camstead and there has been no progress with resurfacing works.

# A report from Derbyshire Dales District Council:

#### 198/2024

District Councillor Nash was absent from the meeting, but submitted his report, which was read out by the clerk

On October 6th PDNPA will launch the consultation on the Local Plan. Cllrs Downing and Granger via the Parishes Forum are already involved but the suggestion is that there is council input as any changes will set planning here in Bradwell for the next 10 years. A few areas are worth consideration, such as housing, climate and transport. District Councillor Nash has helped in creation of the consultation survey so is happy to help if requested.

The New National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) is silent on what will happen in PDNPA. Within Derbyshire Dales the NPPF is suggesting reintroducing housing targets. The current target is 216, the proposed target is 516 pa. This number is higher than has been delivered by DDDC this century. To put it in perspective, it's one new Bradwell every two years. This means the DDDC local plan is being delayed a year. There will be pressure for more of these houses to be in the Peak Park as this is over 30% of the available land.

# **Acceptance and signing of Previous Minutes and Matters Arising**

#### 199/2024

It was **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 03/09/2024. Cllr Downing signed these as a true record.

There was one matter arising - the issue of the contract between council and British Gas Lite in respect to Town Bottom Toilets and café. Unfortunately, the clerk had investigated the terms and conditions of the contract, and it was bound until November 2025.

## **Financial Matters**

## 200/2024

It was **resolved** to authorise the following nineteen transactions, along with eleven supplementary transactions.

01.	Xero	Monthly direct debit September 24	£39.60	Direct Debit
02.	E. ON	Monthly electricity charge September 24	£12.80	Direct Debit
03.	HSBC	Monthly bank charge September 24	£5.00	Bank Charge
04.	Water Plus	Water charges for the toilet block September 24	£113.56	Direct Debit
05.	Cloudy IT	Microsoft Subscription Fees September 24	£99.72	Direct Debit
06.	British Gas Lite	Public Conveniences Town Bottom September 24	£419.92	Direct Debit
07.	Vanessa Ball	Reimbursement for new Phone Box door and red paint	£447.72	BACS
08.	Vanessa Ball	New Battery for walkie talkies	£21.43	BACS

09.	Shelter Maintenance Limited	Enhanced deep clean of Gore Lane Bus Stop	£48.00	BACS
10.	X2 Connect Ltd	Items required for phone box repairs and new door handle	£52.49	Bank Card
11.	Gallagher insurance	Yearly insurance premium	£1,846.69	BACS
12.	PKF Little John	External audit fees for year ending 31st March 2024	£378.00	BACS
13.	Lightmain Company Ltd	Repairs to nest swing and matting	£4050.83	BACS
14.	Ann Harrison	Reimbursement for Allotment planning fees	£606.00	BACS
15.	Derbyshire County Council	Youth Activities adventures September 2024	£156.10	BACS
16.	Dan Plevey	S137 Grant on behalf of Bradda Dads	£1037.00	BACS
17.	Hope Valley Handyman	Installation of defibrillator box	£65.00	BACS
18.	G.E. Davies	Grass cutting of playing fields for September 24	£350.00	BACS
19.	Pennine Aggregates Ltd	Purchase of rock salt for parish bins and grit spreader.	£506.98	BACS

Vanessa Ball	Salary and Office Allowance September 2024	£818.87	BACS
HMRC	NI and tax contributions September 2024	£69.33	BACS
Nest	Pension contributions September 2024	£62.18	Direct Debit
Lightmain Company Limited	Installation of mulch safety matting under swings on Town Bottom	£660.00	BACS
Matt Andrew	Installation of new noticeboard and removal of the old one.	£170.00	BACS
Simon Hill	Painting and repairs to village benches	£520.00	BACS
Shelter Ltd	Bus Shelter Cleaning September 2024	£24.77	BACS
Alan Williams	Playground Inspections September 2024	£62.50	BACS
A&J Cleaning	Cleaning services of Town bottom public conveniences September 2024	£222.00	BACS
Vanessa Ball	Magnets for new noticeboard	£15.98	BACS
George Leeson	Gardening Services September 2024	£48.00	BACS

#### Other financial matters

## 201/2024

Cllr Lancaster reviewed the Cooperative Bank Statement, stated that everything is in order, and no queries were raised.

#### 202/2024

The clerk reminded councillors that the precept calculations would be worked out in December and all committee chairs would need to present their budgets before this meeting.

Cllr Salvage reported that quite a lot of work was needed on the playgrounds next year and extra funding would be required for the amenities committee.

#### **Parish Council Processes**

## 203/2024

The clerk reported that the external audit had been finalised and completed and it is now available for public inspection. The clerk highlighted that the auditor's statement on the AGAR being incorrectly completed was the fault of the internal auditors and not of Bradwell Parish Council.

## 204/2024

The clerk has approached DALC to seek their help in completing next year's internal audit. They offer a service which involves a mid-year check, the clerk felt this would be beneficial particularly as she was still relatively new to the job. It was resolved by council to use DALC as they had proved helpful in the past.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange for the services of DALC for the next internal audit

# Parish Issues / Initiatives

## 205/2024

Cllr Granger presented plans for a canopy along the side of Brook Café. This would be approx. 4-5 metres long and would be retractable. The one she had found from Amazon cost £140 but would also need installation so a budget of £200 was proposed. It was the only canopy claiming to be waterproof. It was resolved to accept this proposal and try it for a season.

**ACTION:** Clerk to purchase the canopy

#### 206/2024

The clerk proposed the installation of a defibrillator at the Smalldale end of the village. The Bowling Green pub were willing to have it on the side of their building, and there were grants available to support this. Council discussed the proposal and decided not to proceed because there are already a number of defibrillators in the village.

# 207/2024

The clerk has had a series of complaints about dog waste on the paths of the village and she had spoken to a lady from Derbyshire Dales District Council to discuss some ideas to help tackle the issue.

DDDC can contact repeat offenders with a letter, but it cannot always be so easily proved who they are. It is also unlikely that the problem will ever be fully eradicated, but the clerk suggested involving the schools to create some signs. This might be a nice idea to try and reach out to the community. Council agreed to this. Cllr Lake volunteered to help with this.

ACTION: Clerk and Cllr Lake to work together on a plan.

# Parish Playing Fields, Open Spaces & Village Caretaking

## 208/2024

The clerk reported that the grit has been purchased to refill the bins and for Cllr Harrison's salt spreader. The company were awaiting payment for items, but once received would deliver. This was more than likely to be before the end of the week.

#### 209/2024

Cllr Salisbury reported to council that the sandbags in the village would require refilling. There was to be a resilience committee meeting on October 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss and make the necessary arrangements.

# **Highways & Rights of Way**

# 210/2024

Eccles Lane is to be closed in October for retaining wall repairs

## **Recent meetings**

Cllr Granger reported that The Peak Park Parishes Forum meeting in September had been cancelled.

The Breedon liaison meeting was attended by Cllrs Salisbury and Salvage who reported that the carbon capture project was still a work in progress, but there wasn't much else to report from this meeting.

Cllr Salisbury reported that his work with Derbyshire Police regarding an ANPR scheme had made promising progress, with Breedon offering to provide financial support to purchase three of these cameras at a cost of £4500 each. The village of Hope was also keen to get involved with this project, however they wanted to see support from a higher level of authority in the police force first. Cllr Salisbury was unsure of the level of support from other villages in the valley.

# **Future Meetings:**

Peak Park Parishes Day on 12/10/24 is to be attended by Cllrs Downing and Granger. This day will give the various parishes an opportunity to work with the Peak Park to discuss aspects which are of most importance to their residents and will give a local parish perspective to the upcoming proposals for the new local plan.

## **Publications / Information Received**

#### 193/2024

Communications have already been circulated electronically.

# **Date of Next Meeting**

## 194/2024

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November in The Methodist Lounge Towngate at 1930pm

The meeting closed at 20:07pm