

BRADWELL PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the **Meeting of the Parish Council** **held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday 4th March 2025**

Present: Cllr Downing (Chair), Cllr Cornish, Cllr Salisbury, Cllr Granger, Cllr Furness, Cllr Taylor
Mrs V. Ball (Clerk)
Members of Outside Bodies / Authorities: None
Members of the public: Five

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

A resident asked council if it would be possible to put a request in Bradwell News and on the council Facebook page for more volunteers for the Speed watch project. He reported it was going really well; however, a recent session couldn't go ahead as planned due to volunteers having prior engagements, therefore it would be beneficial to obtain a few more people. He also asked about plans for a radar speeding sign in the village, this had been previously proposed at council and the sign had been agreed. Further research would be required as to where the most appropriate place in the village would be for the sign, and if permissions etc would be required. This item will be added to the next agenda.

Two residents from Bradda Dads attended to discuss their request for help with funding to enable them to replace the wooden bridge between Hallgate View and Springfield Road. At present this bridge is unadopted but needs repairing due to rotten timber. The cost would be approximately £960 including VAT. Bradda Dads are willing to do the work and added that any liability would be covered by their insurance. The hope was however that Derbyshire County Council would adopt this as a public right of way. Questions were raised as to who owns the land either side and if permission would be required. Council were supportive of this idea, and asked the residents to submit an S137 grant application for council to consider.

The church warden from St Barnabas attended the meeting to ask if council would consider her application for an S137 grant of £216 to enable the church to service the clock. She reported that this clock was one of the only few that was still manually wound by volunteers, which made it quite unique, and therefore important it was serviced regularly.

A final resident asked council who was responsible for the trees on the steep bank of Michlow Lane. She reported that they had become very overgrown and are now blocking the light into the houses on Michlow Drive. Council confirmed that it was Guinness Partnership who planted the trees when the houses were first built approx. thirty years ago. The clerk agreed to find the relevant contact information and pass it onto the resident.

Apologies for Absence

043/2025

Cllr Lancaster for reason of holiday, Cllr Harrison for reason of work, Cllr Salvage for reason of birthday, Cllr Lake for reason of prior engagement.

Declaration of Members' Interests

044/2025

Interests were declared by Cllrs Salisbury, Downing and Granger for item eight on the agenda to discuss the S137 grant request from Bradwell War Memorial Hall as they are trustees of the hall.

A report from Derbyshire County Council:

045/2025

There was no report from County Councillor Sutton, and it was confirmed by Cllr Downing that a recent meeting with him had been cancelled due to illness and unfortunately had not yet been rescheduled.

A report from Derbyshire District Council:

046/2025

Apologies were received from District Councillor Nash for reason of holiday, however he did inform the clerk that there was currently a drive from the district councillors in the Hope Valley to have a summit on tourism. There has been lots of press coverage and this was slowly getting support from stakeholders. Cllr Granger confirmed this had also been discussed at the Peak Park Parishes Forum.

Acceptance and Signing of Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

047/2025

It was **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 04/02/2025 These minutes were signed as a true record by Cllr Downing.

There were two matters arising:

029/2025 The clerk informed council that the new Scribe accountancy software was up and running, and she had begun the process of transferring the data across from Xero. Cllr Lancaster would then cancel the Xero software once this was complete. The clerk was attending some training sessions and once she was comfortable with the system, members of the finance committee could be trained on it.

036/2025 Cllr Taylor asked for clarification over details of the bench at Dale End. There was some uncertainty over the location of this bench and Cllr Taylor suggested that it could be moved to a more prominent place in the village. It was agreed that the bench should be moved, and that it does not need to be on council owned land, providing permission from Highways is granted. Cllrs Salisbury and Granger would investigate suitable locations for a new bench. Cllr Granger also mentioned that at least one bench in the peace gardens might need replacing this year.

Financial Matters

048/2025

It was **resolved** to authorise the following seventeen transactions along with five supplementary transactions

Ref	Payee	Description	Amount £	Source
01.	Xero	Monthly direct debit February 2025	£39.60	Direct Debit
02.	E. ON	Monthly electricity charge February 2025	£12.80	Direct Debit
03.	HSBC	Monthly bank charge February 2025	£5.00	Bank Charge

04.	Water Plus	Water charges for the toilet block February 2025	£36.85	Direct Debit
05.	Cloudy IT	Microsoft Subscription Fees February 2025	£99.72	Direct Debit
06.	British Gas Lite	Public Conveniences Town Bottom February 2025	£160.84	Direct Debit
07.	PHS Group	Sanitary disposal from Town Bottom toilets 25/26	£136.99	BACS
08.	The Valley Rambler	Additional copies of dog waste posters	£12.50	BACS
09.	Amazon	Coded padlock for the parking post	£8.99	Bank Card
10.	John Ball	Installation of parking post on Soft Water Lane	£60.00	BACS
11	Bradwell Teddy Bear group	S137 Grant payment as agreed at council on 4 th February 2025	£500	BACS
12.	Derbyshire Dales District Council	Garden waste bin collection for 2025/6	£58.00	Bank card
13.	Bradwell War Memorial Hall	Room Hire for February 2025	£37.50	BACS
14.	Vanessa Ball	Salary and office allowance for February 2025	£847.56	BACS
15.	Nest	Pension contributions for February 2025	£64.82	Direct Debit
16.	HMRC	NI and tax contributions for February 2025	£78.44	BACS
17.	Safety signs 4 less	Purchase of CCTV signage and new baby change signs for toilet block on Town Bottom	£39.19	Bank Card

A&J Cleaning	Cleaning and cleaning supplies for Town Bottom toilets February 2025	£239.98	BACS
George Leeson	Gardening for February 2025	£44.50	BACS
Alan Williams	Playground inspections February 2025	50.00	BACS
Vanessa Ball	Reimbursement for deposit for CCTV installation	£524.50	BACS
Total Security Experts Limited	Installation of CCTV for Town Bottom	£524.50	BACS

Other Financial Matters

049/2025

The clerk had reviewed the Co-Op bank statement and confirmed there were no issues. Cllr Granger asked when the lease for the café was due to be renewed as rising costs in electricity might mean that the rent

charges should be increased. The clerk confirmed that the café had its own meter to pay for their electricity usage, but it was agreed that she should investigate what proportion of the bill was from café use and what was being used at the toilet block.

ACTION: Clerk to provide a breakdown of electricity costs for the toilet block and Brook Café.

050/2025

Cllr Lancaster, who is the finance committee chair was absent from the meeting, so the clerk explained to council that the money held with Nationwide was currently in a holding account until council decide what to do with it. Cllr Lancaster had suggested that the money stay with Nationwide but be divided between a savings account and an ISA so that council could make the most of the interest rates but also access funds quickly if the need arose. The clerk was proposing a 70/30 split, with the larger amount being placed in the saver account. These options were proposed by council, and it was **resolved** to accept them.

ACTION: Clerk to open the new accounts and arrange for the transfer of the money.

051/2025

The clerk informed council that CloudyIT had increased their fees, from £99.72 to £101.48. This is an increase of £1.56 but was to be expected with rising costs.

052/2025

The clerk informed council that DALC were increasing their fees from £441 to £499. This is an increase of £58, but because of the invaluable service DALC provide to council it was proposed and **resolved** to accept the increase and continue with the subscription.

ACTION: Clerk to confirm to DALC that the subscription would be renewed and the fees paid.

Parish Council Processes

053/2025

The application for an S137 grant from Bradwell War Memorial Hall for an amount of up to £1000 to purchase a new carpet for the meeting room was discussed. The clerk confirmed that the carpet quote was for £850, and this included VAT. It was **resolved** to accept the grant application but agreed that council would pay the bill directly as the VAT could then be reclaimed.

ACTION: Clerk to inform the Memorial Hall and ask for the invoice to be addressed to the parish council to enable them to pay the invoice directly.

054/2025

Council discussed the grant request from St Barnabas Church for the clock to be serviced. It was agreed that because the clock was an integral part of the village, and the servicing had been paid by council for several years that it would be paid again this year. The amount approved was £216.00.

ACTION: Clerk to inform St Barnabas of their grant application success.

Parish Issues / Initiatives

055/2025

The clerk confirmed that she had met with the clerk from Hope with Aston, and it was agreed that both parish councils would share a PO BOX and equally split the costs of £420 for the annual fee. It was agreed that this initiative would be organised and paid for by Bradwell, with the post then being delivered directly to the clerk. Hope parish council would then be billed for their half and arrange to collect their mail. The clerk from Hope had asked for a formal agreement laying out the terms which Bradwell clerk had devised and presented to council for approval. Cllr Downing suggested once the PO BOX was up and running, a test should be carried out to ensure it was working

ACTION: Clerk to set up the PO BOX and liaise with the clerk from Hope.

056/2025

It was agreed that the following items would be added to the Facebook page

- Installation of the CCTV on Town Bottom
- The request for volunteers for the Speed-watch initiative

057/2025

Cllr Salisbury confirmed that the recent meeting to discuss ANPR cameras in the Hope Valley had been a success and there was positive feedback from all parishes that attended including Hope, Bamford, Edale, Castleton and Hathersage. Breedon have already paid for three of the required cameras, and PCSO Brockett reported that another four would be required to give up to 95% coverage of the area. Cllr Salisbury was limited to what else he could report from this meeting due to the sensitive nature of the topic and the police not wishing for the camera locations to be disclosed, but he informed council that the cost for each council would be approximately £1500 this year and then the same amount in the next two years. It was reiterated that this was a Hope Valley Parishes initiative, and the requested amount would be paid equally by each council. It was proposed and **resolved** that council would pay the fee for this year.

ACTION: Clerk to confirm this decision to PCSO Brockett of and ask about next steps.

058/2025

Cllr Cornish presented a final agreement to council over the right of way settlement for land on Soft Water Lane. The only amendment was that a statement has been added regarding the width of the lane to clarify that this would not be altered. The solicitor had asked for a markup of the Land Registry map to show exactly where the right of way would be, and Cllrs Downing and Salisbury agreed to complete this.

It was proposed to accept the amended agreement and Cllr Cornish also proposed that the solicitors should sign the legal agreement on behalf of council as it would be easier than attempting to get all the councillors to do it. It was **resolved** to accept the final document and to use the solicitor's signature on behalf of council.

059/2025

Replacement of the bridge between Hallgate View and Springfield Road was discussed and council suggested that Bradda Dads submit an S137 grant application.

PDNPA & Planning Matters

060/2025

The recent email request from the clerk at Castleton regarding management of visitor numbers and behaviour was discussed, but council agreed they were unsure what was being asked of them. Cllr Cornish suggested that ideas over where messages were distributed such as Facebook pages should be investigated, or a working group could be set up, but it is very difficult to control the actions of individuals. It is also impossible to develop any meaningful approach to this problem when the entities with authority to do anything (DCC, PDNP and the Police), are suffering from inadequate funding and insufficient resources. It was agreed that the clerk would reply to the clerk at Castleton to inform them that we will discuss the issue with our county councillor.

ACTION: Clerk to write a response to Castleton parish council

Future Meetings:

061/2025

Cllr Furness confirmed that the next Breedon Liaison Meeting would take place on March 11th, 2025.

Cllr Granger confirmed that the next Peak Park Parishes Forum meeting would take place on March 11th, 2025

Publications / Information Received

062/2025

Communications have already been circulated electronically.

Date of Next Meeting

063/2025

The next meeting of the parish council is planned for Tuesday 1st April 2025 at 19:30hrs in the Methodist Lounge, Towngate, Bradwell.

The meeting concluded at 20:32hrs