



Minutes of the
Meeting of the Parish Council
held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday 1st April 2025

Present: Cllr Cornish (Chair), Cllr Granger, Cllr Salisbury, Cllr Salvage, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Lake, Cllr Lancaster, Cllr Furness

Mrs V. Ball (Clerk)

Members of Outside Bodies / Authorities: District Councillor Nash

Members of the public: Four

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

One member of the public attended from the Bradwell Wildflower Group to report to council that she had been monitoring the wildlife on one of the areas of Beggars Plot used to allow wildflowers to grow and flower. She had observed Orange Tip butterflies laying their eggs on cuckoo flowers on two dates in May 2024. The eggs take approx. 42 days to go through their life cycle and she is concerned that grass cutting in July could potentially kill the caterpillars. She was therefore asking that the grass around this area not be cut until the end of July. Council agreed that the rope separating the wildflowers could be moved one metre to avoid this happening.

Two residents from a local youth Panto group attended the meeting to ask council to consider their S137 grant of £320 to cover the Memorial Hall hire costs for a production that they were putting on in July. The performance would be based on the Television show Traitors. This local youth group was a subgroup of the Centenary Players who would be providing the bank account for funds. It was agreed that this item would be included in the next agenda for discussion and proposal.

A member of the speed-watch group attended to discuss Speed Indicator Devices and to advise where the best place to install these devices would be. He concluded that from results of the speed-watch sessions, it would be beneficial to place the device either at the junction of Gore Lane or at the end of Beggars Plot as this was where the most speeding vehicles were recorded. He suggested that the Elan Citi device was the best available as it also came with a software APP to monitor speeds and vehicle count. This item is on the agenda for discussion, but the resident agreed to investigate if there were any suitable lampposts that a device could be attached to and then inform the clerk so that she could apply to Derbyshire County Council for permission.

Apologies for Absence

064/2025

Cllr Downing for reason of holiday

Declaration of Members' Interests

065/2025

There were interests declared from Cllr Salvage for item Six on the agenda for a payment for repair work at Town Bottom Toilets and from Cllr Lancaster for item Nine, as her house is one of the identified properties of the Derbyshire PFR scheme.

A report from Derbyshire County Council:

066/2025

County Councillor Sutton was not present, but a report from a recent meeting attended by Cllrs Cornish, Granger and Salisbury was given. At this meeting with County Cllr Sutton, several items of concern were discussed including the issue of potholes in the village, Hugh Lane and The Crescent being amongst the most badly affected. A large pothole on the 'rally road' to Tideswell has been fixed which was a good result, but County Cllr Sutton reiterated that as many residents as possible should report these on the council website. He also spoke about the plans for new council tiering and expressed his concern and disappointment surrounding these plans. He was uncertain what this meant for the future and what the implications for parish councils would be.

A report from Derbyshire District Council:

067/2025

District Councillor Nash also reported about the uncertainty of the new tiering system, there was some division between county council and district council about what the best course of action would be. He explained that this was a government initiative as at present there were too many layers of democracy and there needs to be a rationalization. However, this couldn't be a 'one size fits all' model. He said that County Council were proposing there to be a more widespread area of Derbyshire to be covered under the East Midlands, whereas District Council were more inclined to divide it into North and South Derbyshire areas. He said that there was a push for the Hope Valley side of the High Peak to join with Sheffield.

District Councillor Nash reported that there had been discussions, involving the MPs, the Mayor for the East Midlands and the CEO of the Peak Park over the parking issues across Derbyshire. There were lots of things that could be done to improve issues for example 'park and rides', and pop-up car parks. there does however need to be a strategical long-term solution in place but this is proving difficult to provide due to governmental funding cuts

District Councillor Nash also confirmed to the clerk that he would raise the matter of the verge cutting with the District Council.

Acceptance and Signing of Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

068/2025

It was **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 04/03/2025. These minutes were signed as a true record by Cllr Cornish.

There were two matters arising, the matter of the bench on Dale End was discussed, and it was concluded that a suitable location for a new bench was still to be determined. It was also agreed that this bench could be removed and disposed of. It was suggested that some new picnic benches for Beggars Plot could be purchased.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange for the disposal of the bench at Dale End

The second matter arising was that of the electricity costs at Town Bottom, the clerk had provided a breakdown of the costs of electricity and the difference between the usage at the toilet block compared to that of the Café. The results of this breakdown didn't make much sense, as some months there was a huge difference of figures, the clerk suggested that there might have been issues with the smart meter, and she

would investigate to ensure that the smart display and the actual meter were in sync. Overall though the figures did balance for the year, and it was confirmed that the café was paying for the amount of electricity being used without subsidy from the council and therefore at this time the rates of rent would not be increased.

Financial Matters

069/2025

It was **resolved** to authorise the following twenty transactions along with six supplementary payments

Ref	Payee	Description	Amount £	Source
01.	Xero	Monthly direct debit March 2025	£39.60	Direct Debit
02.	E. ON	Monthly electricity charge March 2025	£12.80	Direct Debit
03.	HSBC	Monthly bank charge March 2025	£5.00	Bank Charge
04.	Water Plus	Water charges for the toilet block March 2025	£44.44	Direct Debit
05.	Cloudy IT	Microsoft Subscription Fees March 2025	£99.72	Direct Debit
06.	British Gas Lite	Public Conveniences Town Bottom March 2025	£203.45	Direct Debit
07.	Cllr Salvage	Repair to Town Bottom toilet door	£150.00	BACS
08.	St Barnabas Church	S137 Grant to pay for the servicing of the clock	£216.00	BACS
09.	Amazon	Purchase of coin counting machine for carnival collection	£169.99	Bank Card
10.	Derbyshire Dales District Council	Bin collections for April 2024-March 2025	£55.02	Bank Card
11.	Derbyshire ALC	Subscription fees for 2025	£499.16	BACS
12.	Bradwell Methodist Church	Room hire fees for 2024	£260.00	BACS
13.	Peak Park Parishes Forum	Subscription fees for 2025	£24.00	BACS
14.	Vanessa Ball	Salary and office allowance for March 2025	£847.56	BACS
15.	Nest	Pension contributions for March 2025	£64.82	Direct Debit
16.	HMRC	NI and tax contributions for March 2025	£78.44	BACS
17.	ICO	Data registration with the information commission office for CCTV	£47.00	Direct Debit

18.	Mister Carpet	S137 grant for new carpet at Bradwell War Memorial Hall	£894.00	BACS
19.	Vanessa Ball	Reimbursement for DBS check for the clerk to access CCTV	£120.00	BACS
20.	Vanessa Ball	Purchase of PO BOX for council	£424.20	BACS

A&J Cleaning	Cleaning and cleaning supplies for Town Bottom toilets March 2025	255.49	BACS
George Leeson	Gardening for March 2025	£42.00	BACS
Alan Williams	Playground inspections March 2025	£50.00	BACS
Shelter Maintenance Ltd	Bus stop cleans for February and March 2025	£24.77	BACS
Amazon	Purchase of additional Hi-Viz vests for carnival	£6.87	Bank Card
John Ball	Installation of signage on toilet block and fixing of handles on play equipment	£60.00	BACS

Other Financial Matters

070/2025

Cllr Lancaster reviewed the Cooperative Bank statement, and there were no issues raised. She also reported that the issue with the Nationwide account had been resolved with the money being reinvested in a different account.

She also reported that the transfer to Scribe software was going well but it had been agreed to keep the Xero package in place until all the Year End figures had been finalised.

Cllr Lancaster also reported that The FSC were increasing financial protection on funds from £85,000 to £110,000 which would be incredibly beneficial to council. Once this was implemented, the combination of council held funds could be investigated in order to decrease the number of accounts.

071/2025

The clerk presented Section 1 of the Annual Governance statement required for the external audit. This is to ensure council have a sound system of internal controls. Council agreed with the statement, and this was then signed by Cllr Cornish and the Clerk.

072/2025

Cllr Lancaster reported to council that the clerk had had the annual appraisal, which is a two-step process and could be discussed with the clerk present. She reported that the clerk was happy with the role and felt well supported by councillors. Cllr Lancaster confirmed that the clerk's office environment supported health and safety procedures, including the use of a proper chair at a desk. It was confirmed that the clerk had completed all the necessary training and would be ready to begin working towards a CILCA qualification in the Autumn.

At present Cllr Downing was responsible for the editing of minutes, letters and draft documents, but It was agreed that Cllr Lancaster would take on this task, and the clerk would send items to her in the future.

The storage and retention of documents was discussed, and it was agreed that the records would need to be sorted and any documentation that was older than ten years could be sent to the Derbyshire Archives.

The clerk reported that sometimes she struggled with finding tradespeople and knowing the best place to look when maintenance tasks needing completing. She would continue to seek support from councillors.

As part of the RFO role, the transfer of data from Xero to Scribe was in the process of being completed and once this was all in properly, it would be an incredibly beneficial tool for council.

Cllr Lancaster reported that currently the clerk was on level 13 of the Pay Scale and was proposing the move to level 14. It was proposed and **resolved** by council to accept this.

Parish Council Processes

073/2025

The grant from Bradda Dads was discussed, and the clerk confirmed that she had spoken to the Chairman of the group, who had said that they would be purchasing the timber for the bridge from WM Eyres. The purchase could be added to the Parish Council account and then paid for by council directly.

It was **resolved** that Bradda Dads would be granted up to £900 including VAT for the work to commence on the footbridge.

ACTION:

Clerk to write to Bradda Dads confirming the council's decision and the next steps required.

074/2025

The clerk confirmed to council that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on April 29th in the Memorial Hall.

Parish Issues/Initiatives

075/2025

Cllr Taylor confirmed that she had shared the Memorial Halls Facebook post thanking the parish council for the S137 grant that had enabled them to purchase a new carpet for their meeting room.

It was also resolved to add the following items onto the Council Facebook page

- The call for more Speed-Watch volunteers, the group was now currently down from six members to five.
- The issue of potholes in the village and to advise residents to report them via the Derbyshire County Council website. A link to the website should be added to the Facebook post.

076/2025

Cllr Salisbury reported that there had been a meeting with a representative from The Environment Agency to discuss the Derbyshire PFR (property flood resistance) scheme. This was aimed at residents who had been identified as at risk of flooding. There was a total of 45 domestic properties in Bradwell that could be eligible for flood resilient measures. Each should have been contacted by The EA.

The issue of flooding is a complex problem and this initiative whilst supportive of residents was not addressing the root cause of the flooding.

077/2025

Council discussed the implementation of a speeding indicator device in the village, and it was agreed that the Elan Citi device was the best in terms of value for money and having all the requirements needed for a device in Bradwell. The cost of this would be £3000 including VAT.

Council also agreed with the placement of the device at either the junction of Gore Lane or along Main Road adjacent to Beggars Plot.

It was agreed that Cllr Cornish would be responsible for the APP and collection of data.

Council resolved to go ahead with the purchase and installation of the device providing the appropriate permissions had been obtained beforehand.

ACTION: The clerk to liaise with George Leeson and to contact County Councillor Sutton to obtain the necessary permission.

078/2025

It was reported that the bus issues and supply of vehicles along with routes had been resolved following the news that Hulleys of Baslow had ceased trading. The 272 bus which serves Bradwell to Sheffield was now being run by First and High Peak. Andrews of Tideswell had taken on some of the contracted routes including the school routes. The same timetables were also being followed. Issues remained with some routes, and services not coming to Bradwell, but this couldn't really be resolved unless the bus company was compensated financially.

Highways & Rights of Way

079/2025

The clerk reported that she had received communication there was to be a road closure at Cresswell Part Lane to Michlow Lane for Severn Trent repairs, but it was confirmed that this work had already been completed.

Recent Meetings:

080/2025

Cllr Taylor confirmed that there had been a recent Carnival planning meeting, and this had been a successful meeting. She reported that there were now good relations and communications between the committee and organisers of the fair ground equipment. It was agreed that the committee would be hosting a Torchlight procession as well as some other events over Gala Week. There was a worry that the Street Fayre would not be going ahead as usual on the Monday, plans for this had yet to be confirmed, although there could be arrangements made from the vendors of the fair ground stalls and activities should this be required.

Publications / Information Received

081/2025

Communications have already been circulated electronically.

Date of Next Meeting

082/2025

The next meeting of the parish council is planned for Tuesday 6th May 2025 at 19:30hrs in the Methodist Lounge, Towngate, Bradwell.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 29th April 2025 at 19:30hrs in Bradwell War Memorial Hall

The meeting concluded at 20:42hrs