

BRADWELL PARISH COUNCIL



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

Present: Cllr Downing Chair), Cllr Salisbury, Cllr Salvage, Cllr Harrison, Cllr Lake, Cllr Lancaster, Cllr Granger, Cllr Furness, Cllr Taylor

Mrs V. Ball (Clerk)

Members of Outside Bodies / Authorities: District Councillor Nash

Members of the public: Two

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident attended council with concerns over parking issues on Brookside, particularly as this is a bus route and at times buses have been unable to get through. The worry is that it will get worse and affect bus availability in the village. Council confirmed that they were aware of this, with the clerk reporting that she had ordered additional signage to help ease some of problems. She has also been in discussions with Derbyshire County Council about specific measures; however they claim it isn't feasible for them to install double yellow lines and because of Traffic signs regulations a sign on a lamp post would not be allowed. This item is to be discussed on the agenda.

A member of the Bradwell Wildflower Group attended to ask council if they would be willing to consider a request for an S137 grant to enable them to pay for insurance along with some new signage and publicity for the group. This amount was approx. £150. Council agreed that the request would be added to the next agenda for approval.

Apologies for absence

123/2025

Cllr Cornish for reason of holiday. This apology was noted.

Declaration of Members' Interests

124/2025

Cllr Salvage declared an interest in financial authorisation item 19 for payment for maintenance services on Town Bottom Playing Field.

A report from Derbyshire County Council

125/2025

Cllr Salisbury reported that he, Cllr Downing and District Councillor Nash had met with County Councillor Sutton on Monday 30th June. He reported that County Councillor Sutton was urging residents to report potholes to the council via the webpage, as the contractors will only repair ones that are reported and assessed by a surveyor.

The other point that County Councillor Sutton raised was that of flooding, and despite ongoing issues, this comes under the umbrella of 'climate change' which unfortunately at present is not high on the council's priority list.

The many power cuts that the village has been experiencing was discussed and whilst this is not predominately a county council concern, they are aware and are pushing for a resolution of the issue.

It was also agreed that Cllr Granger and the Clerk would work together to devise a letter to send to the local MP, copy to the National Grid with a complaint of how these power ages are not acceptable.

A report from Derbyshire District Council

126/2025

District Councillor Nash spoke about the local government review and recommended council fill in the consultation questionnaire, which has been emailed to councillors via the clerk. The deadline is August 10th. The proposal is for two councils governing North and South Derbyshire with Bradwell falling into the North, full details had yet to be confirmed.

Cllr Downing asked District Councillor Nash if there had been any conclusion from the formal complaint lodged against several councillors last October. The clerk had chased this without success. Council agreed they would like some closure from this incident. He asked the clerk to send him the details via email, and he would investigate.

Acceptance and Signing of Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

127/2025

It was **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 03/06/2025. These minutes were signed as a true record by Cllr Downing.

There was a matter arising involving parking issues on the Lumb and the clerk confirmed tha Derbyshire County Council were unable to install double yellow lines or signage. However, there are no rules against erecting a sign on private property, therefore it was agreed that Cllr Cornish would ask the owner of the house, where some of the problems were occurring, for permission to put a sign on their wall.

The other matter arising was the issue of Brook dredging, and the clerk confirmed that despite repeated tracking, the Environment Agency had yet to respond. Cllr Taylor had written a statement on the Facebook page, so residents are aware that council is trying to make the dredging happen. It was agreed that an update on this subject would be added to the next agenda.

Financial Matters

128/2025

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

01.	Xero	Monthly direct debit June 2025	£39.60	Direct Debit
02.	E. ON	Monthly electricity charge June 2025	£12.80	Direct Debit
03.	Cloudy IT	Microsoft Subscription Fees June 2025	£101.28	Direct Debit
04.	Water Plus	Water charges for the toilet block June 2025	£108.38	Direct Debit

05.	British Gas Lite	Public Conveniences Town Bottom June 2025	£267.72	Direct Debit
06.	Scribe	Monthly direct debit June 2025	£58.80	Direct Debit
07.	Nest	Pension contributions for June 2025	£65.83	Direct Debit
08.	HSBC	Monthly bank charge June 2025	£5.00	Bank Charge
09.	Vanessa Ball	Salary and office allowance for June 2025	£858.38	BACS
10.	HMRC	NI and tax contributions for June 2025	£82.02	Direct Debit
11.	Ann Harrison	Reimbursement for Carnival queen dresses and accessories	£133.11	BACS
12.	Bradwell War Memorial Hall	Room Hire fees for May 2025	£26.00	BACS
13.	Derbyshire Dales District Council	Fees for Torchlight procession Road closure 2025	£26.80	Bank Card
14.	Hope Valley Garden Centre	Plants for village tubs	£66.44	Bank Card
15.	Alan Williams	Playground inspections June 2025	£50.00	BACS
16.	Glowsticks.co.uk	Purchase of glowsticks for the torchlight procession	£53.75	Bank Card
17.	Vanessa Ball	Reimbursement for get well gift for ex councillor	£14.00	BACS
18.	Jamie Wilson	Levelling of ground at Soft Water Lane and muck shift removal	£540.00	BACS
19.	Martin Salvage	Various maintenance jobs carried out on Town Bottom Playing field.	£525.00	BACS
20.	John Ball	Installation of parking post on Soft Water Lane	£60.00	BACS
21.	The Valley Rambler	New banner for Carnival	£85.00	BACS
22.	Caspian NSD ltd	Structural testing of lampposts for the installation of speeding indicator device	£540.00	BACS

Supplementary payments

A&J Cleaning	Cleaning and cleaning supplies for Town Bottom toilets June 2025	£266.49	BACS
G.E.Davies	Mowing of playing fields June 2025	£350.00	BACS
George Leeson	Gardening and tub filling June 2025	£162.00	BACS
Ann Harrison	Items for Carnival float and queens	£181.76	BACS

Happy Cups	Purchase of reusable glasses for carnival as agreed by the committee	£955.20	Bank Card
Amazon	Purchase of rosettes for carnival winners	£7.99	Bank Card

Other Financial Matters

129/2025

Cllr Lancaster confirmed that she had reviewed the Coop bank statement and there were no queries raised.

Cllr Furness raised queries on item 21 and 22 of the financial authorisations and it was confirmed by Cllr Taylor that a new banner had been purchased to advertise the Friday Carnival Evening, this banner was reusable. Item 22 was for the structural testing of three lampposts to enable a speeding indicator device to be installed. This was a requirement from Derbyshire County Council and was needed before a device could be purchased.

The purchase of the cups for Bradda Dads was discussed by council and whilst the cost was slightly more than anticipated, Cllr Taylor confirmed that the Saturday carnival bar would make enough profit to cover the costs. This was accepted by council.

130/2025

The clerk and Cllr Lancaster presented a report generated by Scribe to show councillors what funds were available in each bank account. This report is a useful tool to assess the financial status of council and moving forward, is to be presented at each meeting.

The clerk reported that she was in the process of adding Cllr Cornish as a bank signatory to each account and had now changed the address to that of the PO Box.

Parish Council Issues/initiatives

131/2025

It was resolved to add the following items to the council Facebook page

- Appeal to residents to report the pothole problems outside their own properties
- To warn residents of the upcoming road closures in Brough to facilitate gas works. Closures were to be in place for three consecutive Sundays starting on September 7th.
- To inform residents that a new gate was to be installed at Beggars Plot

132/2025

Cllr Taylor gave an update from the carnival meeting of June 26th and confirmed that there would be additional rides for both the Friday and Saturday on Beggars Plot. The Friday evening was going ahead with bands, food and a bar. The carnival committee had decided to adopt some of the previous activities of the Wakes Team including a torchlight procession, car treasure hunt and scarecrow competition. This would all be advertised in the programme that the clerk was devising.

133/2025

The clerk reported that the structural reports for the lampposts had been completed and the initial location for the speeding device would be on the Main Road, adjacent to Beggars Plot. It would detect vehicles speeds coming in from Brough. She reported that Derbyshire County Council had had to approve the locations, and many of the village lampposts were deemed unsuitable for a device. However, two other suitable posts in the village, another on the Main Road and one at Dale End were tested as this would enable the device to be moved if required. The order has been placed for the device.

134/2025

The issue of potholes in the village was discussed and whilst Derbyshire County Council had repaired some, there were still many issues, it was agreed that council would encourage residents to report potholes near to their homes via the website, this would be added to the Facebook page.

Parish Playing Fields, Open Spaces & Village Caretaking

135/2025

Cllr Granger discussed whether council should redo the neighbourhood plan as it was important to get the information about the village correct, especially if the build area needed revision. Cllr Granger explained that whilst it was a huge piece of work, the document templates were already in place from the current plan thus reducing the workload. A subcommittee could be created to investigate areas of the plan that would need to be altered.

This was proposed and accepted by council.

Highways and rights of way

136/2025

The clerk informed council she had had communication that Brough would be closed for three consecutive Sundays beginning September 7th. This was for gas works. It has already been agreed to update this to the Facebook page.

PDNPA & Planning Matters

137/2025

Breedon Cement	Proposal for the lateral extension of hope limestone quarry to release additional mineral for the purposes of cement manufacture
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The above planning application was discussed, and it was agreed that because Breedon Cement Plant was not in the parish of Bradwell, there wasn't a need for council to comment on it.

Recent meetings

138/2025

Cllr Salvage reported on the Breedon Liaison meeting. They had reported on recent community work. The carbon capture project was still in progress.

Cllr Downing reported that he and the clerk had met with the minister and trustees of the Methodist Hall on June 25th, and they had confirmed that the reasons for closure included money problems, maintenance issues including damp, a dwindling congregation and lack of volunteers to manage the buildings.

Ideas were discussed at this meeting as the Methodist circuit are keen to keep the building for community use. This would however need village feedback and a gauge on demand would need to be assessed. A public meeting was to be arranged.

Future Meetings

139/2025

The next Peak Park Parishes Forum would be held on July 15th

Publications / Information Received

140/2025

Communications have already been circulated electronically.

Date of Next Meeting

141/2025

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Tuesday 5th August, this is to be held in the Bradwell War Memorial Hall.

The meeting concluded at 08:49pm