

BRADWELL PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the **Meeting of the Parish Council** **held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday 5TH August 2025**

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

Mrs V. Ball (Clerk)

Members of Outside Bodies / Authorities: District Councillor Nash

Members of the public: None

Apologies for absence

142/2025

Cllr Downing for reason of a personal matter, Cllr Lake for family commitments. These apologies were noted.

Declaration of Members' Interests

143/2025

Cllr Taylor declared an interest in financial item 26, and items 1 and 2 of the supplementary payments as she was due a reimbursement.

A report from Derbyshire County Council

144/25

There was no report from County Councillor Sutton, but Cllr Cornish confirmed that he and a few of the other councillors had met with John Whitby MP and the following had been discussed:

Difficulties persuading the Environment Agency to dredge the brook, it was confirmed that John and his Assistant had gone to look at the issues facing the village regarding this.

Issues with the buses, and particularly surrounding parking on the Lumb blocking the bus route.

Tourists in the Peak District, the amount of power cuts the village experienced, and the BT telephone switch off which would lead to future problems for vulnerable residents.

The issues that rural communities were facing compared to urban ones, and how government needed to address these.

John also pledged his support to Bradwell Springs involving the road adoption by Derbyshire County Council.

Whilst there had been no solutions to the issues, he was very supportive of the village, and the meeting had been productive

A report from Derbyshire District Council

145/2025

District Councillor Nash had also met with John Whitby, and they had spoken of similar issues, District Cllr Nash confirmed that along with the High Peak, he would now attend a monthly zoom meeting with John to raise any issues in the Derbyshire Dales.

District Councillor Nash reported that members from Derbyshire Dales, High Peak and the Hope Valley had collaborated to lobby the mayor of the East Midlands about issues surrounding tourism, and whilst there would be no quick fix, this collaboration was a promising start.

District Councillor Nash also reported that the Derbyshire Dales District Council had now employed a Housing consultant, who was to identify affordable housing and development sites in Derbyshire. Several sites across the dales had already been identified.

Acceptance and Signing of Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

146/2025

It was **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 01/07/2025. These minutes were signed as a true record by Cllr Cornish.

There were two matters arising and these were:

Signs to remind residents of the bus route on The Lumb- Cllr Cornish confirmed that he had spoken to the resident of Lumb Cottage and they had agreed to let council install signage on their wall. The clerk would arrange for a sign to be installed.

Cllr Taylor also spoke to council about the Facebook post asking for residents' opinions on how to reduce the issues involving the buses on this stretch. A resident had suggested to redo the signs to make them easier to see. It was also agreed to have signage made to offer to residents on Brookside to display in their windows.

The other matter arising was that of the speeding indicator and the clerk confirmed that the device had been purchased and the identified lamppost had been granted a licence. She confirmed that George Leeson would install the device.

Financial Matters

147/2025

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

Ref	Payee	Description	Amount £	Source
01.	E. ON	Monthly electricity charge July 2025	£17.16	Direct Debit
02.	Cloudy IT	Microsoft Subscription Fees July 2025	£101.28	Direct Debit
03.	Water Plus	Water charges for the toilet block July 2025	£61.32	Direct Debit
04.	British Gas Lite	Public Conveniences Town Bottom July 2025	£201.22	Direct Debit
05.	Scribe	Monthly direct debit July 2025	£58.80	Direct Debit
06.	Nest	Pension contributions for July 2025	£65.83	Direct Debit
07.	HSBC	Monthly bank charge July 2025	£5.00	Bank Charge
08.	Vanessa Ball	Salary and office allowance for July 2025	£1043.98	BACS
09.	HMRC	NI and tax contributions for July 2025	£78.51	Direct Debit

10.	Bradwell Methodist Church	Final invoice for room hire for 2025	£120.00	BACS
11.	Networks	No parking signage for St Ives Bridge	£45.00	BACS
12.	New Orleans Strollers	Band Fees for Carnival 2025	£480.00	BACS
13.	Ambassador Showband	Band Fees for Carnival 2025	£500.00	BACS
14.	Bradwell War Memorial Hall	Room Hire for June 2025	£13.00	BACS
15.	Bradwell War Memorial Hall	S137 Grant for Coffee and Company project	£200.00	BACS
16.	The Valley Rambler	Date Overlays for carnival banners 2025	£45.00	BACS
17.	Safety Signs for less	Pedestrian signage for Soft Water Lane	£70.75	Bank Card
18.	Canva Ltd	Carnival programme printing for 2025	£98.50	Bank card
19.	The Red Barrows	Fee for performance in the carnival 2025	£350.00	BACS
20.	Elan City	Purchase of Speeding Indicator Device	£3000.00	BACS
21.	John Ball	Installation of new pedestrian sign soft water lane	£35.00	BACS
22.	Cobb Group Ltd	Toilet Hire for Carnival 2025	£729.00	BACS
23.	Cartridge ink.co.uk	Ink cartridges for printer	£19.99	Bank Card
24.	Derbyshire County Council	Payment for Youth Activities sessions September 2024- July 2025	£1404.90	Bank Card
25.	A&J Cleaning	Cleaning and supply of cleaning products for July 2025	£267.49	BACS
26.	Alison Taylor	Reimbursement for buckets for Torchlight procession	£7.99	BACS
27.	Shelter Maintenance Ltd	Bus shelter cleaning for June and July 2025	£24.77	BACS
1.	Alison Taylor	Buckets for Torchlight procession	£55.93	BACS
2.	Alison Taylor	Additional torches for torchlight	£198.15	BACS
3.	G.E. Davies	Mowing of playing fields June 2025	£350.00	BACS
4.	Vanessa Ball	Reimbursement for prizes for carnival	£24.70	BACS
5	Wm Eyres	Paint for playground equipment	£132.95	BACS
6.	Alan Williams	Playground inspections July 2025	£62.50	BACS

Cllr Cornish drew council's attention to the errors that were made within the financial authorisations, these were number 11- payment to Networks was for £54 and not £45, item 13 The Ambassador Showband was £510 not £500 and item 19 The Red Barrows was £300 and not £350 due to a late amendment to the invoice.

The payment to Cobb Group was also now to be reimbursable to the clerk as she attempted to make direct payment using the Coop Bank account, however the card was not working at the time. This has since been resolved.

Cllr Furness raised a query over item 20 and the amount of £3000 payable to Elan City for the speeding device, the clerk confirmed that council had agreed to the purchase of this device at £2500, but the VAT of £500 had been added which would be reclaimed in the next financial quarter.

Cllr Granger asked about the carnival budget, but Cllr Taylor reported that it was hard to tell at this stage, whether the committee had exceeded the budget, as there were still costs to be worked out. The field had taken a profit of £920 and both events on the field had been very successful.

Other Financial Matters

148/2025

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

149/2025

The clerk left the room whilst the NALC pay guidelines were discussed and, in her absence, it was proposed and agreed to adopt the national pay increase as suggested by NALC.

150/2025

The clerk presented the monthly report from Scribe to show that there was £239,000 across the bank accounts. The accounts had been reconciled, except for the Coop account which was waiting for payment of £376 for rent from Brook Café.

151/2025

As part of the clerks training, she said that she would be doing the FILCA course at a cost of £145. This was agreed and accepted by council.

152/2025

The clerk reported that a VAT refund for the first quarter of 2025 had been received for £561.69 and a PAYE refund of £519.39 for overpayment of tax in the year 2023/4 had also been received.

Parish Council Issues/initiatives

153/2025

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

- The installation of the speeding device indicator.
- A response to show council were listening to resident concerns and were replacing the signs on Brookside
- An ANPR update- the clerk to email Will Brockett for an update on the project and once there was an answer it was agreed residents should be made aware of this.
- Cllr Taylor also reported that there had been many carnival posts updated to the Facebook page.

154/2025

Cllrs Salvage and Taylor gave an update on Youth Activities and how the group needed additional funding due to rising costs from Whitehall. The average cost of a twelve-month activity would now be approx. £2500.

Cllr Salvage had a list of potential sponsors, but money had been secured from Breedon, Alasdair Sutton, Andy Nash and the most recent invoice had had contributions from Richard Patton.

It was agreed that council would contribute financially should it be needed in the future.

155/2025

The clerk reported that she had received communications from Tim Bloodsworth from The Environment Agency. He confirmed that the EA did have plans to dredge the brook before October. The tenders for the work had to go through a procurement process. He stated that council could do this task themselves, however a licence would have to be obtained, and the process can take up to twelve weeks. Council agreed to wait until October to see if the EA did complete the task and if not then they would start the process of getting a licence.

156/2025

Cllr Lancaster reported that she had seen several signs on buildings in Holmfirth that promoted the work of the parish council, and she suggested that Bradwell should do the same, particularly in the areas council had worked hard on, such as Soft Water Lane and the path leading up to The Springs' Footbridge. It was agreed that 5 or 6 locations should be chosen and if need be, The Historical society could be consulted on areas of historical significance.

PDNPA & Planning Matters

157/2025

There were two planning applications to be discussed, however councillors were unable to open the zip files containing the relevant information, therefore it was agreed that the clerk would email the application packs individually to enable council to provide comments.

Recent meetings

158/2025

Cllr Granger reported that at the recent Peak Park Parishes Forum on July 12th the local plan was discussed, and there would be another consultation in September. This would aid with buildings and planning applications and shape the rules around planning. The Peak Park Parishes Forum had also been involved in the work over tourism with money being provided from Derbyshire County Council to Castleton to help with issues caused by tourism.

Future Meetings

159/2025

Breedon Liaison Meeting 9th September

Publications / Information Received

160/2025

Communications have already been circulated electronically.

Date of Next Meeting

161/2025

It was agreed and accepted that because there would be many councillors absent for the September meeting that the next meeting would be held on October 7th in the Bradwell Memorial Hall. As per the standing orders the payments could be proposed and accepted by council via email.

The meeting concluded at 08:37pm