

BRADWELL PARISH COUNCIL



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

Present: Cllr Downing, Cllr Cornish, Cllr Salisbury, Cllr Salvage, Cllr Granger, Cllr Lake
Mrs V. Ball (Clerk)
Members of Outside Bodies / Authorities: None
Members of the public: Two

Public participation

One resident attended the meeting to ask for council's support regarding a road traffic incident that had occurred on Smalldale on Saturday 27TH September. A trailer had come loose from another driver's car and rolled into the front of the resident's car. The police are involved in the case, but the resident reported that there were other worries involving the mental and physical health of the vehicle owner, as well as the safety aspects of the activities that the resident was conducting.

Whilst there is little the parish council can do regarding this incident, it was agreed that the clerk could support the resident in signposting them to the various places who could assist including Derbyshire County Council.

The co-ordinator of Speed watch attended council to give his praise and thanks to council for the recent installation of the speeding indicator device. There had been complaints from the village that the speeding sign is not measuring data correctly, but the resident wanted to explain that the radar allowance for vehicles is approx. 10%, which means cars can travel up to 35 mph within a 30mph zone before they are detected for speeding. It is a safety device installed in cars, but research was needed as to why this is the case.

The resident also enquired if a working group could be set up to rid the weeds that were growing up the side of the brook, council informed them that they would have to ask permission from the Peak Forest Angling Club.

Apologies for absence

162/2025

Cllr Lancaster for reason of holiday, Cllrs Harrison, and Taylor for reasons of work.

Declaration of Members' Interests

163/2025

Cllr Salvage declared an interest in financial item eleven for remedial repairs to the playground equipment. And Cllr Cornish, an interest in supplementary payment seven for travel allowance to a training event.

A report from Derbyshire County Council

164/25

Cllrs Downing and Cornish met with County Councillor Sutton, and they spoke about the brook dredging, the speed device, and the meeting attended by John Whitby.

County Councillor Sutton reported that he was adjusting to the new leadership changes of a Reform Government but was dedicated to focussing on his constituency. He also mentioned that despite Angela Raynor's departure the council structural tier changes were still going ahead as planned.

County Councillor Sutton spoke of the lack of police resources including enforcement capabilities, Cllr Downing stated that there should be a change in the law that allowed a fixed camera to be installed, and the money 'raised' by speeding vehicles in the village should be put back into the community and used towards the maintenance of the camera.

A report from Derbyshire District Council

165/2025

District Councillor Nash was absent from the meeting so there was no report from the district council.

Acceptance and Signing of Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

166/2025

It was **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 07/08/2025. These minutes were signed as a true record by Cllr Downing.

There was one matter arising and that was over the appropriateness of a thankyou letter to John Whitby for his involvement in the brook dredging. Council agreed to this, they also asked if there could be an update about the bus issues on The Lumb. The clerk to complete this task.

Financial Matters

167/2025

It was **resolved** to authorise the following twelve transactions and a further twelve supplementary transactions.

Ref	Payee	Description	Amount £	Source
01.	E. ON	Monthly electricity charge September 2025*	£17.16	Direct Debit
02.	Cloudy IT	Microsoft Subscription Fees September 2025*	£101.28	Direct Debit
03.	Water Plus	Water charges for the toilet block September 2025	£91.51	Direct Debit
04.	British Gas Lite	Public Conveniences Town Bottom September 2025 *	£290.03	Direct Debit
05.	Scribe	Monthly direct debit September 2025 *	£58.80	Direct Debit
06.	Aussie Tree Care	Tree works on Council owned land and tree inspection 2025, plus hedge trimming on Soft Water Lane. *	£1932.00	BACS
07.	Gallagher insurance	Insurance premium for 25/6	£1966.48	BACS

08.	Seton	Purchase of two new grit bins for Soft Water Lane and to replace bin on Far Hill*	£171.54	Bank Card
09.	HPCG Ltd	Payment for timber as part of Bradda Dads S137 grant to replace the bridge between Hall Gate View and Springfield Rd*	£324.00	BACS
10.	PKF Littlejohn	External audit fees for audit 24/5*	£378.00	BACS
11.	Martin Salvage	Remedial repairs to playground equipment	£670.00	BACS
12.	Bradwell Scout Group	Donation as agreed by The Carnival Committee from the proceeds of the Gala bar.	£400.00	BACS
Alan Williams		Playground inspections September 2025	£50.00	BACS
The Playground inspection company		Annual playground inspections 2025	£227.88	BACS
Vanessa Ball		Clerk salary and office allowance September 2025	£904.78	BACS
NEST		Pension contributions for September 2025	£65.80	Direct debit
HMRC		National Insurance and tax contributions for September 2025	£78.51	Direct debit
A&J Cleaning		Cleaning of toilet block and cleaning supplies September 2025	£257.48	BACS
Richard Cornish		Mileage for attending flood warden training at Matlock 36 miles @45pence per mile	£16.20	BACS
G.E. Davies		Grass cutting of playing fields September 2025	£350.00	BACS
Hope Valley Handyman		Replacement of handrail on the 'Shart' between The Hills and Dale End	£800.00	BACS
SHELTER MAINTENANCE		Bus shelter cleaning for August and September 2025	£30.20	BACS
Networks Ltd		Installation of signs on bridge	£36.00	BACS
George Leeson		Gardening bill and installation of Speeding device	£144.00	BACS

The August payments shown below had been submitted by email in lieu of an earlier September meeting were brought to council to ensure that there was ratification. These payments were proposed and accepted by council.

01.	E. ON	Monthly electricity charge August 2025*	£17.16	Direct Debit
02.	Cloudy IT	Microsoft Subscription Fees August 2025*	£101.28	Direct Debit
03.	Water Plus	Water charges for the toilet block August 2025	£104.18	Direct Debit
04.	British Gas Lite	Public Conveniences Town Bottom August 2025*	£245.19	Direct Debit
05.	Scribe	Monthly direct debit August 2025*	£58.80	Direct Debit

06.	Nest	Pension contributions for August 2025	£77.67	Direct Debit
07.	HSBC	Monthly bank charge August 2025	£5.00	Bank Charge
08.	Vanessa Ball	Salary and office allowance for August 2025	£1062.29	BACS
09.	HMRC	NI and tax contributions for August 2025	£103.89	Direct Debit
10.	Jamie Wilson	Installation and supply of new gate on Beggars Plot 2025	£2360.00	BACS
11.	Hancock's Tarmac	Tarmacking work on Soft Water Lane and path*	£4,128	BACS
12.	G.E. Davies	Grass cutting fees August 2025	£350.00	BACS
13.	George Leeson	Gardening services for July	£62.00	BACS
14.	Castleton Silver Band	Band services for carnival 2025	£250.00	BACS
15.	Allsortz Entertainment	Childrens entertainer for carnival 2025	£295.00	BACS
16.	St Johns ambulance	First Aid cover for carnival and torchlight 2025*	£549.12	BACS
17.	Ann Harrison	Reimbursement for carnival items including food, prizes and medals.	£104.15	BACS
18.	Bradwell Wildflower Group	S137 grant as resolved at the meeting of August 2025	£300.00	BACS
19	Bradwell War Memorial Hall	Room Hire for August 2025	£44.00	BACS
20.	A&J Cleaning	Cleaning of toilets and supply of cleaning products 2025	£301.98	BACS
21.	HPGC Ltd	Supply of materials required as per the S137 grant agreed to Bradda Dads*	£576.00	BACS
22.	PHS	Duty of care for toilet hygiene 2025*	£107.70	Bank Card
23.	SLCC	Registration for clerk to complete the FILCA qualification*	£144.00	Bank Card
23.	Vanessa Ball	Stationery items- Sellotape and envelopes	£7.25	BACS

Other Financial Matters

168/2025

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

169/2025

The clerk presented the financial report for the funds held by council. There had also been payments of interest into the Nationwide and Unity Trust accounts of approx. £1500.

170/2025

The clerk presented the external audit results to council and drew their attention to the 'except for' matter relating to the asset register. There had been issues between council and the external auditors- PKF Littlejohn over the figures on the register. Because of significant accountant errors made in the previous year, the figures had had to be restated from £104,964 to £167,976.

Despite the clerk sending explanations as to what had happened and why it had been restated, the external auditors noted that this task had been done incorrectly and raised an except for matter. Whilst this doesn't look good, it does not affect the accounting records, and despite these issues, the asset register is now up to date and accurate. It is also noted that several other councils have had similar issues with the external auditors.

The clerk reported that the Scribe software will produce the 2025/6 AGAR based on the figures inputted throughout the year, meaning they should be completely accurate. For the avoidance of doubt, it was agreed that the finance chairperson check the AGAR documents prior to their submission.

Parish Council Processes

171/2025

The clerk reported that the current standing order instructions about payments in the case of a non-meeting were too vague, and clarification was needed to ensure that the rules were being followed correctly. Council proposed and accepted the changes.

ACTION: Clerk to update standing orders and upload to the webpage.

172/2025

Council reviewed the S137 grant proposal for a new portable speaker as submitted by Bradwell Well Dressing. It was agreed that council would purchase the device to become a community asset that village groups could borrow. It was also agreed that a specific loans agreement should be drawn up, and this would then apply to any item loaned from council. The clerk will keep the speaker in her possession

ACTION: Clerk to inform Bradwell Well Dressing group of the outcome of the application.

ACTION: Clerk to devise a loan agreement policy.

Parish Council Issues/initiatives

173/2025

Cllr Taylor was absent from the meeting, but it was agreed to add the following:

- Report of the brook dredging activities
- Report on data from the speeding device.

174/2025

It was agreed that council should pay the solicitor fees to grant a lien for the Bradwell Springs footbridge onto council land. The bridge would become the property of Bradwell Springs and maintained by the Springs management company. There was uncertainty if the footpath had been registered at The Land Registry, but it was agreed that in order to make an informed decision, this proposal would be considered again once council had all the required information.

175/2025

Council standing orders were suspended to allow George Leeson, the speed-watch co-ordinator to give a detailed report of data from the Speeding device.

George reported that the data from the device was showing that approx. 50% of vehicles coming into Bradwell were speeding. He reported that there had been a few installation issues with the app but the hope was when this was fixed that the data could be cross referenced with that from Speed-watch.

Council asked if the data could be used in conjunction with the police and Highways in the push towards getting a fixed camera.

Council also agreed that there should be a policy on the operations of the device.

ACTION: The clerk to work with Cllr Salvage on the adoption of a SID policy.

176/2025

The clerk reported that council had been approached by a resident wanting to run a Halloween competition for the best dressed house in the village. The clerk had agreed to help with the organisation of this, as it is good community engagement for the parish council. The resident is sponsoring the event.

Parish Playing Fields, Open Spaces & Village Caretaking

177/2025

Cllr Salisbury gave a report from a recent working group meeting over the land on The Dumbles. The patch of land next to the footpath had been strimmed and it was agreed that this would need doing bi-annually.

Safety measures were discussed including painting of white lines across the road and pavement to warn drivers and pedestrians. It was agreed that the path is too narrow for a gate. It is important that council take every precaution available to ensure pedestrian safety. The clerk reported she had contacted the police who advised that signage would be appropriate. She was still awaiting guidance from Highways.

178/2025

Council discussed the works that had been carried out by The Environment Agency on the brook, and whilst there had been mixed views from residents on the end results, Cllr Cornish reported that there is a lot of work involved in a task like this to ensure that the biodiversity and structure of the waterway isn't disturbed. There has been a huge amount of rubble removed and a channel in the middle of the brook has been created to enable faster waterflow.

The challenges remain of the water coming down from the discarded mine soughs on the hills. It was agreed to investigate the pipe that runs in the Soft Water Lane section of the brook and if this is a discarded pipe from Breedon that could be removed.

Planning applications

179/2025

The following application was discussed.

-Listed Building consent - Removal of all patterned gypsum plaster on the ground floor and replastering with breathable lime plaster to create a smooth finish.

Removal of decorative 1970's chimney surround to expose the original chimney breast. The original chimney breast face and sides are to be finished in breathable lime plaster-

It was agreed to support this application as it would make a vast improvement to the property.

ACTION: Clerk to submit comments to the Peak Park

Recent meetings

180/2025

Cllr Granger reported that at the Peak Park Parishes Forum on September 23rd the local plan consultation was discussed and the areas that were most important to parishes and villages would be focused on. Affordable housing remains a concern, but measures of how this housing criteria need is assessed is changing. There would be changes to the 3-tier system of towns, large villages and hamlets. There will also

need to be a distinction between second homes and holiday homes. If any houses are built as part of an affordable housing scheme such as Bradwell Springs it is imperative that Section 106 clauses are introduced. Cllr Granger emphasised that when the next phase of the local plan is released it will be important to submit comments from the parish council.

Future Meetings

181/2025

Peak Park Parishes Day (11th October)

Publications / Information Received

182/2025

Communications have already been circulated electronically.

Date of Next Meeting

183/2025

The next council meeting will be held on November 4th, 2025, in the Memorial Hall Bradwell

The meeting concluded at 08:50pm