

BRADWELL PARISH COUNCIL



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

Present: Cllr Cornish (Chair), Cllr Salisbury, Cllr Salvage, Cllr Granger, Cllr Lake
Mrs V. Ball (Clerk)
Members of Outside Bodies / Authorities: District Councillor Nash
Members of the public: Two

Public participation

Two residents from The Hedgehog Group attended council to raise awareness of the scheme and what can be done by residents to boost the dwindling numbers of hedgehogs. They produced a map of hedgehog sightings across the village and showed that the area of Michlow had been one of the most 'popular' places for sightings. They asked if council would consider leaving the strip of parish council owned land at Michlow as a wildlife area. At present there were no immediate plans to make use of this land, and so it was agreed it could be used for this purpose. It was also agreed that when the time came for council to make use of it, habitat modifications would be incorporated as not to disturb the wildlife. Council also agreed that to help with the cause, the perimeter of Town Bottom playing field could be left un-mowed to also encourage wildlife.

Apologies for absence

184/2025

Cllr Downing for reason of holiday, Cllr Taylor for reason of illness, Cllr Lancaster for reason of family bereavement, Cllr Harrison for reason of family emergency. Cllr Furness sent his apologies. These were all noted.

Declaration of Members' Interests

185/2025

There were no interests declared.

A report from Derbyshire County Council

186/2025

County Councillor Sutton was unable to attend the meeting, and no councillors had had any recent communications with him.

A report from Derbyshire District Council

187/2025

District Councillor Nash gave an update on plans for the local government review. There were four areas being proposed, but most leaders at District council were pushing for an Amber Valley and North Derbyshire split.

The government review would mean a loss of 6 district councillors, with only two councillors to cover each boundary.

He confirmed that Chesterfield would more than likely be at the centre, but the same county boundaries would be retained, to enable access to transport and NHS services.

He also confirmed that there would still be the need for parish councils but there was uncertainty about what this government review would mean for them and their access to certain services. He unfortunately didn't have any more information on this.

He gave an update on transport and how this would be getting more of a focus. Hope Valley Climate Action group were pushing their 'Little Switzerland' campaign which would mean that there would be a bus to meet every train. This was to be subject to a feasibility study and grant applications.

Cllr Nash reported that District Council were still pushing ahead with their plans for more housing within the Peak Park and housing areas including Bradwell had been looked at. He also spoke of Tideswell developing its own Community Land Trust (CLT).

Acceptance and Signing of Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

188/2025

It was **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 30/09/2025. These were signed as a true record by Cllr Cornish.

There were four matters arising

1. The first was the creation and adoption of a loans agreement policy. The clerk had devised a document and presented it to council for their approval. The document was accepted and will be used for any item loaned from council.
2. The second was the creation and adoption of a policy for the speeding device. The clerk had devised a document and presented it to council for their approval; the document was accepted and will be uploaded to the website.
3. The clerk was still awaiting advice from the police and Highways regarding safety works on Soft Water Lane.
4. It was agreed that the pipe in question running through the brook on Soft Water Lane was the main sewer pipe and therefore could not be removed.

Financial Matters

189/2025

It was **resolved** to authorise the following twenty-one transactions and a further four supplementary transactions.

Ref	Payee	Description	Amount £	Source
01.	E. ON	Monthly electricity charge October 2025*	£17.16	Direct Debit
02.	Cloudy IT	Microsoft Subscription Fees October 2025*	£101.28	Direct Debit
03.	Water Plus	Water charges for the toilet block October 2025	£52.89	Direct Debit

04.	British Gas Lite	Public Conveniences Town Bottom October 2025 *	£196.49	Direct Debit
05.	Scribe	Monthly direct debit October 2025 *	£58.80	Direct Debit
06.	Wm Eyres	Materials required for playground repairs	£124.76	BACS
07.	Beresford Contracting Ltd	Filling of grit bins for Winter 2025*	£2040.00	BACS
08.	William Brindley	Strimming work on The Dumbles	£95.75	BACS
09.	Vanessa Ball	Officer salary and office allowance for October 2025	£904.78	BACS
10.	NEST	Pension contributions October 2025	£65.83	Direct debit
11.	HMRC	Tax and NI contributions for October 2025	£78.51	Direct debit
12.	Derbyshire Dales	Removal of rubbish after Carnival Day	£52.00	Bank Card
13.	Amazon	Purchase of speaker and carry case as agreed at October meeting	£354.84	Bank Card
14.	Safety Signs4less	Safety signs for Soft Water Lane and bus signs for Brookside	£77.22	Bank Card
15.	Safetysigns4less	Clamps for signage	£9.18	Bank Card
16.	Bradwell War Memorial Hall	Room hire September	£26.00	BACS
17.	Caroline Preston	Stickers for new grit bins	£5.00	BACS
18.	Mr Steven Sutherland	Repayment of parking space fees made in error July-September	£75.00	BACS
19.	Vanessa Ball	Reimbursement for poppy wreath for Remembrance Sunday.	£20.00	BACS
20.	Lights4Fun	New Christmas light purchase for Brook Café and the tree on Church Street*	£684.00	Bank Card
21.	The Defib Shop	New pads for the defibrillator on Bessie Lane*	£95.94	Bank Card

1.	Alan Williams	Playground inspections September 2025	£62.50	BACS
2.	A&J Cleaning	Cleaning of toilet block and cleaning supplies September 2025	£290.97	BACS
3.	G.E.Davies	Cutting of playing fields for October 2025	£350.00	BACS
4.	Aussie Tree Care	Removal of large ash tree Beggars Plot x2days work*	£3648.00	BACS

Other Financial Matters

190/2025

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

191/2025

The clerk presented the financial report for the funds held by council. Council is in a good place financially; and expenditure is as expected for month 6 of the financial year.

192/2025

The clerk informed council that a recent VAT refund of £2026.64 had been received for Q2 2025

Parish Council Processes

193/2025

The clerk advised that precept planning for 2026/7 would be taking place at the financial committee meeting on 17th November, and she asked that all committees have their prepared budgets submitted by this date.

194/2025

The clerk informed council that in 2026, she would be signing up for and completing the CILCA qualification. This is a yearlong course, with a cost of £900 to council but would be beneficial for both the clerk and council.

Parish Council Issues/initiatives

195/2025

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

- A reminder to residents that sandbags were available to residents should they be required, and the flood plan was on the Bradda website for residents' reference.
- A reminder to residents that blocked drains and gulleys should be reported to Derbyshire County Council Highways. This could be done via their website.

196/2025

Cllr Salisbury presented words that he had written as a thank you to the Environment Agency for the desilting of Bradwell Brook, and the encouragement that this kind of work be completed on a more regular basis. He had also been informed from Castleton PC that Tim Bloodworth had been assigned a new placement, and a new officer would be covering the area. Council accepted his proposal, and it was agreed that the clerk would send a thank you.

ACTION: Clerk to write a thank you letter based on Cllr Salisbury's words to Tim Bloodworth and the new EA official Dessie Taylor.

197/2025

The clerk reported that Youth Activities had been chosen as a recipient of the Coop community fund, and she asked if any councillors use the Coop loyalty card, that they could choose to support the group with their dividend.

PDNPA & Planning Matters

198/2025

Cllr Granger reported that there was to be a briefing session by The Peak Park on The Local Plan on November 18th for all parish councils. The document itself is very large, but includes all aspects from recreation, tourism, housing, transport and the economy.

Future Meetings

199/2025

Peak Park Parishes Forum (18th November) Cllr Granger

Publications / Information Received

200/2025

Communications have already been circulated electronically.

Date of Next Meeting

201/2025

The next council meeting will be held on December 2nd, 2025, at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall Bradwell

The meeting concluded at 08:32pm