

BRADWELL PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the **Meeting of the Parish Council** **held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday 2nd December 2025**

Present: Cllr Downing, Cllr Salisbury, Cllr Salvage, Cllr Granger, Cllr Lancaster, Cllr Taylor
Mrs V. Ball (Clerk)
Members of Outside Bodies / Authorities: District Councillor Nash
Members of the public: One

Public participation

A resident attended council to provide an update on the recent burglary at The Coop, he reported that the police had traced the criminal to Spain, it was unclear whether they were a Spanish resident, but the person had been found to be connected to 15 other crimes spanning a decade. It was confirmed that the car used in the getaway could have possibly been a SUV type, and two weeks prior to this incident there had been reports of a drone in the immediate area. The resident advised that any further information should be presented to the police.

The same resident asked if council would consider the installation of a second speeding indicator device at Dale End. Derbyshire County Council had already given their consent for this area to be used, and the structural tests had been conducted on the relevant lamppost. Council was positive about this idea, however because there was now 3 months of speeding data, it was suggested that a meeting with the police may be conducive. It was agreed to add this item to the next agenda. The resident also informed council that due to illness within the admin department of the police, speed watch was currently not in action.

Apologies for absence

202/2025

Cllr Cornish for reason of holiday, Cllr Lake for reason of childcare. No apologies were received from Cllr Furness or Harrison.

Declaration of Members' Interests

203/2025

There were no interests declared.

A report from Derbyshire County Council

204/2025

Cllr Downing had recently spoken with County Councillor Sutton but there was nothing of note to include. Council had no pressing issues to report back to him but did suggest it would be beneficial to include him in any talks about speeding devices.

A report from Derbyshire District Council

205/2025

District Councillor Nash gave an update on plans for the local government review. He reported that there had been a split decision to accept the recommendations of the Business Case being proposed. District council had written a separate note to the Secretary of State to confirm that they would support a different option to those being suggested.

District councillor Nash also reported that the recent peak partnership he and Cllr Downing went to, had been well attended by others of importance including The mayor, MP, bus companies, PDNPA and other industry members. There had also been many discussions including funding for the Peak Park, the idea of an overnight stay tax for visitors, and communication issues within the Hope Valley. While there were no immediate solutions, or answers to questions yet, steps had been taken in the right direction.

Acceptance and Signing of Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

206/2025

It was **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 04/11/2025. These were signed as a true record by Cllr Downing.

Financial Matters

207/2025

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

01.	E. ON	Monthly electricity charge November 2025	£17.16	Direct Debit
02.	Cloudy IT	Microsoft Subscription Fees November 2025	£101.28	Direct Debit
03.	Water Plus	Water charges for the toilet block November 2025	£57.75	Direct Debit
04.	British Gas Lite	Public Conveniences Town Bottom November 2025	£267.52	Direct Debit
05.	Vanessa Ball	Officer salary and office allowance for November 2025	£904.78	BACS
06.	NEST	Pension contributions November 2025	£65.83	Direct debit
07.	HMRC	Tax and NI contributions for November 2025	£78.51	Direct debit
08.	Bradwell War Memorial Hall	Room hire October/November 2025	£52.00	BACS
09.	Jonathan Woodhouse	Installation of signage Soft Water Lane	£30.00	BACS

10.	Aussie Tree Company	Installation of Christmas lights Church Street	£600.00	BACS
11.	Peak Aggregates	Delivery of grit salt for winter	£569.77	BACS
12.	Nowark	New belts for gritter	£466.21	BACS
13.	Vanessa Ball	Mileage claims for clerk travel to County Hall Matlock 38 miles at 0.45pence per mile	£17.10	BACS
14.	MYPAYE	Credits to run monthly payroll for 10 months	£13.00	Bank card
01.	Alan Williams	Playground inspections November 2025	£50.00	BACS
02.	George Leeson	Gardening bill October and November 2025	£150.00	BACS
03.	Eve Lake Conveyancing & Legal Services	Land Registration fees for Town Bottom and Beggars Plot.	£558.00	BACS
04.	Wm Eyres	Hardware goods	£16.94	BACS
05.	A&J Cleaning	Cleaning of toilet block and cleaning supplies November 2025	£231.00	BACS
06.	SSLC	CILCA registration fees for clerk	£495.00	BACS
07.	Shelter Maintenance Ltd	Bus shelter cleans for October and November 2025	£27.24	BACS

Other Financial Matters

208/2025

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

209/2025

The clerk presented the financial report for the funds held by council. She explained that the Coop account is used for all purchases and expenses, the HSBC account is used to hold the carpark money and the other accounts for reserves and projects. She informed council that the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) had increased the protection level of money held in accounts from £85,000 to £125,000, and whilst the current system was working well, she advised that it might be beneficial to now move some money into the Nationwide account to generate more interest. It was agreed that this matter would be taken to the Finance committee for discussion.

210/2025

Cllr Lancaster gave an update on the finance committee meeting of November 17th. This meeting was predominately to set the budgets for the different cost centres used by council. A budget of £66,578,00 for the year has been agreed, this was made up by a 5% increase onto areas of administration, and adjustments to other areas as necessary. There is also now a Health and safety cost centre to incorporate all areas of playground safety, and this has been appropriately budgeted for.

Parish Council Processes

211/2025

Cllr Lancaster presented the precept figures for council's approval. The finance committee had suggested that to meet the budget but keep the precept rise as minimal as possible for residents, a 3.5% increase would be applied. This would result in a precept requirement of £58,260.00. An additional £8,318.00 would be provided from council funds. It was **resolved** by council to accept these figures.

212/2025

It was **resolved** to add the information about the Hydro lights and Christmas lights switch on, on Sunday 7th December to the Facebook page.

213/2025

The clerk reported that communications from Highways had stated that they were too busy to reply to her enquiry over the matter of safety measures for Soft Water Lane, Cllr Salisbury however confirmed he had spoken with PCSO Boswell about the matter and the proposals would be sufficient to ensure pedestrian safety.

214/2025

The clerk updated council on the situation regarding the deed of easement agreement between council and a resident. She confirmed that council had signed all the relevant documents to allow the agreement to go ahead and she was awaiting confirmation before the deeds could be submitted to The Land Registry.

She reported that because the case had gone through the insurance company, there was a stipulation that the Litigation solicitors used were ones chosen by them. This was evident in their poor communications and efforts surrounding this case.

215/2025

The clerk presented five quotes for new playground equipment to be installed on Town Bottom. This was to replace two spinning items that were worn and would be too expensive to repair. A budget of approx. £15,000 had been allocated for this purpose. The identified gap on this park was for equipment for toddlers and so the clerk had based her search around this. The favourite of these items was a climbing unit, complete with slide, bridge and tunnel. There was also a spinning bowl included with the quote. This equipment would be provided by Playdale, who council confirmed had been good to work with previously. The cost of the items went over budget at £16065, however it was agreed because money had not been spent on other projects, the overspend was justified. The equipment would be installed in early Spring.

ACTION: Clerk to accept the quote and confirm the order to Playdale

Publications / Information Received

216/2025

Communications have already been circulated electronically.

Date of Next Meeting

217/2025

The next council meeting will be held on January 1st, 2026, at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall Bradwell

The meeting concluded at 08:26pm