

BRADWELL PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday 3rd March 2026

Present: Cllr Downing, Cllr Granger, Cllr Cornish, Cllr Salvage, Cllr Lancaster, Cllr Salisbury, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Harrison, Cllr Lake

Mrs V. Ball (Clerk)

Members of Outside Bodies / Authorities: None

Members of the public: Two

Public participation

Two members of the public attended to offer their views on the Peak Cluster Project, with one resident giving reasons to propose the plans. Cement and lime production are a fundamental commodity needed for modern living. At the present the cement plant is not environmentally friendly and there isn't a practical alternative being proposed. The second resident gave reasons for opposition claiming that a site in Wales was utilising the carbon dioxide produced for other purposes, and although it is early in the process, there are alternatives to what is being suggested on site.

The Peak Cluster Project is on the agenda for discussion.

Apologies for absence

027/2026

There were no apologies received.

Declaration of Members' Interests

028/2026

There was an interest declared by Cllr Lake for item 10, this is for the S137 grant requested by Bradwell Teddies. She is the treasurer for the group.

An application from a resident for the position of Councillor

029/2026

It is noted that the parish council received a resignation letter from Cllr Furness. His work was recognised and Council thanked him for his many years of service. The vacancy was advertised as per Derbyshire Dales District Council's instructions, and an application was received from George Leeson. George gave details as to what he could bring to council and why he was a suitable candidate. He left the room, whilst council voted on his application. Cllr Taylor suggested that next time there was a vacancy it should also be added to the Facebook page to encourage more applicants. This was agreed.

George Leeson was voted in as a councillor and rejoined the meeting.

A report from Derbyshire County Council

030/2026

There had been no communications with Cllr Sutton, and whilst council did comment that they were thankful to him for his contribution in helping alleviate some of the pothole problems, there were still issues remaining. Contractors can only repair what they are instructed to, and this can be frustrating at times.

Cllr Salisbury reported that there had been no news from Cllr Sutton about the inspection of Milldam mine in February, but he would carry on his engagement with the mining team.

A report from Derbyshire District Council

031/2026

District Councillor Nash was absent from the meeting. There were no other reports from District Council.

Acceptance and Signing of Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

032/2026

It was **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 03/02/2026

There were no matters arising.

Financial Matters

033/2026

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

Ref	Payee	Description	Amount £	Source
01.	Scribe	Monthly direct debit February 2026	£58.80	Direct Debit
02.	E. ON	Monthly electricity charge February 2026	£17.16	Direct Debit
03.	Water Plus	Water charges for the toilet block February 2026	£40.87	Direct Debit
04.	Cloudy IT	Microsoft Subscription Fees February 2026	£101.28	Direct Debit
05.	British Gas Lite	Public Conveniences Town Bottom February 2026	£262.94	Direct Debit
06.	Nest	Pension contributions for February 2026	£65.83	Direct Debit
07.	HMRC	Tax and NI contributions for February 2026	£78.51	Direct Debit
08.	Vanessa Ball	Salary and office allowance for February 2026	£904.78	BACS
09.	St Barnabas Church	£137 grant as resolved on 3 Rd February 2026.	£500.00	BACS
10.	Post Office	Postage costs	£9.25	Bank Card

11.	Safetysigns4less	Additional signage for Brookside	£18.30	Bank Card
12.	Derbyshire Dales District Council	Waste collection for 2026/7	£60.00	Bank Card
13.	Bradwell War Memorial Hall	Room hire for January and February 2026	£122.00	BACS
14.	The safety supply company	Attachments for signage	£6.06	Bank Card
SP1.	A&J Cleaning	Cleaning of toilet block and cleaning supplies February 2026	£259.99	BACS
SP2.	Derbyshire ALC	Membership fees for 2026/7	£523.24	BACS
SP3	Alan Williams	Playground Inspections February 2026	£50.00	BACS
SP4	Sowerby Landscapes	Turfing of Town Bottom, ready for new play equipment	£350.00	BACS

Other Financial Matters

034/2026

Cllr Lancaster reported that she had reviewed the Coop Bank statement and no queries were raised.

035/2026

The clerk presented the financial statement for February and reported that finances were good, and with year-end approaching there had been much the same expenditure as the previous year. The clerk informed council that the HSBC account was now closed, and the money transferred to the Coop bank account.

She recommended that the funds remaining from this transfer, after paying the play equipment costs, should now be moved into the savings' accounts. She suggested that £10,029 should be moved into the Unity Trust Account, and the remaining £45,000 should be placed into the Nationwide account as this was a higher interest account. This would ensure that amounts did not exceed the FSC protection levels. This was accepted and agreed by council.

The clerk also reported an accidental personal transaction of £8.00 on the council bank card. The amount was repaid in full.

036/2026

The clerk reported that the utility contracts for electricity had been renewed for both playgrounds. The best deal for Town Bottom was to remain with British Gas; this would mean a standing charge of 61pence per day but a cost of 25.84 pence per unit used. Although the standing charge had increased, the unit cost had decreased, and this would benefit Lisa at the café.

The clerk kept the Eon contract for Beggars Plot as this is a good deal at £17.16 per month.

037/2026

The clerk informed council that she had received quotes from CloudyIT to provide Microsoft packages and IT support for the next year. Due to increasing costs at Microsoft, the prices had significantly increased. An annual quote of £1487 or a monthly cost of £129 was being offered. Council asked if it was time to shop around for a better deal or even enter a contract directly with Microsoft. This was agreed by council

ACTION:

Clerk to investigate other packages

Parish Council Processes

038/2026

The clerk had reviewed the policies for Equality, Data Protection and Communications and was suggesting that there were no changes necessary. There had been no new legislations or laws introduced to mean the policies needed to be altered. The clerk agreed that if any changes needed to be made for the rest of the policy documents, then she would highlight them so councillors could identify them. It was resolved by council to accept the policies.

ACTION: Clerk to send Cllr Downing the new policies for upload to the website.

Parish Issues / Initiatives

039/2026

Cllr Taylor reported that she had uploaded a Facebook post regarding signage on Brookside but asked whether there was anything new to report over the request for signage regarding HGVs on the narrow lanes. The clerk confirmed she had contacted Walker Minerals and Breedon and whilst both had been supportive and agreed to inform their suppliers not to come through the village, there was little more to be done. Unfortunately, Derbyshire County Council are reluctant to spend money on this kind of signage, and whilst signs could be erected on private property, council agreed they had spent a lot of money already for the new bus signage.

Cllr Taylor reported that a post had already been circulated about the roadworks and the imminent road closure at Bridge Street.

040/2026

Cllr Lake presented the S137 grant from Bradwell Teddies. The ask was for £100 for new arts and crafts materials. She reported that the sessions were going well and they were well attended by local families. It was accepted and resolved to give a grant of £100 to the group.

ACTION: Clerk to inform the group and arrange for the funds to be paid.

041/2026

Cllr Granger gave an update on the Switzerland in the Peak District plans, and the objective was for there to be better connectivity between the bus and rail services, with a proposed hourly bus service to the railway stations. At present, the service is disjointed and unreliable.

With the new plans the 272 service will be abolished losing the direct link to Sheffield, however this will be replaced with an hourly 173 bus from Castleton to Bakewell, whereby users can travel to Hope station to continue their journey by rail into Sheffield, which should provide a better service.

Council agreed that it needed to keep involved with the plans.

ACTION: Clerk to ask Hope Valley Climate Action when the next meeting on this topic is.

042/2026

Cllr Salisbury reported that there are concerns about the replacement of analogue telephones with an internet reliant service. This new plan now means that if there is a power outage, residents will be left with only a poor mobile signal. This is not good enough for elderly and vulnerable villagers nor for access to emergency services. Emergency Power systems may only last a couple of hours so it is felt that something more must be done. It was agreed to write to the MP and county councillor.

ACTION: Clerk to work with Cllrs Downing and Salisbury to formulate a letter to the MP and Councillor Sutton requesting action to be taken.

043/2026

For agenda discussions about the Peak Cluster Partnership, it was proposed and agreed to suspend standing orders to allow a resident to join in.

Council spoke at length about the proposed plans, and each councillor had the opportunity to put their views.

There were concerns expressed over how the required pipes and equipment would reach Breedon, and what this would mean for the village in terms of upheaval and additional heavy loaded traffic.

Thus far there seemed to be a lack of knowledge, and not much was known about the system. The recent consultation event had been generic and unhelpful.

There were concerns over 'Greenwashing' and what the implications would be for biodiversity and whether this would be a similar scenario to that of HS2. There is also a huge worry over the safety of the pipeline capture system and what happens if it goes wrong.

The consensus was that, although it may be impossible to stop the plans, it was important to get a collective voice across and to find ways that may make the plans work in favour for the village, for example in council tax gains. It was agreed that a working group should be set up, to set questions that needing answering.

It was also agreed that other affected parish councils should be consulted with, to bring ideas forward.

ACTION: Cllr Cornish and Lake to arrange a working group

ACTION: Clerk to contact other parish councils in the area that would be affected by the plans.

044/2026

It was agreed that due to the lengthy discussion over the Peak Cluster Partnership the local government reorganisation plans could be discussed at another time.

Planning Applications

045/2026

The following planning applications were discussed

- Proposed lateral extension of the Limestone Quarry to extract 13 million tonnes of limestone for the purpose of continued on-site cement manufacture and the quarry's restoration
- Proposed alterations to existing dwelling house to form two apartments.

It was agreed that council wished to support both applications. However, council stated that they would like a clause adding to the second application to state that they would remain as primary residences and not holiday lets. Council also expressed concern over the advertisement of the parking space, which is council property rented by the current owners. It was asked that this be removed from the plans.

Publications / Information Received

046/2025

Communications have already been circulated electronically

Date of Next Meeting

047/2025

The next council meeting will be held on April 7th at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall Bradwell

The meeting concluded at 09:02pm