



**Notes of the BRADWELL
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Held in Bradwell War Memorial Hall
at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday 22nd April 2025**

Present: - Parish Council Members

Cllr Downing (Chair) Cllr B Salisbury, Cllr R. Cornish, Cllr. M Salvage, Cllr. Z. Harrison,
Cllr. A. Taylor

Mrs V Ball- Clerk to Bradwell Parish Council

Mr B Taylor (Peak District National Park)

c. 12 members of the public attended

The meeting was led by Cllr Downing, and he welcomed those present.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Lancaster and District Cllr Nash for reason of holiday

Notes of Last Year's Meeting

The notes from the 2024 Annual Parish Meeting were accepted by the councillors.

Parish Council Chairman's Report

Cllr Downing reported that 2024 had been another successful year for the parish council. There had been no changes to the council team who were all great and worked well together.

Carnival 2024 had been a huge success, a profit of £1200 was made, and the fantastic weather really helped. The two-day event had also worked well, and this would be continued this year. There would also be bigger rides on the field.

Improvements on Soft Water Lane continue. measures are in place to help prevent flooding. There will also be speed diversions put into place to prevent children running out into the lane. and the whole lane will be tidied up.

Town Bottom had a new zipwire in place which is a popular amenity to the playground. There were also several other items repaired. Playground equipment is very expensive to maintain and replace. The new safety matting was approx. £5000.

Hopefully vandalism is under control now with the installation of CCTV on the toilet block which cost over £1000 but meant the toilets could be kept open all the time.

A resident asked the question on whether there would be toilets installed on Beggars Plot, but initial costings and research had proven it to be very expensive, concerns surrounding this was that this kind of facility isn't monitored and would be susceptible to vandalism.

Challenges with the snow and ice this year was tackled by Cllr Harrison who put a huge amount of work into keeping routes and pavements clear. Cllr Downing extended his thanks.

Flooding remains an issues, luckily there hasn't been any heavy rain but this doesn't detract from the problems flooding has caused for residents. The Environment Agency has introduced a Flood prevention

scheme for residents in the village and the hope that some measures can be implemented to prevent properties from flooding. The EA have also proposed to dredge the Brook this year from Church Street to Butts Mill.

The Brook Café has been very successful, and is a very welcome amenity to the village.

The council Facebook page is working extremely well and thanks were given to Cllr Taylor for maintaining the site. The page is used as a communication tool rather than for discussion.

Issues with grass mowing seem to have been resolved, the playing fields are mown by a contractor for the parish council and the District Council have been looking after the areas they own. BPC have a good relationship with the Wildflower Group.

The S137 grant has been well utilised this year, with grants being given to the church, Badminton Group, Bradwell Teddies and the Memorial Hall.

Cllr Downing thanked Cllr Taylor and Salvage for their commitment and work on The Youth Activities Scheme. This was a huge success and enabled young people to get out and involved with outdoor activities.

Dog faeces is still an issue in the village, and the council had tried various things to tackle this including a poster campaign from the schools led by Cllr Lake and the clerk.

BPC had agreed to the installation of ANPR cameras in the village, this was a project involving all Hope Valley Parish councils and the police. The cameras would link up to a national database. Breedon had already purchased three cameras for this cause.

Council managed to keep the precept low again this year with only a 2% increase on the previous year. Council also have a 5-year plan in place to keep control of spending.

Presentations by Village Organisations

Speed Watch

George Leeson gave a report on the speedwatch group and said that during a recent evening session the group had monitored 497 vehicles, 12 of these were going above the speed limit. The results from these sessions are then shared with the police who send the perpetrators a letter to advise them they were exceeding the speed limit.

Recently a child was knocked down outside Beggars Plot which is one of the reasons the group has been introduced to the village. The group does need more volunteers.

The push is now to get a SIDS device installed in the village with a large screen displaying the speed in which a vehicle is travelling and will either include a smiley face if you are observing the speed limit or a sad face if you are exceeding it. The hope is that the sign will mean people will slow down. These signs have been proven to reduce speeding by up to 25%

St Barnabas Church

Jane Dalymple from St Barnabas attended to thank council for the recent grant of £216 to get the church clock serviced. There are very few clocks in churches now that are manually wound but Bradwell church is one of them and it does need servicing to ensure it stays working. The church is a pinnacle of the village and is a great part of the community, it hosts coffee mornings, meetings, concerts and is home to a baby group.

Bradwell Badminton Club

Brian Gilham from the Badminton Club thanked council for the grant of £600 to enable the memorial hall to have new lines painted for the badminton court. The last time these lines were painted was around 15 years ago. The group are pushing for new members to attend.

Brian Taylor from the Peak Park introduced himself as the head of planning applications and appeals. He has been in the role since 2000. He reported that unfortunately the park had had more funding cuts and had made another 12 people redundant. But he did report that the organisation was very supportive of young people and enabled apprenticeships and opportunities for progression.

The Peak Park had also reintroduced pre planning advice. Costs for planning applications were also going to be increased. He said that there was a need for more affordable housing and this was part of a government plan to increase houses in each area. However, this was a challenge in a peak park.

General Q&A

Final questions / answers and a general discussion took place.

Thanks & Close

The Chairman thanked the clerk for her work over the year.

He thanked all for attending and brought the meeting to a close at 8:40pm. Refreshments were served.