

BRADWELL PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday 7th April 2026

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

Mrs V. Ball (Clerk)

Members of Outside Bodies / Authorities: District Councillor Nash

Members of the public: Two

Public participation

One resident questioned the transparency of council, regarding their comments towards the Breedon quarry extension application. They queried why there had been no public meeting or consultation about this. Council confirmed that they are only statutory consultees for planning applications and thus required to comment on all applications. The resident also questioned that they were unable to find the meeting agenda on the website once the minutes had been produced, and it would be helpful to keep an agenda up alongside the minutes, for easy cross references. It was agreed that agendas would be kept up on the website for a month until the next agenda was released. Breedon had previously held public meetings at Loxley Hall in Hope.

One resident attended the meeting to ask parish council's stance on the Peak Cluster project. It was reported that most councillors do not support the plan. The clerk was in contact with other parish councils to enable a collaboration on the subject with the possibility of a village meeting. The resident reported that they had produced a 'jargon buster' document alongside FOI requests from Breedon. This would be shared to councillors via the clerk.

The Peak Cluster Project is on the agenda as item 10, but it was agreed to suspend standing orders to allow this item to be moved for discussion. Cllr Cornish has produced a draft statement on behalf of the parish council, and this reiterated that council were supportive of Breedon but not of the pipeline plans,

There are vast concerns over the project, including safety, noise, traffic and the detrimental effects on the environment and local infrastructure. Although the next consultation period isn't until September this could proactively be sent to the mayor, MP and secretary of state.

A councillor did ask that the wording be changed for the final paragraph, which assumed that the plan would go ahead, and this shouldn't be the case. It was agreed that with Cllr Cornish applying the necessary changes the statement could then be released and shared with residents, via local channels.

Apologies for absence

048/2026

Cllr Harrison submitted an apology for reason of work, this was noted.

Declaration of Members' Interests

049/2026

There were no interests declared.

A report from Derbyshire County Council

050/2026

Cllr Leeson presented a report from a recent meeting on 27th March with County Councillor Sutton, the topics of Peak Cluster, speeding, HGVS and signage were raised. It was agreed to seek weight limits where HGVs were inappropriate. The clerk would write to County Councillor Sutton requesting that Highways visit the village.

A report from Derbyshire District Council

051/2026

Because item 10 of the agenda had been moved to discuss Peak Cluster, it was now agreed that standing orders would have to be suspended to allow District Councillor Nash to speak.

He reported that there had been an extension on the plans for a unitary council, therefore he would be in his role until the end of 2028. He was pleased to announce that the local projects fund had been increased from £1200 to £2000 and he was urging local groups to apply for funding.

He reported that Severn Trent were installing a water pipe from Hathersage to Worksop, this is because the bore hole supply in Nottingham is becoming inadequate and a new source has been identified at the top of Hathersage. These works would inevitably mean delays for bus users as parts of the road would be closed at times. He had asked for the clerk to be included in any information from Severn Trent as she had not yet received anything.

Acceptance and Signing of Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

052/2026

It was **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 03/03/2026, with one amendment being requested regarding minute 29/2026. This is to remove the line about adding vacancies to the Facebook page to encourage more applicants. This should have read "for consistency and accuracy of communications". This amendment was accepted and the minutes were signed as a true record by Cllr Downing.

There was one matter arising from 037/2026. The clerk reported that she had investigated parish council specific software packages and noted how expensive they were. She had also investigated Microsoft directly, however, was concerned about leaving council vulnerable without an adequate backup. She had reapproached Cloudy IT and managed to negotiate a new price. The cost was an annual fee of £1149.12, which equalled an average monthly cost of £95 per month. She reported that each councillor had to have an individual Microsoft licence at a cost of £7 each per month, plus a package at £9 for herself. This new deal is extremely good, being less than the current price: the clerk accepted the contract.

Financial Matters

053/2026

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

Ref	Payee	Description	Amount £	Source
01.	Scribe	Monthly direct debit March 2026	£58.80	Direct Debit
02.	E. ON	Monthly electricity charge March 2026	£17.16	Direct Debit

03.	Water Plus	Water charges for the toilet block March 2026	£51.63	Direct Debit
04.	Unity Trust	Monthly bank charges for February and March	£12.00	Bank Charge
05.	Cloudy IT	Microsoft charges for March 2026	£101.28	Direct Debit
06.	Cloudy IT	Annual Microsoft fees for 2026-7	£1149.12	Direct Debit
07	British Gas Lite	Public Conveniences Town Bottom March 2026*	£34.23	Direct Debit
08.	Nest	Pension contributions for March 2026	£65.83	Direct Debit
09.	HMRC	Tax and NI contributions for March 2026	£78.51	Direct Debit
10.	Vanessa Ball	Salary and office allowance for March 2026	£904.78	BACS
11	Bradwell Teddies	S137 grant application as approved on 3 rd March 2026	£100.00	BACS
12.	Information Commissioners Office	Annual data protection fees	£47.00	Direct Debit
13.	Alan Williams	Monthly playground inspections	£50.00	BACS
SP1	A&J Cleaning	Cleaning of toilet block and cleaning supplies March 2026	£290.47	BACS
SP2	White Hall Centre	Youth Activities January- March 2026	£369.60	Bank Card
SP3	Jelly Roll Jazz Band	Deposit for carnival band	£224.00	BACS
SP4	Chris Crouch Bagpiper	Deposit for carnival band	£100.00	BACS
SP5	Shelter Maintenance	Bus shelter cleaning for February and March	£27.24	BACS

Other Financial Matters

054/2026

Cllr Lancaster reported that she had reviewed the Coop Bank statement and no queries were raised. She reported that the remaining £45,000 from the closure of the HSBC account had now been deposited into the Nationwide Account.

055/2026

The clerk presented the financial statement for March and reported that finances were good, although she could not yet present the final year-end figures, due to the payments for March (as shown above) requiring reconciliation in Scribe. The AGAR documents had been received, and the clerk could now begin the process of compiling the reporting statements as required by the external auditors.

Parish Council Processes

056/2026

The clerk had reviewed the policy for expenses and reported that she had removed the line requesting that any expenses be submitted prior to expenditure. This was because it is not always possible to do this. She also added a statement about the mileage rates, including that an additional claim of £0.05 per mile per passenger may be made if applicable. This is to encourage car sharing. It was resolved to accept the amendments made to the policy.

ACTION:

Clerk to send the updated policy to Cllr Downing for uploading to the website.

057/2026

The clerk reported that she had recently completed a CILCA module on policies and learnt that there should be a mandatory biodiversity policy. The clerk presented a policy she had developed from NALC guidelines and explained that councillors have a legal duty within The Environment Act 2001 to consider biodiversity when carrying out duties. It was *resolved* to accept the new policy

ACTION:

Clerk to send the new Biodiversity policy to Cllr Downing for uploading to the website.

Parish Issues / Initiatives

058/2026

It was asked if a post should be added to Facebook about the precept requirements for 2026-7, and how council had kept costs low with a 3.5% increase. This was agreed.

It was also *resolved* to add the statement about Peak Cluster to the Facebook Page once it had been edited and approved.

059/2026

The clerk reported that there was approximately £500 left in the S137 budget, but this would be reset once the annual precept payment was made in May, therefore it was *resolved* to provide Bradwell Wildflower with their S137 request of £300.

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

Planning applications

060/2026

Council had provided comments on two planning applications via email, these were

NP/DDD/0226/0202 26 Swift Close- Council had reviewed the information on this application and decided to object to the plans, this was because the applicant was requesting permission to convert his garage, and any removal of parking went against policies within the Neighbourhood plan.

NP/DDD/0326/0252 Ivy House, Towngate- council had reviewed the information on this application and chose to support this, as there was no reason against the material considerations to reject the plans.

It was reiterated that the material considerations should be consulted for each application.

Future meetings

061/2026

It was agreed that the Annual Parish meeting would take place on May 19th at 730pm in the Memorial Hall.

Publications / Information Received

062/2025

Communications have already been circulated electronically

Date of Next Meeting**063/2025**

The next council meeting will be held on May 5th at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall Bradwell

The meeting concluded at 08:36pm