

BRADWELL PARISH COUNCIL



Notes of the Meeting of the Carnival Committee held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday 28th August 2025

Present:

Cllr Taylor, Cllr Harrison

Vanessa Ball (Clerk)

7 members of the public

CC-12/2025 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Cornish, Cllr Downing, Jane and Trevor Fletcher, Scott Harrison. Jane Dalrymple, Simon Gould, Stef Oakley, Chelsea and Mark Facer. These were noted.

CC-13/2025 To accept the minutes of the Carnival committee meeting on 26/6/2025 and review any matters arising from the minutes not on Agenda.

The minutes from the meeting of the 26/6/2025 were accepted as a true record.

The matters arising are discussed in the next minute section.

CC-14/2025 To review the running of carnival 2025

Cllr Taylor gave a huge thankyou to everyone who was involved with the running of the carnival this year, it was a successful Gala, however more volunteers are required, Cllr Taylor did report that there had been interest from new volunteer Mark Facer who was a graphic designer, willing to design posters, adverts and a programme for Gala. Mark and his wife were involved in the running of Tideswell Carnival for many years.

Unfortunately, Jane and Trevor Fletcher were unable to make the meeting, but they had reported to Cllr Taylor that they were happy to still be involved and continue to bring fairground rides and equipment next year. The widening of the gate had enabled some larger rides to be brought in which were a success.

Scott Harrison reported that marshalling had gone well with a new improved team of marshals', who had been available for carnival, well blessing and the torchlight procession. There were thanks given to Caroline and her team who controlled the parade and ensured everything ran smoothly.

There had been a problem with the radios and despite them being charged, several of them were not working and would need replacing next year. There had also been a report that notices needed to be placed before motorists reached Bradwell to inform of road closures, Cllr Harrison did report that he placed them at the layby, but it was agreed that they would need to be situated before that, perhaps even at The Anchor Crossroads.

Simon Gould reported that he had collected £40 from his display on the field. Simon did report that he was in an awkward position regarding having his dogs on the field with other dog owners not being happy about this. However, committee agreed that whilst it was hard to police it, dogs should still not be allowed on the field. The clerk also confirmed that Beggars Plot had a public protection order on it which meant dogs were

not allowed for legal reasons. Committee reminded council that Simons dogs were fenced off as a 'display' and not roaming the field. Additional larger signage should be considered for next year.

Cllr Taylor reported that she had had spoken to Steve Tansley from Eden Tree, who used their own collection tins for carnival and donated the money to preschool. Cllr Taylor informed him that protocols must be followed for the collection; a licence is applied for and recipients of the carnival collection money were asked to litter pick afterwards.

The collection tins themselves were also a problem with floats not collecting tins and some of them had gone missing. This system didn't work so next year Cllr Taylor said she would devise a new plan with the help of Stef Oakley.

Cllr Taylor reported that £618.33 had been collected during the parade this year, compared to last years figures of £526.23. Eden Tree had collected £208. It was suggested that beneficiaries of the carnival money next year should collect money during the parade and litter pick on the Sunday afterwards.

The Street Fayre was discussed, and it was agreed that there had been difficulties with the event. Committee agreed that the sequence of the street fair and Ball Race were better when the race was before the fair. Dan Plevy reported that Bradda Dads had done it this way as they had been led to believe the street fayre had been cancelled. It would be back to normal next year.

It was agreed that there had been poor communications within all the groups organising events during Gala week and there should be a better connection next time. This year the carnival committee had incorporated Wakes Week, and this had been a success.

It was agreed that the magician would be asked to return.

There would be burgers on the Friday evening, and these food providers would be there on Monday for the street fayre.

Dan Plevy reported that the bar had been a huge success, with the Friday generating a profit of £1,885 and the Saturday £1,548. It was agreed that scouts should get £400 of the Saturday profits because of the help that they gave on the bar.

Whilst the Saturday profit from the bar this year had come back into the carnival fund, Dan Plevy suggested next year that a contribution should be given to the committee instead and Bradda Dads would keep the remaining profit. This would be discussed at the next meeting. Dan reported that the reusable glasses had been popular, there were approx. 60 left. Next year Bradda Dads would purchase more of the glasses.

The main issue reported was rubbish, and Dan said that the bins were overflowing. Next year it would be a good idea to have someone to keep an eye on rubbish to ensure the bins are kept empty. Dan did ask if there could be some proper recycling bins and the clerk agreed to investigate.

It was asked if the PA system next year could be moved to a central location as it was hard to hear what was being said across the field. Bradda Dads had bought a 100m extension cable and rubber matting. Cllr Taylor also had an additional gazebo if required.

Networks had offered a trailer bar for next year and Bradda Dads had got some ideas to do things differently.

The treasure hunt was good, but it clashed with bingo, and more people had attended that, next year it would be done on a different evening to ensure a better turnout.

The torchlight procession had also been good, but if had been quite rushed and there had been some miscommunication issues. It was suggested that next year a proper band should be in attendance with different music and a longer route.

Liz and John Boyle attended the meeting to report that they had taken over the running of the fell race. They were hoping to make this more of a village event, and include a junior fell racing event.

Andy Johnston attended to report on the wells, and he reported they had had some teething problems with hymn sheets and sound issues with the PA.

He also reported that the murder mystery on the final Saturday had been a huge success with 70 of 72 tickets selling. The event was booked again for next year.

CC-14/2025 Review of Finances for Carnival 2025

Cllr Taylor reported that the carnival funds had started with an initial £5100, with £1100 of this being profit from 2024.

Carnival 2025 had cost the parish council £4,852.36.

There was a profit of £2,243.78 from the field income, the bar income and the torchlight procession

CC 15/2025- Budget requirements for 2026

It was agreed to ask the parish council for £4500 from the precept for 2026. This was because the queens needed a new float as the current one is very old and damaged. The carnival committee would like to focus more money on the parade for 2026 to make it bigger and better.

CC 16/2025 Initial planning of carnival 2026

It was agreed that there should be more bands and entertainment in the parade next year, such as bagpipes and a steel drum band, but the committee didn't want the New Orleans Band to return. Becca Lawther said that she would investigate other ideas.

It was also agreed that more volunteers would be needed to help with some of the more manual tasks such as cone placement, collection of chairs, diversion signs and erection of marquees. Help would be advertised next year.

CC- 17/25 Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held in March 2026, with a date to be released nearer the time

The meeting closed at 9:25pm