

BRADWELL PARISH COUNCIL



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

Councillors Present: Cllr Cornish (Chair), Cllr Granger, Cllr Salvage, Cllr Leeson, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Harrison

Others: Mrs V. Ball (Clerk), District Councillor Nash, Roger Clarke (Hope Valley Climate Action)

Members of the public: None

Public Participation:

Roger Clarke from Hope Valley Climate Action attended council to give a report on the Little Switzerland Project and what this would mean for Bradwell. The proposed plans are that the 272 will not come to Bradwell, instead the 173 service will take passengers to the 'hub station' at Hope, where they can then connect with the 272 to continue their journey into Sheffield. These are only proposals at this stage, and the final decision will be made by the East Midlands Mayoral Commission authority (EMMCA). The parish council are keen to see the bus service be improved as at present it is poor but are concerned as to what effect the removal of a direct link to Sheffield will mean for commuters and students.

Apologies for absence

111/2026

Cllrs Downing and Salisbury for reason of holiday. Cllr Lancaster for an emergency. These were noted.

It is also noted that Cllr Lake has resigned from her position as councillor and was therefore absent from the meeting.

Declaration of Members' Interests

112/2026

There were interests declared from Cllr Leeson for financial items 06 and 20. This is for reimbursement for plants and gardening services.

A report from Derbyshire County Council

113/2026

Cllr Cornish reported that he and Cllr Leeson along with County Cllr Sutton, had attended a meeting with a representative from Highways on 17th June. The meeting had been very positive and productive, and she had presented a proposal for both new and additional signage within the village and further up Bradwell Dale, prior to entering Bradwell. The Clerk confirmed that this document has been added to the councillors' shared folder for review. While it was argued that some drivers will continue to use cheaper sat nav systems rather

than HGV-specific devices, if the improved signage reduces the current issues by even 50%, it would be a meaningful improvement.

A report from Derbyshire Dales District Council

114/2026

Cllr Nash gave a report from the district council and stated that there was no news from the Local Government Reform Plans, and even with a new prime minister this would still be proceeding.

He reported that plans for the new local housing in the village were progressing, however because of drainage issues the number of properties had been reduced from 18 to 16.

Acceptance & signing of minutes and Matters arising

115/2026

The minutes were resolved and approved by council and signed as a true record by Cllr Cornish. There was one matter arising regarding the understanding of depreciation of assets, and the clerk confirmed that depreciation is not necessary as the register is not intended to be used as an accounting balance sheet-Council still own the item regardless of its value. Recording the original purchase cost ensures that insurance cover remains adequate, and if the item ever needs replacing, it is preferable to overestimate the cost rather than risk under-budgeting.

Financial Matters

116/2026

It was **resolved** to authorise the following 20 transactions, with a further seven supplementary payments.

Ref	Payee	Description	Amount £	Source
01.	Scribe	Monthly direct debit June 2026*	£58.80	Direct Debit
02.	E. ON	Monthly electricity charge for Beggars Plot June 2026*	£17.16	Direct Debit
03.	Water Plus	Water charges for the toilet block June 2026	£87.11	Direct Debit
04.	Unity Trust	Monthly bank charges for June 2026	£7.00	Bank Charge
05.	British Gas Lite	Public Conveniences Town Bottom June 2026*	£233.70	Direct Debit
06.	George Leeson	Reimbursement for plants for village planters	£100.00	BACS
07.	Derbyshire ALC	Councillor essentials training course	£55.00	BACS
08.	Vanessa Ball	Salary and office allowance June 2026	£904.78	BACS
09.	Nest	Pension contributions June 2026	£65.83	Direct Debit

10.	Derbyshire ALC	Fees for internal auditor	£359.00	BACS
11.	Amazon	Black paint for railings*	£48.57	Bank Card
12.	Amazon	Hi viz vests for carnival*	£8.99	Bank Card
13.	Vinyl Banner Shop	Vinyl date stickers for carnival banners	£25.59	Bank Card
14.	Vinyl Banner Shop	Banner for layby for Carnival Road closure	£37.09	Bank Card
15.	Vinyl Banner Shop	Vinyl date stickers for Carnival banners	£40.54	Bank Card
14.	Ann Harrison	Dresses and items for carnival	£72.88	BACS
15.	Safety Signs for less	Recycling stickers for carnival day*	£68.18	Bank Card
16.	Derbyshire Dales District Council	Road closure application for Street Fayre	£27.80	Bank Card
17.	Kingfisher Direct	Bin Bags for carnival*	£48.54	Bank Card
18.	Your Security sign Ltd	No camping signs and clamps*	£48.99	Bank Card
19.	A&J Cleaning	Cleaning and cleaning supplies for Town Bottom Conveniences	£253.50	BACS
20.	George Leeson	Gardening and general village housekeeping for March-June	£197.00	BACS
SP1	Alan Williams	Playground inspections for June 2026	£50.00	BACS
SP2	G.E.Davies	Mowing of Playing fields June 2026	£350.00	BACS
SP3	Jelly roll Jazz Band	Entertainment for carnival day	£455.00	Bank Card
SP4	Derbyshire County Council	Youth Activities March-July`	£929.76	Bank Card
SP5	Bradwell War Memorial Hall	Room Hire for May and June	£52.00	BACS
SP6	Banana Print	750 leaflets for Gala*	£88.50	Bank Card
SP7	Happy Cups Ltd	Reusable glasses for Bradwell Carnival Bar*	£1056.00	Bank Card
*Includes VAT at 20%, apart from items 2 and 5 which are charged at 5% as they are utilities.				
				Total: £5747.31

Other financial matters

117/2026

As Cllr Lancaster was absent from the meeting, Cllr Cornish confirmed he had reviewed the bank statement and no queries were raised.

118/2026

The clerk presented the monthly Scribe report, and confirmed council were in a good financial position, she reported that closing the HSBC account and moving most of the money to the Nationwide had been a good move, as the funds were now generating an additional £120 approx. in interest per month. She also reported that there had been a recent VAT reclaim of £2,223 and a payment of £500 had been received for Youth Activities from Tesco.

Parish Council Processes**119/2026**

The Clerk reported that the Scheme of Delegation had been updated to include authority for the Clerk to sign legal documents on behalf of the Council, where required.

This amendment was proposed following issues with previous legal paperwork that had not been signed correctly, which could have called its validity into question.

The Council agreed to adopt the updated Scheme of Delegation to ensure that any future signing requirements can be completed correctly.

ACTION: Clerk to send the new scheme of delegation to Cllr Downing for upload to the website.

120/2026

The Clerk reported that the Health and Safety Policy had been reviewed and updated to reflect current legislation and ensure that the document remained accurate and up to date. The Council agreed to adopt the revised Health and Safety Policy.

ACTION: Clerk to send the new Health and Safety Policy to Cllr Downing for upload to the website.

121/2026

Cllr Taylor reviewed the removal of the diseased ash tree on Beggars Plot. She reported that she had received communication from a tree surgeon suggesting that only one branch, rather than the whole tree, may have been affected by ash dieback.

The clerk had obtained the relevant permission which had been granted by the Peak District National Park Authority. As no councillors were qualified tree surgeons, there remained some uncertainty about the accuracy of the information that had now been received after the removal of the tree and it is noted that, at the time of the tree removal, large branches had fallen onto the pavement, and the Council had acted in what they believe were the interests of residents' health and safety.

For future learning, it was agreed that, if a similar situation arises, the Council will seek two professional opinions before taking action.

Parish Issues/initiatives**122/2026**

The Clerk confirmed that she had begun the vacancy process and casual vacancy notice for a new councillor had gone up on the village noticeboards- it was agreed that, for clarity and communication purposes, this should also be shared on the Council's Facebook page. It was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr Taylor would agree the appropriate wording for the Facebook post.

123/2026

Cllr Leeson proposed that the Council consider purchasing a small trailer to enable him to carry out additional gardening tasks, including transporting supplies and making waste removal easier. Cllr Harrison confirmed that he had a suitable trailer available for the Council to purchase, and that he would be able to store it on his land, as he currently does with the Council's grit spreader. Council agreed to purchase the trailer at an approximate cost of £500.

Parish Playing Fields, Open Spaces & Village caretaking**124/2026**

The clerk reported to council that despite several attempts at communications with Hero Works, she could not get them to commit to the design of a new sign for the entry of the village at Elliot Avenue, therefore it was asked if she could begin the process of acquiring quotes elsewhere. It was agreed that the sign needed replacement, and council were keen on designs of a more artistic nature that represented the village. The budget was agreed for £2000, and the money would come from the projects fund.

ACTION: Clerk to gather quotes and designs for a new sign and report back to council.

Planning applications**125/2026**

Council agreed the decision to support the following planning application. They could see no reason for objection.

Date	Application	PDNPA Reference
29 th May 2026	Installation of conservatory to rear of property. 24 Michlow Drive	NP/DDD/0626/054

Recent meetings**126/2026**

Cllr Salvage reported he had attended a recent Breedon Liaison meeting, and Business was operating as usual at the site, and the next consultation period for The Peak Cluster Project would take place in September.

Publications / Information Received**127/2026**

Communications have already been circulated electronically

Date of Next Meeting**128/2026**

The next council meeting will be held on August 4th at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall Bradwell

The meeting concluded at 08:28pm

