

BRADWELL PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting **held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday 4th August 2026**

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

Others: Mrs V. Ball (Clerk)

Members of the public: Five

Public Participation:

Two residents attended the meeting on behalf of the Wildflower Group to express concerns regarding the use of pesticides within the village. Several members of the group had witnessed other residents using these kinds of chemicals on the public highway. They had previously sent an email to the Clerk, which had been circulated to Councillors, outlining the risks associated with pesticide use and their worries about the impact on children, wildlife and biodiversity. They asked whether the Council would consider including an article in the Bradwell Newsletter to inform residents of the dangers and ask that they not use such chemicals on the highway.

Council agreed that an agenda item would be added to the next meeting to allow for a fuller discussion. It was noted that this would also provide an opportunity for Council to review the terms of its collaboration with the Wildflower Group.

A resident attended council to provide details of the planned renovations for his property, he wished to reassure Council that the proposed works would be sympathetic to the heritage and character of the building, whilst updating it to modern standards of living. Council confirmed that a planning application was listed on the agenda for discussion, but it was noted that there were no objections to the works described, and the resident was thanked for taking the time to present the details directly to Council.

Another resident attended the meeting to listen to the agenda item concerning the future of the Methodist Hall. She outlined her own ideas for establishing a women's wellness centre in the village and was exploring the possibility of using the hall for this purpose. The Clerk confirmed that she had contacts within other organisations who may be able to support the development and start-up of such a project and would email the resident directly.

Declaration of Members' Interests

129/2026

There were interests declared from Cllr Leeson for financial item 1 of the supplementary and Cllr Taylor for financial items 19, and item 14 from the supplementary payments and from Cllr Lancaster declared an interest in item 15 of the agenda for the planning application as this is one of her neighbouring properties.

A report from Derbyshire County Council

130/2026

Cllr Sutton was absent from the meeting, and there had been no update from the other councillors.

A report from Derbyshire Dales District Council

131/2026

Cllr Nash was absent from the meeting, and there had been no update from the other councillors.

Acceptance & signing of minutes and Matters arising

132/2026

The minutes of July 7th, 2026, were resolved and approved by council. They were signed as a true record by Cllr Downing. There were no matters arising.

Financial Matters

133/2026

It was **resolved** to authorise the following nineteen transactions plus an additional fifteen supplementary transactions.

There were two queries raised, one over the purchase of the trailer, which was slightly more expensive than originally planned, but this was because it was a much better trailer, more suitable for council needs. The second query was for buckets, and it was confirmed that these were for collection of money during parades, and several for extinguishing fires after the Torchlight.

It is also noted that there are more payments than usual due to additional Gala events requiring payment.

Ref	Payee	Description	Amount £	Source
01.	Scribe	Monthly direct debit July 2026*	£58.80	Direct Debit
02.	E. ON	Monthly electricity charge for Beggars Plot July 2026*	£17.16	Direct Debit
03.	Water Plus	Water charges for the toilet block July 2026	£69.19	Direct Debit
04.	Unity Trust	Monthly bank charges for July 2026	£7.00	Bank Charge
05.	British Gas Lite	Public Conveniences Town Bottom July 2026*	£203.54	Direct Debit
06.	Vanessa Ball	Salary and office allowance July 2026	£904.78	BACS
07.	Nest	Pension contributions July 2026	£65.83	Direct Debit
08.	A&J Cleaning	Cleaning and cleaning supplies for Town Bottom Conveniences	£253.50	BACS
09.	HMRC	Direct debit for tax contributions	£235.53	Direct Debit
10.	Defibshop	New pads for defibrillator Town Bottom*	£101.94	Bank Card

11.	Terry Lamb	Deposit for entertainment for carnival	£50.00	Bank Card
12.	Vanessa Ball	Reimbursement for accessible toilet unit added onto toilet hire*	£36.00	BACS
13.	VistaPrint	Carnival posters*	£16.71	Bank Card
14.	Happycups	Purchase of reusable cups for Carnival bar*	£1056.00	Bank Card
15.	Zach Harrison	Purchase of trailer as agreed at July council meeting	£800.00	BACS
16.	Amazon	Purchase of printer paper and laminating pouches for clerk*	£26.98	Bank Card
17.	The glow company	Purchase of glowsticks for Torchlight procession*	£62.40	Bank Card
18.	Derbyshire Dales District Council	New Bin for Town Bottom Park	£26.50	Bank Card
19.	Alison Taylor	Reimbursement for buckets for Torchlight procession*	£27.48	BACS
SP1.	George Leeson	Gardening for July 2026	£176.00	BACS
SP2.	Ann Harrison	Bradwell Royalty expenses	£83.14	BACS
SP3.	G.E.Davies	Mowing of playing fields July 2026	£350.00	BACS
SP4.	Alan Williams	Playground inspections July 2026	£62.50	BACS
SP5.	The Cooperative Ltd	Toilet roll for carnival Portaloo's	£8.20	Bank Card
SP6.	The Cooperative Ltd	Prizes for scarecrow competition	£15.00	Bank Card
SP7.	The DefibPad Ltd	New battery for defib	£71.20	Bank Card
SP8.	David Panks	Childrens entertainer for carnival 2026	£325.00	BACS
SP9.	Terry Lamb	Entertainment for carnival 2026	£250.00	BACS
SP10.	Zach Harrison	Mileage claims for carnival related activities and chair collection 2026	£150.00	BACS
SP11.	Ambassador Showband	Carnival band 2026	£460.00	BACS

SP12.	Castleton Silver Band	Carnival band 2026	£250.00	BACS
SP13.	Chris Crouch	Bag piper for carnival 2026	£250.00	BACS
SP14.	Alison Taylor	Additional buckets for Torchlight 2026	£51.43	BACS
SP15.	Shelter Maintenance Ltd	Bus stop cleaning for June and July 2026	£27.24	BACS
				Total: £6,549.05

Other financial matters

134/2026

Cllr Lancaster confirmed she had reviewed the bank statement and there were no queries raised.

135/2026

The clerk presented the monthly Scribe report, and confirmed council were in a good financial position. The Nationwide account was now bringing in approximately £150 in additional interest.

Parish Council Processes

136/2026

An application for the vacant councillor position had been received from Jaak Ojari; however he was unable to attend the meeting due to prior community commitments, it was agreed that council could discuss the application in his absence. It was proposed and accepted to co-opt Jaak into the position of councillor.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Jaak to confirm acceptance and go through all the necessary paperwork.

137/2026

The clerk presented revised policies for Document retention and Sickness & Absence. She reported that she had made changes to both policies to align with NALC guidelines. Both documents were accepted for adoption by council.

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

Parish Issues/initiatives

138/2026

Cllr Taylor reported that £850 had been raised from the carnival collection, and this would be given to Youth Activities. it was resolved to upload a Facebook post about this.

There was no other update for the Facebook Page, however Cllr Taylor reported that she would be submitting her resignation in due course, and the administration of the page would need to be taken on by another councillor. She suggested it would be a good idea when advertising for a new councillor to appeal for a person who was knowledgeable with social media.

139/2026

Cllrs Leeson and Salisbury presented a report on a project they had been developing with the Neighbourhood Watch to install ANPR security cameras within the village. Residents had raised concerns about vehicles at the traffic lights failing to stop at red signals, and there had been several near-miss incidents involving pedestrians at the crossing. The intention of the proposed cameras was to help identify offending drivers.

The Council noted that it had already contributed funding towards the police-operated ANPR cameras and expressed reservations about entering a collaboration with Gigapeak, citing previous issues with communication and reliance on the installers.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow Jayne James, representing the village Neighbourhood Watch scheme, to contribute to the discussion. She explained that the proposed system differed significantly from the police ANPR network, offering more sophisticated functionality and providing accessible data that could be used to support reports of crime to the police. She also confirmed that match funding was available for the project.

Council agreed that discussions regarding the proposal could continue and that collaboration with the Neighbourhood Watch was encouraged. Once full costings had been confirmed, the matter could be brought back to Council for consideration of a budgetary contribution.

Standing Orders remained suspended at this point to allow a resident, who had attended to hear the Council's update on the Methodist Church, to remain present for that item. The Methodist Church update was scheduled after the next agenda item.

140/2026

Cllr Granger proposed that a village meeting be held to discuss the plans for the Little Switzerland Project. The proposal was made because of concerns that many residents were not fully aware of what the project would involve, particularly the removal of the 272 service to Bradwell and the resulting loss of a direct bus link to Sheffield.

Cllr Granger noted that the 272 service had served the village since the 1970s. While the new proposals would significantly improve the wider bus service if implemented successfully, the Council considered that removing this direct Sheffield link would be a disadvantage for residents, specifically the elderly. It was agreed that a village meeting should be arranged before the October contract renewal, as the outcome could affect the proposals. Hope Valley Climate Action should be invited to attend.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Hope Valley Climate Action and work with Cllr Granger to arrange a meeting.

141/2026

Cllr Downing reported that he and the Clerk had attended a meeting with representatives of the Methodist Church to discuss the future of the Methodist Chapel and Hall. The Methodists had asked whether the Council would consider making a financial contribution towards the ongoing upkeep of the hall, noting that although it is currently closed, the building still requires maintenance to preserve its future viability. The Clerk is awaiting detailed costings before the matter can be formally presented to Council.

A range of potential future uses had been discussed, including office and business spaces, and studios available for hire. It was agreed that the Council could assist by investigating whether there is a local need or interest for such facilities within the village. It was further noted that any concept should be explored more widely across the Hope Valley, rather than being limited solely to Bradwell.

The chapel itself had also been discussed, and ideas such as a sports centre were mentioned; however, as this relates to a separate building, it is not currently on the agenda for the Parish Council.

A resident attended the meeting to hear the discussion and advised that she was seeking space to run a women's wellness initiative involving healthy eating, exercise and mental health support. She also noted her experience of working with Grade II listed buildings.

Council agreed that they could facilitate these 'interest' discussions and an open day will be held at the hall in September to allow interested parties to view the building and consider potential uses.

Parish Playing Fields, Open Spaces & Village caretaking

142/2026

The clerk reported that she had still been involved with the Walking consortium group, and they were now in position to begin mapping the walking routes. Council had previously given their permission for maps and any associated items to be installed on Beggars Plot, as this was the site for the 'easy walk'. The clerk presented the map for this, which had been designed by an artist, along with children from the school. Council were satisfied with the design, but agreed that the beehives should be removed from the illustration as they were no longer present in the orchard.

The clerk also reported that she had become involved in a project with Sport England, identifying Bradwell as an area, whilst not necessarily deprived, needed additional support to tackle inactivity. Sport England was granting up to £25,000 to the village to find ways to increase activity. Council suggested that some of this grant be made accessible for the Chapel's sports venture, the clerk would have more information as the project unfolded and would keep council updated.

PDNPA & Planning Matters

143/2026

Cllr Granger reported that the Local Plan had reached the stage of final consultation, and the documents were now available to view online. She noted that the revised plan would have implications for future planning applications, including restrictions on housing sizes and limitations on extensions. A number of meetings had taken place to consider the impact of these changes on residents within the Peak District National Park.

Cllr Granger also advised that the devolution arrangements had now been confirmed, resulting in a North/South divide across Derbyshire. She emphasised the importance of parish councils being proactive in determining which services they may wish to take on from the new authority—for example, grass-cutting responsibilities.

It was agreed that it would be important to compile details of services that the Parish Council might wish to assume, and those it would not. A further discussion should be held with Cllrs Nash and Sutton.

144/2026

Cllr Downing reported that he and Cllr Granger would be attending the Peak District National Park Authority Planning (PDNPA) Committee at the Bakewell headquarters on Friday 7th August. This relates to recent planning application comments for a property on Swift Close, where the PDNPA has asked the Council to revoke its original response opposing the conversion of the garage.

Council expressed concern that the PDNPA's request appeared to conflict with policies set out in the Bradwell Neighbourhood Plan and noted the importance of avoiding any precedent that might undermine locally adopted policy.

Planning applications

145/2026

The following planning applications were discussed and it was agreed to support both applications.

Date	Application	PDNPA Reference
21 st July 2026	Partial conversion of ancillary storage to living accommodation and replacement of existing garage with new triple garage with associated landscaping works	NP/DDD/0726/0693
28 TH July 2026	Retrospective planning application to retain an existing Shepherds hut and ancillary sanitary shed following implementation of landscape mitigation	NP/DDD/0726/0723

Future Meetings**146/2026**

The clerk confirmed that the next Hope Valley parishes meeting was on 8th September at Bamford Memorial Hall. Cllrs Lancaster and Salisbury to attend.

Publications / Information Received**147/2026**

Communications have already been circulated electronically

Date of Next Meeting**148/2026**

The next council meeting will be held on September 1st 2026, at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall Bradwell.

The meeting concluded at 08:57pm