

BRADWELL PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting **held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday 1st September 2026**

Councillors Present: Cllr Cornish (Chair) Cllr Granger, Cllr Lancaster, Cllr Leeson, Cllr Ojari, Cllr Salisbury

Others: Mrs V. Ball (Clerk)

Members of the public: Five

Public Participation:

A resident attended council to ask if the petition that had been set up to ensure the 272 bus would remain in Bradwell could be placed in an open book at the post office, so those without the internet could still sign it. Council confirmed that there were no plans to remove this service from the village. The Little Switzerland plans have not yet been confirmed and are only proposals at this time, although it has been suggested that the service may run under a different operator.

A resident attended to ask about Little Switzerland and to express concerns of what would happen after the £12million subsidies from the East Midlands mayoral authority and Department of Transport ran out to fund the project. There have been assurances from the bus companies that the service will be retained, but at present council don't have any more information.

Three residents attended regarding the plans to investigate a wellness centre at the Methodist Hall. This would include a whole host of topics and areas of wellness. One resident was asking for a £200 grant from council for feasibility studies to gauge interest levels. This topic was on the agenda, but it was agreed could be moved to be discussed sooner. It was also asked what the Methodists were requiring of the space, and if there were any conditions to its use. The clerk and Cllr Ojari confirmed they had attended a meeting, and the Methodist circuit are open to ideas. The clerk agreed to send the resident the minutes of this meeting.

Apologies for absence:

149/2026

Cllr Downing for reason of holiday, Cllr Harrison for reason of work. Cllr Salvage for reason of illness. These apologies were noted.

Declaration of Members' Interests

150/2026

There were interests declared from Cllr Lancaster regarding item 11 on the agenda of the ensuring flooding resilience measures were in place, as her property is prone to flooding.

A report from Derbyshire County Council

151/2026

Cllr Sutton was absent from the meeting, but Cllr Granger reported that there had been a meeting between County Councillor Sutton, District Councillor Nash and Cllrs Downing, Cornish and Granger, this was to discuss the local government reform plans, and the impact this would have on the parish council's operation. Plans for parish councils still had not been confirmed, but it would be imperative that council have their say on what services they would like to adopt or 'give' away.

A report from Derbyshire Dales District Council

152/2026

Cllr Nash was absent from the meeting, with nothing further to report.

Acceptance & signing of minutes and Matters arising

153/2026

The minutes of August 4th, 2026, were resolved and approved by council. They were signed as a true record by Cllr Cornish. There was one matter arising from minute 142/2026. The Sport England partners had asked if the parish council would agree to become an active partner. They prefer there to be a community partnership within the place the grant was being given, to ensure links with the community. Nothing additional would be required of council, but they were an ideal choice as they could give access to recreation grounds and open spaces. The actual grant money would be kept by the district council. It was asked if the council could be considered to 'hold' the money. The clerk advised that holding a large amount would affect the stability of the annual accounts and raise questions with the auditors but agreed to ask. She would share the contract with council as requested.

154/2026

It was agreed that item 11 on the agenda regarding a grant for initial funding assistance could be discussed here. The clerk confirmed that council were not allowed to give an individual an S137 grant, but the situation was different here, in that the studies were to enable a community building to remain open and was providing the village with an amenity that would essentially benefit the whole community. Under the Local Government (miscellaneous) act 1976, council were allowed to grant the money for this purpose. It was agreed to make the grant.

Financial Matters

155/2026

It was **resolved** to authorise the following twelve transactions plus an additional three supplementary transactions.

Ref	Payee	Description	Amount £	Source
01.	Scribe	Monthly direct debit August 2026*	£58.80	Direct Debit
02.	E. ON	Monthly electricity charge for Beggars Plot August 2026*	£17.16	Direct Debit

03.	Water Plus	Water charges for the toilet block August 2026	£65.68	Direct Debit
04.	Unity Trust	Monthly bank charges for August 2026	£7.00	Bank Charge
05.	British Gas Lite	Public Conveniences Town Bottom August 2026*	£269.59	Direct Debit
06.	Vanessa Ball	Salary and office allowance August 2026	£904.78	BACS
07.	Nest	Pension contributions August 2026	£65.83	Direct Debit
08.	A&J Cleaning	Cleaning and cleaning supplies for Town Bottom Conveniences August 2026	£248.98	BACS
09.	Derbyshire Dales District Council	Loose waste collection from carnival 2026	£54.40	Bank Card
10.	PKF Littlejohn	External audit fees 2026*	£378.00	BACS
11.	St Johns Ambulance	First aid provisions for gala activities*	£591.60	BACS
12.	Bradwell War Memorial Hall	Room Hire August 2026	£26.00	BACS
SP1	G.E.Davies	Mowing of playing fields August 2026	£350.00	BACS
SP2	Alan Williams	Playground inspections August 2026	£50.00	BACS
SP3	Bradwell war memorial Hall	Additional room hire for meetings August	£44.00	BACS
				Total: £3131.82

Other Financial Matters

156/2026

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

157/2026

The clerk presented the monthly Scribe report, and confirmed council were in a good financial position. The carnival procession had raised approx. £850 for Youth Activities and a profit of £1200 was made from the field events with Council still to receive bar profits from Bradda Dads.

158/2026

Council reviewed the NALC guidelines for a pay award for the clerk, and it was resolved and agreed that the clerk should now move up a scale from 13 to 14. She was thanked for her hard work.

Parish Council Processes

159/2026

The clerk reported that she had consulted DALC for advice on co-option, and they advised that council should have a co-option policy in place. The clerk presented a policy for approval, and it was resolved to accept the document.

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

160/2026

The clerk reported she had updated the Training & development document to reflect new legislation and had included the note that whilst it was good practice for councillors to attend training sessions, these were not mandatory and couldn't be enforced. It was resolved to accept the changes.

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

161/2026

The clerk reported that the external auditor had finalised the audit of the accounts and concluded there were no matters of concern.

Parish Issues / Initiatives

162/2026

At the August meeting, it was agreed that the Council would consider the Wildflower Group's request for council to write an article in the village newsletter advising residents against the use of weedkiller. Councillors were of the view that occasional, limited use of pesticides can be appropriate, and did not wish to be in a position where the Council appeared to instruct residents on how they manage their own property boundaries.

The Council expressed concern at the condition of the Dale End plot which appeared untidy and poorly maintained, creating an unwelcoming impression at the entrance to the village. Councillors emphasised that these concerns related to the condition of the site, not to the Wildflower Group itself.

It was agreed that the Council would ask the group to return its planters which they had been loaned, so that they could be replanted with flowers. It was also agreed to consider offering an alternative site, such as The Dumbles so the group could continue their work.

163/2026

There was nothing to add to the Facebook page at this time, and it was agreed that the clerk and Cllr Cornish could continue writing the posts until a third willing councillor was available to do the administration for social media.

164/2026

It was agreed that Cllrs Leeson and Cornish would set up a working group for The Tour de Femme celebrations. It was reported that Andy Nash and other residents were keen to get

involved. The clerk reported that she had had communications from Derbyshire Dales about a Teams call regarding the race, but no timings yet.

165/2026

Council discussed the fire and damage caused to play equipment at Town Bottom Playing Field and expressed disappointment at the lack of police response.

ACTION: It was agreed that a letter should be written to the chief constable raising the councils' concerns.

Cllr Salisbury and the clerk to meet with Anthony Boswell at the Coffee and Company event on Friday.

166/2026

Council discussed the El Nino and the effects the severe weather would have on issues like flooding in the village. Cllr Lancaster reported that an article from the Guardian Online had reported that disruptive weather would be likely. It would be useful to inform The Environment Agency about the brook as it was full of weeds with nowhere for the water to flow. It was also agreed that council should check their sandbags for quality and quantity and ensure there was a good supply.

Cllr Granger also reported that it was forecast that a lot of trees would face damage and they should be inspected, council should also encourage residents and Highways to check their own trees.

ACTION: Cllr Cornish to check the sandbags and advise if more should be needed.

Parish Playing Fields, Open Spaces & Village Caretaking

167/2026

Cllr Salvage was absent from the meeting so Cllr Granger and the clerk provided an update, the café extension plans were presented to council, and it was accepted and resolved that the clerk could get quotes for the work. Planning concerns would need to be addressed prior to this.

Recent meetings

168/2026

Cllr Granger reported that she had attended a recent Peak Parishes Forum, where the Local Plan and the government reform plans had been discussed. She also reported that it was Parishes Day on October 10th, which would be a marketplace style event, with reps from organisations such as the County Council.

The next consultation for Peak Cluster would be in November.

Publications / Information Received

169/2026

Communications have already been circulated electronically

Date of Next Meeting**170/2026**

The next meeting of the parish council will be held on October 6th at 7:30pm in The War Memorial Hall, Bradwell.

The meeting concluded at 09:17pm