BRADWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday 6th October 2026

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

Others: Mrs V. Ball (Clerk)

District Cllr Nash

Members of the public: One

Public Participation:

Apologies for absence:

171/2026
Cllr Harrison for reason of work. This apology was noted.

Declaration of Members' Interests

172/2026
There were interests declared from Cllr Leeson for supplementary payment 4. This was for payment of a gardening invoice.

To consider an application from a resident to become a councillor

173/2026
Ben Morley introduced himself to council, gave a brief overview of his background, and presented his application to become a council member. He left the room whilst councillors discussed the proposal. It was agreed and resolved to co-opt Ben onto the council. He rejoined the meeting in a councillor capacity.

A report from Derbyshire Dales District Council

174/2026
Cllr Nash reported that the local government reform had been delayed with the potential to cancel it altogether. He reported that district councillor elections would be held in May 2027, but he would not be standing for re-election. There would be an open position should there be any interest.
Cllr Nash also reported that plans for the new housing estate on Stretfield Road were progressing. The plans had been revised to include only 17 properties because the main drainage pipe runs through the centre of the field and cannot be built over. There are currently two housing associations expressing interest in the site, but there are no formal decisions yet. Peak Park have been supportive.

Cllr Nash asked if he could be included in discussions on Item 13 a report from the meeting with the Wildflower Group. It was agreed that Standing Orders would be suspended after the minutes had been signed to allow this item to be brought forward on the agenda.

Acceptance & signing of minutes and Matters arising

175/2026
The minutes of September 1st, 2026, were resolved and accepted. They were signed by Cllr Downing as a true record.

There were four matters arising:

*153/2026***:** Council had asked the question if the grant money from Sport England could be held by the council, the clerk confirmed she had a call with the active partners on Thursday where she would find out if this was possible.

*165/2026***:** The clerk, Cllrs Salisbury and Granger met with PSCO Boswell at the coffee and company event, to discuss the incident regarding vandalism on Town Bottom. The results of the case and investigation had been disappointing. The incident appeared to have been downplayed, but a cash donation for repairs, and an apology via the police had been received. It was agreed it was not worth raising the matter with the police commissioner.

166/2026: The clerk had contacted the Environment Agency on council instruction, regarding brook dredging. Any correspondence from them is given a 20 day response period and she has not yet heard back.

167/2026: Cllr Granger reported that she had tried to speak with Peak Park regarding planning of the café extension, and they had advised that there would be a fee of £54 to acquire pre-planning advice. They would also need plans and dimensions for the extension. Cllr Salvage reported he had viewed the site plans, and it would prove difficult to extend as originally discussed, due to the Severn Trent water tank spanning the whole block and beyond. Further structural tests and analysis could be completed but would be very expensive. Other ideas would need to be considered, such as a wooden structure with a slate roof. This project would go back to the amenities committee for consideration.

176/2026
Item 13 on the agenda was moved up as agreed. Standing orders were suspended to allow Cllr Nash to contribute to the discussions.

Cllrs Leeson and Salvage attended a meeting with members of the Wildflower Group. They reported that council recognises the importance of biodiversity and acknowledges that Bradwell is a village with rich and varied ecology. However, they also have a duty to represent the views of all residents, and a significant number have expressed dissatisfaction with the appearance of Dale End and Church Street following the wildflower flowering period. The Council is aware that both sites are owned by the District Council, and that the existing agreement is with them. Nevertheless, council would prefer that a standard mowing schedule be reinstated at these two locations. The Group was offered alternative areas of land, including The Dumbles.
It was reiterated that the Council has no objection to the Wildflower Group but believes that a balanced compromise should be reached that takes account of all resident views. The Council suggested that the original agreement be revisited and that a revised plan be developed, potentially incorporating a trial period to assess the impact of any changes.
A further formal meeting will be arranged once the Wildflower Group has discussed these matters at its next meeting.

Financial Matters

177/2026
It was **resolved** to authorise the following sixteen transactions plus an additional four supplementary transactions.

Ref	Payee	Description	Amount £	Source
01.	Scribe	Monthly direct debit September 2026*	£58.80	Direct Debit
02.	E. ON	Monthly electricity charge for Beggars Plot September 2026*	£17.16	Direct Debit
03.	Water Plus	Water charges for the toilet block September 2026	£104.24	Direct Debit
04.	Unity Trust	Monthly bank charges for September 2026	£7.00	Bank Charge
05.	British Gas Lite	Public Conveniences Town Bottom September 2026*	£276.79	Direct Debit
06.	Vanessa Ball	Salary and office allowance September 2026	£961.23	BACS
07.	Nest	Pension contributions September 2026	£69.95	Direct Debit
08.	MyPaye	10 Credits for running payroll	£13.00	Bank Card
09.	James Sowerby	Trimming hedges and grass on Soft Water Lane	£250.00	BACS
10.	The Play Inspection Company	Annual playground inspections	£231.60*	BACS
11.	Gallagher Insurance	Insurance premium for 2026/7	£2030.38	BACS
12.	Bradda Dads	Refund for overpayment of carnival bar proceeds.	£400.00	BACS
13.	PHS	Annual duty of care fees for sanitary waste disposal	£150.43	Bank Card
14.	WM Eyres	Teak oil for village benches	£28.57	BACS
15.	Shelter Maintenance Ltd	Bus stop cleaning August and September 2026	£27.24	BACS
16.	A&J Cleaning Services	Cleaning of Town Bottom toilets September 2026	£266.48	BACS
SP1.	G.E.Davies	Mowing of playing fields September 2026	£350.00	BACS
SP2.	Alan Williams	Playground inspections for September 2026	£50.00	BACS

SP3	George Leeson	Gardening for August and September 2026	£234.00	BACS
SP4	Bradwell War Memorial Hall	Room Hire for September 2026	£44.00	BACS

Other Financial Matters

178/2026
Cllr Lancaster confirmed she had reviewed the bank statement and there were no queries raised.

179/2026
The clerk presented the monthly Scribe report, and confirmed council were in a good financial position. The last quarter has brought in approx. £1000 in bank interest. District council has granted £310 to the Youth Activities Scheme.

Parish Council Processes

180/2026
The clerk reported that she had been working on policies as part of her CILCA training, and the current Section 137 policy was both inadequate and outdated. She had therefore rewritten it based on a NALC model document. It was resolved to accept the document.

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

181/2026
The clerk had been approached by DALC for internal audit requirements for the 2026 accounts and was confirming if council wished to use their services. It was resolved and agreed to use DALC again.

ACTION: Clerk to respond to DALC and confirm arrangements for the 2026 audit.

Parish Issues / Initiatives

182/2026
Cllrs Downing, Lancaster and Leeson attended a steering group meeting at Edale Village Hall regarding Little Switzerland. The meeting was well- attended and included a selection of high-level decision makers, but there was an uncertainty if Northern Rail had been present.

Cllr Lancaster reported that the bus companies remain supportive of the project, and that the proposed model is intended to serve as a trial for wider rollout across the UK. However, several concerns remain, particularly regarding the ongoing lack of communication, information appears to have been released on social media prior to being shared with parish councils, which has caused confusion and contributed to mistrust among residents.

It was stated that parish councils would be kept fully engaged throughout the process. This remains essential to ensure that accurate information can be passed on to residents.
It was further noted that no public consultation has yet taken place. Although the parish Council had expressed willingness to hold its own consultation event, no confirmation had been received from the Mayoral Authority regarding the attendance of a representative.

183/2026
The clerk had received a request from Openreach to install an armoured cable underneath parish council land on Soft Water Lane, this would allow a resident to access broadband at

their property. The clerk confirmed they had been offered a wayleave agreement of approximately £700. It was agreed by council that a cable could be installed providing they left the land in a better state. It was also confirmed that this section of the village would be receiving fibre broadband before the end of the year.

ACTION: Clerk to confirm permissions to Openreach

184/2026
Cllr Ojari reported that he had met with Kate Burnett of the Methodist Circuit and Lindsay Fieldhouse, to look at the Methodist Hall. He was concerned that the circuit were under the impression that the parish council would take responsibility of the hall, and it would need clarification that whilst the council expressed an interest in aiding facilitation, they would not be taking responsibility for it. Lindsay was awaiting an accurate cost breakdown and was attending another meeting with the minister on Tuesday 13th October. The clerk and Cllr Ojari would also attend this meeting and report back to council.

185/2026
The clerk reported that she had attended a meeting to discuss the Walking project. Anne Robinson from Hope Valley Climate Action (HVCA) had been in attendance and as part of the Active Travel Masterplan, HVCA would be looking at how they could incorporate safer school routes into the village, suggestions included 20mph speed limits or an additional crossing. Cllr Granger reported that this had been previously investigated, and it was unfortunately not viable.

Recent meetings

186/2026
Cllr Salvage reported that he had recently attended a Breedon Liaison meeting, but there was nothing of interest to report from this meeting.

187/2026
Cllr Granger reported that she would be attending Peak Park Parishes Day on October 10th, where there would be with reps from organisations across Derbyshire as well as various talks on topics of interest.

Publications / Information Received

188/2026
Communications have already been circulated electronically

Date of Next Meeting

189/2026
The next meeting of the parish council will be held on November 3rd at 7:30pm in The War Memorial Hall, Bradwell.

The meeting concluded at 08:59pm