

BRADFORD ON TONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 MARCH 2017

PRESENT

The Worshipful Mayor, Councillor Mrs Vivienne Stock-Williams
Mr D Venn (Chairman), Mrs J Cape (Vice Chairman), Mr C Dinsdale OBE, Mr C Ellis, Mr P Haines, Mr R Pearse, Mrs L Sidhu
Mr R Habgood (District Councillor)
Four members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

PCSO Sharon Baker

2. INTERESTS

Mr Dinsdale – 10.1.5 and 10.1.6
Mr Ellis – 7.3, 9.2.4 and 9.3.2

3. POLICE REPORT

PCSO Sharon Baker had submitted a report which indicated that crime in the village remained relatively low. However, everyone should remain vigilant about keeping doors and windows locked and be on the lookout for suspicious persons or vehicles.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 JANUARY 2017

The minutes, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed as correct. The proposer was Mr Ellis, seconded by Mr Dinsdale.

5. UPDATE ON ITEMS IN MINUTES

5.1 Defibrillator, telephone box and noticeboards

Councillors were disappointed that no progress had been made towards installing a defibrillator in the telephone box. The Clerk would again chase the contractor carrying out the refurbishment works and works to the noticeboards.

5.2 Parish Council Website

Robert Edwards of Treborough, Watchet had taken over hosting of the Parish Council website. His costs to date are included at minute 10.1.4.

5.3 Heatherton Park Junction and proposed 40 mph and 50 mph speed limits – A38 Taunton to Wellington

Somerset County Council's proposals had been emailed to Councillors and their responses sent to County Hall. Most responses were against altering the existing

speed limits. A member of the public, Mr Underhill, who attended this meeting had also contributed useful comments which were passed to SCC. It was agreed to await the outcome of the proposed development in the Trull area as this might affect future improvements at the Heatherton junctions and associated speed limits.

6. REPORT OF THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Mr Dinsdale referred to the report from the Committee’s Chairman, Mr Walden. In that report Mr Walden said that the Village Hall had had a very productive and successful financial year. After a great deal of deliberation the Village Hall Committee had finally managed to upgrade the kitchen.

The Village Hall Committee had been asked to take on the ‘IDEAL FIRST RESPONSE’ and the Village Hall was now on a list should a disaster or emergency occur in the local area, when it could be used as a refuge centre. The Hall Committee looked forward to another productive year ahead to benefit all the villagers who live in and around Bradford on Tone, who hopefully will continue to support their local Village Hall throughout 2017.

7. HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

7.1 Footpath behind The White Horse Inn/Dalgren Bridge

Mrs Sidhu had met a member of the public on site to discuss an overgrowing hedge and problems with steps on the route of the footpath. The footpath closure by the bridge was still ongoing and Mrs Sidhu, supported by Councillors, had again contacted Somerset County Council, in an effort to have the footpath reopened along its entire length.

7.2 Hedge cutting from post box opposite Worlds End towards the Village

The Clerk had sought three quotations to ensure the hedges were cut before the start of the bird nesting season and two had been received. A quotation from Mr Musgrove in the sum of £160 had been accepted, and the work had been carried out satisfactorily. See minute 10.1.3.

7.3 Land outside Threeways, Bradford on Tone

The Parish Council had been informed that a small piece of land, which was understood to be within the public highway, had been taken into private ownership by way of low fencing. The County Council’s highway records showed the verge being recorded as part of the adopted public highway. The Highways Manager would write to the owners accordingly.

8. REBECCA POW’S INFRASTRUCTURE ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Mr Venn had attended a discussion about the growth and changes taking place in Taunton Deane and in particular in terms of the provision of infrastructure. The purpose of this event was not to lobby on specific planning applications but to determine how best Ms Pow might represent general views to decision makers at the heart of Government.

9. PLANNING

9.1 Minutes of the meetings held on 4, 19 and 25 February 2017

The minutes, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed as correct. The proposer for 4 February was Mr Ellis, seconded by Mrs Sidhu, for 19 February Mrs Cape, seconded by Mr Pearse and for 25 February Mrs Cape, seconded by Mrs Sidhu.

9.2 Applications

9.2.1 07/17/0001 – change of use of agricultural land to create additional car parking at Sheppys Cider, Three Bridges Farm, Wellington Road, Bradford on Tone. Parish Council met 4 February 2017 – no objections.

9.2.2 07/16/0017 – siting of mobile home for use as an agricultural worker’s dwelling on land at Hawksbit Farm, Langs Farm, Oake Road, Bradford on Tone. [Retention of works already undertaken] Parish Council met 19 February 2017 and made a number of objections.

9.2.3 07/17/0003 – Erection of two storey and single storey extensions and porch to the rear of Vallespi, Bradford on Tone. Parish Council met 25 February 2017 – no objections.

9.2.4 07/17/0004/T – fell one oak tree (TPO 1997) at Threeways, Bradford on Tone. Parish Council met 4 March 2017 – no objection.

9.2.5 07/17/0005 – variation of condition no 02 (approved plans) of application 07/15/0013 at Sheppys Cider, Three Bridges Farm, Bradford on Tone. Chairman spoke with Mr and Mrs Sheppy and after consulting Councillors it was agreed there was no need for a site visit – no objection.

9.3 Decisions

9.3.1 07/16/0018 – Conversion of outbuildings to annex at Boulderwood, Bradford on Tone. Conditional approval 10.2.17.

9.3.2 07/16/0016/T – management works to one oak tree (TPO) at Threeways, Bradford on Tone. Consent granted 9.12.16.

10. FINANCE

10.1	To consider the approval of the following accounts for payment	£
10.1.1	Clerk’s salary – February/March	606.32
10.1.2	Clerk’s expenses – February/March	45.99 (inc VAT 4.33)
10.1.3	Mr J Musgrave – hedge cutting and removal of material from Post box opposite Worlds End to village	160.00
10.1.4	Mr Edwards (Magic Webs Ltd) – setting up hosting for Bradfordontone.co.uk	120.00 (inc VAT 20.00)

10.1.5 St Giles PCC – churchyard maintenance 2016	420.00 (inc VAT 70.00)
10.1.6 St Giles PCC – floodlighting of church 10/15 – 9/16	75.22 (inc VAT 3.58)

On the proposal of Mr Pearse, seconded by Mr Haines, it was unanimously agreed to approve these accounts for payment.

10.2 Income

10.2.1 Interest	0.05
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10.3 Bank balance and reconciliation statement

After the above transactions had been taken into account the Parish Council's bank account totalled £6399.15.

11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

11.1 Smart Energy GB in communities

12. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE CIRCULATION OF AGENDA

12.1 Parish Community Plan or Neighbourhood Plan Meeting

Oake Parish Council were holding an open meeting on Monday 13 March in their Village Hall to discuss the above proposals. The Clerk was unable to attend but Mr Haines hoped to attend. This item will be included on the May agenda.

13. ITEMS OF CONCERN

13.1 Taunton Strategic Flood Risk Management Phase One Options

Mr Habgood gave an update on this scheme which would catch water from the River Tone upstream from Taunton when there was heavy rainfall. This £12 million scheme would include landscaping. Initial discussion had taken place with some landowners and further discussions were ongoing with three landowners. Mr Habgood said TDBC were appreciative of the help received from a member of the Parish Council in liaising with landowners and the Borough Council.

The next meeting of the Parish Council (to include re-election of officers) will be held on Wednesday 17 May 2017. Items for the agenda should be sent to the Clerk at least 14 days before the meeting.

The meeting finished at 9.10 pm.