

BRADFORD ON TONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 JANUARY 2018

PRESENT

Mr D Venn (Chairman), Mr C Ellis, Mr P Haines, Mrs K Herdman, Mr R Pearce, Mrs L Sidhu

Mr J Hunt (County Councillor)

Mr R Habgood (District Councillor)

Three members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Mr C Dinsdale OBE

PCSO Sharon Baker

2. INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Mr Ellis – minute 5.2

Mr Venn – minute 5.4

3. POLICE REPORT

The latest report, for December 2017, indicated there had been 37 calls for the Bradford on Tone area. Rurally there had been several non-dwelling burglaries, predominantly from farm buildings with equipment and quadbikes being of special interest.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29 NOVEMBER 2017

The minutes, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed as correct. The proposer was Mr Pearce, seconded by Mrs Sidhu.

5. UPDATE ON ITEMS IN THE MINUTES

5.1 Land outside Threeways, Bradford on Tone

No further information had been received from Somerset Highways.

5.2 Parish Magazine Costs

Mr Haines had spoken with Bishops Hull Parish Council about costs and circulation figures of their parish magazine. He would meet Mrs Ellis and Mrs Vaughan regarding future costs of printing and income from advertising. They would report back to the March meeting.

5.3 Bradford Bridge

The Clerk said he did not yet have a revised 'Exemptions' list nor the costs of installing CCTV at the bridge.

5.4 Section 106 Contributions – play area and outdoor recreation

Mrs Sidhu circulated a plan on which she and Mrs Herdman had identified six potential sites for a proposed children's playground. A meeting had been organized with Mr Venn and the landowner of two of the sites. This matter would be considered further at the March meeting.

5.5 Footpath behind The White Horse Inn/Dalgren Bridge

Mrs Pearce, Somerset County Council's Rights of Way warden for bridges, was unable to attend the Parish Council meeting to explain the problems behind the long delay in reopening this important public rights of way. She had made contact with the relevant landowner regarding the possibility of a temporary permissive route. Any permanent proposal would be dependent on the preferred option of the Taunton Strategic Flood Scheme and discussions with Network Rail and all the landowners affected.

5.6 Footpath from Worlds End to Village

Bradford on Tone would be one of the first parishes to benefit from ultrafast Broadband. As trenching would be involved the Clerk would find out if it would take place in the footway or road between the village and A38. It was therefore agreed not to go ahead at the present time with quotations for the sealing of the cracks in the footway.

5.7 Hinkley Point Community Fund

Mr Hunt mentioned a number of national businesses who might have some funding, for example, children's play areas. The Clerk would liaise with Mrs Herdman and Mrs Sidhu to see if any funds might be forthcoming.

6. TERMINATION OF THE CURRENT SPEED INDICATOR DEVIDE (SID)

Somerset County Council were to terminate the SID programme on 31 March 2018. They had outlined a revised programme which could be considered from 1 April 2018 if parish and town councils were willing to contribute. They had also suggested three scenarios, which had been circulated.

There was considerable discussion as to the benefits, or not, of having some type of SID in the village. Mr Hunt said it might be a good idea to discuss with the neighbouring villages of Oake, Nynehead, West Buckland and Langford Budville. He offered to ask Jo Sharp from Somerset County Council to meet councillors on site for further discussion. Mr Haines supported the installation whilst Mr Dinsdale, Mr Ellis and Mr Pearce could not see the advantages. This matter will be considered further at the March meeting.

7. PLANNING

7.1 Applications – none

7.2 Decisions

7.2.1 07/17/0020 – variation of condition number 2 (approved plans) of application 07/16/0018 at Boulderwood, Bradford on Tone. Conditional approval 28.12.17

8. FINANCE

8.1	To consider approval of the following accounts for approval	£
8.1.1	Clerk's salary December/January	606.32
8.1.2	Clerk's expenses December/January	35.00
8.1.3	Mr Stanworth – cutting back undergrowth in Bradford on Tone 2016/2017	200.00
8.1.4	Bradford on Tone PCC – floodlighting October 2016 – September 2017 at St Giles Church	75.22 (inc VAT 3.58)
8.1.5	Bradford on Tone PCC – Remembrance Sunday poppy wreath	25.00
8.1.6	Magic Webs Ltd – renew commercial web hosting from 1 February 2018 for one year	120.00 (inc VAT 20.00)
8.1.7	Bradford on Tone Village Hall – hire of Chant Room 29 November 2017	16.00
8.1.8	SLCC – annual subscription	84.00

On the proposal of Mrs Herdman, seconded by Mr Pearce, it was unanimously agreed to approve these accounts for payment.

8.2 Income

Interest 0.09

8.3 Bank balance and reconciliation statement

After the above transactions had taken place the Parish Council's bank accounts totalled £9076.60.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

[All previously circulated to Councillors]

9.1 Proposed single new Council for Taunton Deane and West Somerset – Councillors agreed to write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government supporting this proposal.

9.2 Somerset Prepared Winter newsletter

9.3 Oake Neighbourhood Plan Area – for information

10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE CIRCULATION OF AGENDA

None

11. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

11.1 Bradford Bridge

Mr Richards said there were some loose coping stones on the Oake side of the bridge and also to remind County Bridges about reflector paint on top of the four posts.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 21 March 2018 at 7.30 pm. This meeting will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting which will be attended by the Mayor.

Items for the agenda should be sent to the Clerk at least 14 days before the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

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