

## **BRADFORD ON TONE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26 SEPTEMBER 2018**

#### PRESENT

Mr D Venn (Chairman), Mr A Brodie, Mr C Ellis, Mrs K Herdman, Mr R Pearse, Mrs L Sidhu

Three members of the public

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Mr P Haines, PCSO Sharon Baker

#### 2. INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Mr Venn – minute 5.3, 7.2.4 and 7.4.1

Mr C Ellis – minute 5.1

#### 3. POLICE REPORT

PCSO Sharon Baker's report for August indicated there had been fourteen calls for the Bradford on Tone area, including a Public Order issue.

#### 4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 JULY 2018

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

#### 5. UPDATE ON ITEMS IN MINUTES

##### 5.1 Land outside Threeways, Bradford on Tone

Councillors were unhappy that Somerset County Council Legal Section had apparently not yet taken action against the owner of Threeways over the piece of public highway around which he had placed a low chain link fence. The Clerk was asked to pursue the removal of the fence, which had been erected in early 2017, with Somerset County Council.

##### 5.2 Pedestrian signs – Tone Green to Bradford on Tone

The Clerk said he had been in correspondence with Somerset County Council, who had explained the reasons why they were unable to consider any additional signage at this time. The Clerk had suggested that the Parish Council would consider paying for signs. The County Council's response was "All signage must conform to policy which means that Parish Councils are unable to offer funding to pay for signs or road markings such as these. Without the clear evidence of significant problems or incidents in Bradford on Tone this matter cannot be given any more time."

A member of the public suggested making up some signs, eg “Twenty is plenty”, which could be placed at several locations through the village. He would obtain further information for Councillors to discuss at the November meeting.

### 5.3 Play and outdoor recreation area for Bradford on Tone

[Mr Venn declared an interest and left the room for this item. Mr Ellis took the chair.]

Mr and Mrs Venn had offered a piece of land down over the bridge on a 25-year lease which would probably start from 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020 at the earliest.

Discussion took place and Mr Brodie referred to the first meeting of the playing field project group between himself, Mrs Herdman and the Clerk. Further meetings would also include Mr Haines and Mrs Sidhu. The first meeting had considered financing, planning, health and safety, and access issues.

After discussion it was agreed the group would work on details of the project, report back to the January 2019 meeting and then to hold a public consultation meeting.

[Mr Venn returned and took the chair.]

### 5.4 Public Footpath WG 14/1 Bradford on Tone to Nynehead

Following on from the September Parish Council meeting Mr Hobley, Somerset County Council’s Rights of Way Service Manager, had held a site meeting with Mrs Dalgren, at which it had been agreed to revisit a joint funded replacement of the existing vehicular crossing. Mr Hobley would progress the project as soon as he could to the point where the County Council would put forward what contribution would be required from the Dalgrens.

### 5.5 Hedge cutting – Worlds End, A38 into village

Councillors were unhappy with hedge cutting carried out by the local contractor. The Clerk would arrange for him to liaise with Mr Underhill and ask for the hedge to be cut again.

### 5.6 Ditch in Hele, Bradford on Tone

Further to minute 7.2 of the July meeting Somerset County Highways considered the suggestion of re-piping the collapsed ditch and making a passing place to be a good one. A scheme would be priced up and placed on their proposed drainage schemes list of 2019/2020.

### 5.7 Local Government Boundary Commission – Somerset West and Taunton Council

No further information was available.

## 6. HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

### 6.1 Gritting and salt bags – savings and cutbacks

Somerset County Council was to cut precautionary gritting routes, where roads are gritted in advance of wintry weather, from 23 to 16 in a bid to cut costs. There would no longer be ten free bags of salt allocated to parish councils, and parish councils would need to fund filling grit bins and providing dumpy bags of salt. Further savings from the County Council's highway budgets would include road safety budget, funding for maintenance of drains and gullies and terminating the Council's planned hedge cutting in favour of a reactive approach.

## 7. PLANNING

### 7.1 Minutes of the two meetings held on 18 July 2018

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

### 7.2 Applications

7.2.1 07/18/0013 – erection of single storey garage at Orchard House, Back Lane, Bradford on Tone – objection (see minute 7.1)

7.2.2 07/18/0014 – erection of single storey rear extension at 1 Stonehouse Cottages, Hele Road, Bradford on Tone – no objection

7.2.3 07/18/0015 and 0016 – construction of roof covering over concrete livestock yards at Wheaton Farm, Stonegallows, Taunton – no site meetings required. No objection

7.2.4 07/18/0018 Mill House, Hele Road – no objection but see comments in planning minutes.

### 7.3 Decisions

7.3.1 See 7.2.2 above – permission granted 6 September 2018

7.3.2 See 7.2.1 above – conditional approval 25 September 2018.

7.3.3 07/18/0009 Hele Manor Farm, Hele, Bradford on Tone – conditional approval September 2018.

### 7.4 Other planning matters

7.4.1 Enforcement – E/0167/07/18 – alleged unauthorised structures at Mill House Equestrian Centre, Bradford on Tone – 9 August 2018

## 8. FINANCE

8.1 To consider approval of the following accounts for payment                 £

8.1.1 Clerk's salary August/September   832.83

8.1.2 Clerk's expenses August/September   36.08

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| 8.1.3 | Bradford on Tone Village Hall – hire of Chant Room 18/7 | 16.00                    |
| 8.1.4 | Viking – 3 boxes of paper                               | 61.14 (inc VAT<br>10.19) |

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

8.2 Income

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| 8.2.1 | Interest  | 0.15   |
| 8.2.2 | Taunton Deane Borough Council – churchyard maintenance (£420) and footpath maintenance (£100) | 520.00 |

8.3 Bank balance and reconciliation statement

After the above transactions had been taken into account, the Parish Council’s bank balance totalled £10931.06.

8.4 Taunton Deane Borough Council – Community Infrastructure Levy Annual Report 2017/2018

Nil return.

8.5 Half Year Internal Audit of Parish Council’s Accounts 2018/2019

Mr Pearse offered to carry out the audit.

8.6 Precept/budget for 2019/2020 – informal discussion

There was currently a healthy bank balance. However, the new Somerset West and Taunton Council with effect from 1 April 2019 would be encouraging customers to take up new services, which could involve the Parish Council in considerable additional expenditure. In addition, there would be unknown costs if the proposed playing field were to go ahead. The draft budget would be considered at the November meeting.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- 9.1 Local Government Association Green Paper for Adult Social Care and Wellbeing
- 9.2 National Association of Local Councils – Bye-laws on sites of special scientific interest

10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE CIRCULATION OF AGENDA

- 10.1 Taunton Transport Strategy – extension to spine road at Staplegrove

Noted and emailed to Councillors.

11. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None

12. ITEMS OF CONCERN

None

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 21 November 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Chant Room, Village Hall, Bradford on Tone.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

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