

BRADFORD ON TONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 MARCH 2019

PRESENT

Mr D Venn (Chairman), Mr A Brodie, Mr P Haines, Mrs K Herdman, Mr R Pearse
Fifteen members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Mr C Ellis, Mrs L Sidhu
Mr J Hunt (County Councillor)
PCSO Vicky Henderson

2. INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Mr D Venn – minute 5.1 and 10.1.1

3. POLICE REPORT

PCSO Sharon Baker had received a promotion to Partnership Officer for the West Somerset area. Her beat had been taken over by PCSO Vicky Henderson, who was unable to attend this meeting but had submitted a report. This report showed that in February 2019 there had been a high value theft of jewellery from a property in Bradford on Tone.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 JANUARY 2019

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

5. UPDATE ON ITEMS IN MINUTES

5.1 Play and outdoor recreation area for Bradford on Tone

Mr Brodie referred to minute 5.4 of the January meeting and gave a resume to members of the public of what had happened at the site meeting with Mr Mitchell. No planning application had been received. In the meantime, the working group would continue to search for other possible play area sites.

5.2 Public Footpaths WG 3/4 and 14/1 Bradford on Tone to Nynehead

In her absence Mrs Sidhu had reported that the County Council's Rights of Way warden for bridges had not been able to move this forward. She would need to pass the original specification for examination by an engineer. Mrs Sidhu said it was all very frustrating and a strongly worded email had been sent to the County Council.

5.3 '20 is Plenty' signs in Bradford on Tone

The Clerk said that the signs were now available from the village shop. An article had been placed in the parish magazine. Payment for these signs can be found at agenda 11.1.5.

5.4 Bradford on Tone Noticeboard

The Clerk had asked for three quotations for the new noticeboard, but only one had replied. He had been given details of other contractors and would seek further quotations.

5.5 Dog bin at end of Back Lane

The Clerk had contacted Somerset County Council about kerbing the verge where the dog bin was sited, but after discussion Councillors agreed to take no further action.

6. PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2 MAY 2019

Councillors were reminded that if they wished to stand for election as parish councillors they would have to deliver their nomination paper to Taunton Deane Borough Council Offices by 4 pm on Wednesday 3 April 2019.

7. SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL – THE SOMERSET WOOD

This project was a lasting memorial to those from Somerset who had fought and fallen in the First World War. The Clerks of Cheddon Fitzpaine and West Monkton Parish Councils had asked parish councils if they would consider putting aside a small sum of money annually from their precepts for the maintenance of one or more trees which would form part of the Somerset Wood to the north of Taunton. Councillors agreed to put this item on the May agenda for the new Council.

[After the meeting Mr Underhill told the Clerk that a similar type of wood existed on land at Heatherton Park and that he would give the Clerk its details.]

8. SOMERSET RIVERS AUTHORITY

The Authority was consulting with various bodies to seek support in establishing itself on a secure legal and financial footing. On the proposal of Mr Brodie, seconded by Mrs Herdman, it was agreed to send an email of support to Somerset Rivers Authority.

9. LIFE EDUCATION – WESSEX AND THAMES VALLEY

A request had been received from the above charity for a grant towards their work of providing health, wellbeing and drug prevention education to the children of Oake, Bradford and Nynheath Primary School. The charity had visited the school in February and grants had been given by Oake and Nynheath Parish Councils. On the proposal of Mr Brodie, seconded by Mrs Herdman, it was agreed to give a grant of £80 to Life Education Wessex at the May meeting.

10. PLANNING

10.1 Applications

Mr Venn declared an interest and Mr Haines took the chair for this item.

10.1.1 07/19/0002 – change of use from equestrian to siting of four camping pods at Mill House Equestrian Centre, Hele Road, Bradford on Tone (resubmission of 07/18/0022) (retention of part works already undertaken). Site visit to take place on 30 March 2019.

10.2 Decisions

10.2.1 07/18/0023 and 07/18/0024/LB – erection of single storey rear extension to replace single storey outhouse/store at Easton Lodge, Hele Road, Bradford on Tone. Conditional approval 7 March 2019

11. FINANCE

11.1 To consider approval of the following accounts for payment £

11.1.1 Clerk's salary February/March	832.83
11.1.2 Clerk's expenses February/March	66.06
11.1.3 Bradford on Tone PCC churchyard maintenance 2018 (including grant of £450 received from TDBC)	462.00 (inc VAT £77.00)
11.1.4 R Edwards – Magic Web – renew hosting for website from 1.2.19 for one year	120.00 (inc VAT £20.00)
11.1.5 Orbital Signs - Supply of '20 is plenty' signs (as agreed by minute 5.2 of 16.1.19 meeting)	240.00 (inc VAT £40.00)
11.1.6 Bradford on Tone Village Hall – hire of Chant Room 16.1.19	16.00

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

11.2 Income

11.2.1 50% of cost of Society of Local Council Clerks 2018/2019 Subscription from Selworthy and Minehead Without PC	68.00
11.2.2 Interest	0.29

11.3 Bank balance and reconciliation statement

After the above transactions had been taken into account the Parish Council's bank balance totalled £6528.

11.4 Clerk's salary

The Clerk informed the Council that the National Joint Council for Local Government Services had agreed new pay scales for 2019/2020, to be implemented from 1 April

2019. The effect of this would be that on the Clerk's current salary scale there would be an increase of 37p per hour.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 National Association of Local Councils – Water Resources Management Plan (circulated to Councillors).

13. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE CIRCULATION OF AGENDA

13.1 Somerset Citizens UK – Founding Assembly

13.2 Collapsed ditch at Hele – problem getting worse – Clerk to ask Somerset Highways if the proposed scheme could be moved up the priority list of jobs.

13.3 National Association of Local Councils – Affordable Housing Commission call for evidence (circulated to Councillors).

14. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No matters raised.

15. ITEMS OF CONCERN

None

To comply with statutory legislation following parish council elections on 2 May 2019, the date of the Annual Parish Council meeting (at which a Chairman and Vice Chairman will be elected) has been changed to **Wednesday 8 May 2019** in the Chant Room, Bradford on Tone Village Hall, starting at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

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