

BRADFORD ON TONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30TH JULY 2020

PRESENT

Mr D Venn (Chariman), Mr P Haines (Vice-Chair), Mr C Ellis, Mrs L Sidhu, Mr A Brodie,
Mr D Smith, Mrs K Herdman

1 member of the public

1. Apologies

None

2. Interests

Mr D Venn – Item 6

3. Police Report for April, May and June 2020

There were 236 calls into 101 and 999 for the Wellington Rural Beat for the month of April 2020. 3 calls involved Nynehead, Oake, Bradford on Tone and Langford Budville and involved a Mental Health Episode and fear of violence.

There were 209 calls into 101 and 999 for the Wellington Rural Beat for the month of May 2020. There were no calls involving Nynehead, Oake, Bradford on Tone and Langford Budville.

There were 156 calls into 101 and 999 for the Wellington Rural Beat for the month of June 2020. 8 calls involved Nynehead, Oake, Bradford on Tone and Langford Budville. The calls included Domestic, Neighbour Issues, RTC's, Suspicious Incident and 2 burglaries. The burglaries are part of an ongoing investigation and therefore no further information is available at this time.

4. Planning

4.1 Applications

None outstanding

4.2 Decisions

07/20/0015 Hele House

Councillors have submitted a 'no objections' response

07/19/0003 Mitchell Partners (Appeal)

The Council's response has now been recorded on the Somerset West & Taunton Planning Application site along with several responses from residents within the village. A decision is expected soon.

07/20/0011 Mill House Equestrian Centre

This application has been granted a Conditional Approval by Somerset West and Taunton Planning Department.

5. Play Area

Councillor Brodie proceeded to give a comprehensive update on the progress of the Play Area. Things are progressing and as such a sub committee will be put together in order to represent all members of the Parish – several volunteers have already expressed an interest and Cllr Brodie will liaise with them. The woodland walk sited on the land owned by Mr Everett near Heatherton Park has been well used during the lockdown period by both adults and children.

A pond is currently being installed at the site and signs have also been installed reminding owners to clean up after their dogs, which has proved 95% successful.

An article will be placed in the next edition of the 'News from the Villages' publication asking for further volunteers and it is hoped that with the formation of an official 'Play Area Committee' things will progress well.

6. Bradford Bridge

The Clerk gave an update of the current state of affairs – this being that the Traffic Management Team had been contacted again regarding the most recent damage to the bridge, which still hadn't been looked at. This has now been escalated as a priority within the team and should therefore be looked at and repaired soon.

The Traffic Management Team have also been asked to attend a site visit at the bridge to enable Councillors to take them through and demonstrate the concerns that they have regarding the bridge – it is hopeful that a convenient date will be agreed upon soon.

The Clerk also read out an email from Mr David Mitchell who had emailed the Council to report that one of his vehicles had hit the bridge that very day and dislodged 4 stones from the bridge that he would arrange to be repaired.

The Councilors decided that it would be better if the damage was repaired by the Traffic Management Team as part of the wider works required.

7. Correspondence received since previous meeting

None received

8. Cleaning of bus shelter and road signs

Having received the quotations in regards to the cleaning of the bus shelter and road signs within the Parish it was agreed that the Financial Regulations would need to be checked to ensure that the Council did not need to receive more than one quotation for these works. This will be checked and reported at the next meeting.

It was also mentioned that the hedge (Johnsons hedge) needs cutting back in the vicinity of the bridge as it has become quite overgrown – the Clerk will follow this up.

9. Other items

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 20th August 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm