

BRADFORD ON TONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2020 THE MEETING WAS HELD REMOTELY USING ZOOM CONFERENCING.

PRESENT

Cllr D Venn (Chairman), Cllr Ellis, Cllr Brodie (temporary Vice-Chair), Cllr Smith
1 member of the public

1. Apologies

Cllr Haines (Vice-Chair) – long term illness
Cllr Sidhu – bereavement
Cllr Herdman – work commitments

2. Interests

Cllr D Venn – Item 4.2

3. Police Report for September 2020

The most recent report for the Parish was not available at the time of the meeting but the Clerk read out the most recent blog entry from PCSO Henderson.

4. Updates from previous meeting

4.1 Cllr Brodie gave a quick update on the Play Area, S106 statement of interest forms have been received and will be completed and returned in order to facilitate the release of funds. Cllr Brodie will schedule a meeting with Cllrs Smith, Sidhu and Herdman to discuss next steps and the Clerk will enter another article in News form the Villages to ask for more volunteers.

4.2 The Clerk read through the email received from Nic Waller at the Somerset Historic Environment Service who had suggested that the Councilors may wish to 'list' the County bridge Boundary (CBB) marker within the village. The Clerk will investigate what this entails and will report back at the next meeting.

The Councilors also voiced their disappointment that having first reported the damage to Bradford Bridge some three months previously that the repair work had still not been undertaken by the Traffic Management Team at Somerset West and Taunton. The Clerk will contact Kate Brown and ask for an update.

4.3 No update available regarding footpaths but following an email from a local resident regarding footpath WG 14/1 (Bradford on Tone & Nynehead) and the possibility of this being reopened. The email will be passed to Cllr Sidhu to follow up.

5. Climate Change Online Meeting

Councilors were informed of an opportunity to attend an online meeting regarding Climate Change to be held on Saturday 24th October and facilitated by Somerset Association for Local Councils (SALC).

6. Return to normal meetings

Following her recent training with SALC, the Clerk suggested that the Council should return to the normal calendar of meetings that were in place prior to lockdown. As part of her training it was mentioned by Justin Robinson of SALC that Local and Parish Councils will be expected to continue meeting remotely until Spring 2021 and as such it was agreed that the Council should return to bi-monthly meetings with effect from November. This would give time for members of the public to be invited to attend meetings (via Zoom). Cllr Brodie proposed that the Council should pay for an annual Zoom licence to facilitate meetings longer than 40 minutes and Cllr Smith seconded this.

It was agreed by all Councilors that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 10th November at 7.30pm via Zoom

7. Planning

7.1 Applications

None outstanding.

7.2 Decisions

None outstanding.

8. Members of the public

No comments received from members of the public.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th November 2020 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm