

**BRADFORD ON TONE PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the meeting of Bradford On Tone Parish Council held on Tuesday 13 June 2023 commencing at 7.30pm, in the Chant Room Bradford on Tone Village Hall.**

**Present**

**Chair:** Cllr D Venn

**Councillors:** C Ellis, G Robarts and L Sidhu

**In Attendance:**

Miss J Norris (Clerk)

Mr G Amos prospective parliamentary candidate

9 Members of the public attended the meeting.

**146 Chair's Announcements**

There were no Chair's announcements.

**147 Apologies for absence**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor D Smith

**148 Declarations of Interest/Dispensations**

There were no declarations of interest made at this stage of the meeting.

**149 Minutes**

- (i) Consideration was given to the draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 March 2023

**RESOLVED** to confirm the draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 March 2023 as a correct record.

- (ii) Consideration of the draft minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 16 May 2023 was deferred to enable the Clerk to check minute regarding the asset register.

**150 Public Participation**

This agenda item enables members of the public present at the meeting to raise matters which are relevant to Bradford on Tone and / or the work of the Council.

**Speaker 1**

Gideon Amos explained he was attending the meeting to learn about the parish and its concerns; he has regular meetings with Somerset Unitary Councillors

The concerns brought to his attention were:

- Traffic on the bridge and the Parish Council's suggestions for improvements
- Diversion of footpath by the river (WH14/1) and the frustration and disappointment that this has stalled

Mr Amos said he would raise this at his next meeting Cllr Rigby the relevant portfolio holder at Somerset Council.

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**Speaker 2**

Would like the Council to discuss the ban on dogs in the churchyard.  
PCC secretary has said there will be an open meeting towards the end of the month to discuss the dog ban that was introduced from beginning of June.

**Speaker 3**

A history group has been set up in the village as whilst working in the village shop people had been saying they were concerned about what would happen to local knowledge and documents held by local people.

The group would like to collect the information and stories that people are willing to share and as a first step a dropbox folder will be set up so that people in the village can look at it

Step 2 will be to look at local information leaflets etc to correct erroneous information

Step 3 – look at how the information collected can be shared

**151 Reports from Somerset Council Councillors**

There were no reports.

**152 Police Report for May 2023**

The police report for May 2023 was noted.

**153 Financial Matters**

- (i) Consideration was given to a report on the current year expenditure.
- (ii) Consideration was given to approving items for payment.

**RESOLVED**

- (i) to note the report
- (ii) to approve the payments as detailed in the table below.

Payee	Items	Invoice Date	Invoice No	Net	VAT	Total
Bradford On Tone Village Hall	Hire the Chant Room 16.05.2023	03.06.2023	15/2324	£9.00	0.00	£9.00
*HMRC	PAYE / NIC - 2020/2021 – outstanding payment					£668.15
HMRC	Any further payment which may be needed to clear the					

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Payee	Items	Invoice Date	Invoice No	Net	VAT	Total
	2020/2021 monies owed.					
Miss J Norris	June Salary & associated costs					

\* This is retrospective approval for the cheque dated 06.06.2023, in theory the payment to HMRC would have been approved as part of the approval for the associated salaries in that year, however it is included here so there is an in-year record of approval.

**154 Internal Audit Report**

The report of the Internal Auditor had not been received.

**155 2022/2023 Annual Governance Statement**

Full Consideration of the Parish Council’s response to the assertions on the 2022/2023 Annual Governance Statement was deferred pending the report of the internal auditor, however members did briefly consider the requirements needed to answer yes to the assertions.

**156 2022/2023 Annual Accounting Statement**

Consideration and approval of the 2022/2023 Annual Accounting Statement was deferred pending the report of the internal auditor.

The meeting closed at 20:07hrs

Chair’s Signature & Date
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