

BRADFORD ON TONE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Bradford on Tone Parish Council held on Tuesday 27th 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, L Sidhu and D Smith

In Attendance:

Miss J Norris (Clerk)

Somerset Unitary Councillor G Wren

5 Members of the public attended the meeting.

157 Chair's Announcements

On June 4 a number of people, including the Chair, gathered at Musgrove Park Hospital to remember an Czech RAF Volunteer Reserve member who had died in an accident on the railway lane at Bradford on Tone whilst training for D Day.

158 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence as all Parish Councillors were present.

159 Declarations of Interest/Dispensations

No declarations of interest were made.

160 Reports from Somerset Council Councillors

Cllr Wren reported that the new Council has been in place for months and it has been a reasonably painless transition. Councillors and officer will now need to work to bring the disparate arrangements from the previous councils to form a cohesive entity.

Work is ongoing to work out how to balance the books and the financial situation will be reviewed at the end of July.

Before the meeting Cllr Wren had been out to look at footpath WG14/1 with Councillor Sidhu and he will now pursue the diversion with the Rights of Way team.

161 Highways Matters

Consideration was given to concerns about the condition of the road at Berrys Corner, Bradford On Tone.

Discussion included:

- Tractors and other machinery working in the field cover the road with mud and grit as they go in and out of the field
- The road surface is bad and needs attention but the mud makes it much worse.
- The farmer / business is responsible for cleaning the road in a timely manner.
- The drain in that corner of the road is regularly blocked which in turn contributes to degeneration of the road surface.
- There is no footpath so the mud affects pedestrians

Chair's Initials

- The poor road surface and the mud amplifies the risk of vehicles skidding.
- The road needs repair - when this is done it would be good to have an anti-skid surface and white lining to emphasise the risk.

162 Minutes

- The draft minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 16 May 2023 were considered.
- The draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13 June 2023 were considered

RESOLVED

- to approve the draft minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 16 May 2023 as a correct record
- to approve the draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13 June 2023 as a correct record.

163 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.

Matter raised included:

- Provision of dog bins
- Why the agenda does not include matters arising.

164 Financial Matters

RESOLVED that the invoices detailed in the table below be approved for payment.

Payee	Items	Invoice Date	Invoice No	Net	VAT	Total
Slashdotdash	Website updates & set up .gov emails	24.06.2023	INV-0182	£25.20	0	£25.20
Slashdotdash	Website update	25.06.2023	INV-0183	£3.60	0	£3.60
J Larcombe (internal auditor)	End of year audit	25.06.2023	523	£25.00	0	£25.00
Miss J Norris	July & August Salary & associated costs					

165 Internal Audit Report

The report of the Internal Auditor was considered.

RESOLVED to note the report and agree the recommendations.

166 2022/2023 Annual Governance Statement

The Parish Council's response to each of the assertions on the 2022/2023 Annual Governance Statement.

Chair's Initials

RESOLVED that the response to all the assertions (boxes 1-8) on the Annual Governance Statement 2022/2023 is "yes" and that the Chair and Parish Clerk complete and sign the document accordingly.

167 2022/2023 Annual Accounting Statement

The 2022/2023 Annual Accounting Statement was considered.

RESOLVED

- (i) to approve the 2022/2023 accounting statement
- (ii) to approve the completion and submission of the Certificate of Exemption

168 Notice of Elector Rights

The timetable for the Notice of Elector rights was considered.

RESOLVED that the timetable be as follows:

Date of announcement: 28 June 2023

Documents available commencing on Thursday 29 June 2023 and ending on Wednesday 9 August 2023

169 Planning Applications

(i) Application 07/23/0005/T

Notification to fell 8 cypress trees, 3 sycamores, one elm and one horse chestnut, to coppice one group of Holm Oaks and to carry out management works to one sycamore, one cypress and 2 limes within Bradford on Tone Conservation Area at Bradford Court, Lower Stoford Lane, Bradford on Tone

RESOLVED to agree to tree management for the purposes of preserving a tree but not felling of healthy /sound trees to improve a view of the church as stated on application form

(ii) Application 07/23/0006/T

Application to carry out management works to 2 Wellingtonia trees, one pine tree and one poplar tree with Bradford on Tone Conservation Area at Broad Oak House, Lower Stoford Lane, Bradford on Tone

RESOLVED no objections to the application

The meeting closed at 20:40hrs