

BRADFORD ON TONE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Bradford on Tone Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th September 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)

5 Members of the public attended the meeting.

170 Chair's Announcements

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Cllr Smith to report on the first Local Community Network meeting; Cllr Smith said it had been well attended but there was not a lot of consensus as to priorities.

171 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence from Councillors as everyone was present.

172 Declarations of Interest/Dispensations

The following declaration of interest was made:

- Cllr Robarts declared a personal interest in the planning application for Braddicks as it is next door to her property.

173 Minutes

Consideration was given to the draft minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2023.

RESOLVED to confirm the draft minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2023 as a correct record

174 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

- a) The plans for more houses at Cotford St Luke which have recently been submitted are likely to increase the traffic through the Bradford on Tone and at the junctions with the A38
- b) Regular bonfires from a property on Regent Street is unpleasant for neighbours, complaints have been made to Taunton Deane in the past but the problem still persists.

175 Reports from Somerset Council Councillors

The Somerset Councillors were not present.

176 Financial Matters

(i) Bank Reconciliations

The bank reconciliations (including the bank statement) were presented and noted.

(ii) Consideration was given to items presented for payment.

RESOLVED to approve the items detailed in the table below for payment

Payee	Items	Invoice Date	Invoice No	Net	VAT	Total
Slashdotdash	Website updates	11.07.2023	INV-0188	£32.40	0	£32.40
Bradford On Tone Village Hall	Hire of Chant Room June 13 & 27	02.07.2023	119/2324	£18.00	0	£18.00
Miss J Norris	September & October Salary & associated costs					

(iii) Banking arrangements / online banking –

The Clerk was asked to research suitable accounts and report back to a future meeting.

177 Planning Applications

The Parish Council's response to planning applications was considered

RESOLVED that the Clerk contacts the planning authority and requests an extension of the response time for the application regarding Braddicks, so that Councillors can undertake a site visit to put the plans into context.

178 Footpath Update

Cllr Sidhu reported that:

- WG14/1 Somerset Council have confirmed that they received 7 supporting pieces of correspondence and 5 objections to the proposed diversion, therefore the proposal for the diversion as consulted upon will not proceed any further; there are 2 other options which may be considered but they do not currently have the support of the relevant landowners
- WG 14/2 the path goes through the middle of the field but for a number of years the landowner has hoped people will go around the perimeter. Problem this year with crops not being cleared. The track is being used by heavy machinery which makes it dangerous for people walking,

179 Village Environment

Consideration was given to areas that may need tidying, hedge cutting, weed spraying etc and what action to take.

- Hedges at the end of Back Lane
- Heatherton Park hedge

- Sacrificial post on the bridge has been removed again – this may be a good time to re-visit the bridge project and send the details to Somerset Council.
- Footpath to bus routes - current consultation
- Dog bins

181 Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED to exclude the press and public from the meeting, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, section 1(2), during consideration of the following agenda items:

- Agenda item 12, Grounds Maintenance Village Centre - on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reasons of its confidential nature (item includes commercially sensitive information)

182 Grounds Maintenance Village Centre

Consideration was given to prices obtained for clearing the sloping hedge / bush area between the coronation bench and the war memorial.

As the prices received suggested different work levels it was not possible to make reasoned comparisons so the Clerk was requested to prepare a specification document that could be issued to potential contractors.

The meeting closed 21:30hrs