

BRADFORD ON TONE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Bradford on Tone Parish Council held on 9th January 2024, 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)

3 Members of the public attended the meeting.

1/2024 Chair's Announcements

No announcements were made.

2/2024 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies as everyone was present.

3/2024 Declarations of Interest/Dispensations

No declaration of interest were made at this stage of the meeting.

4/2024 Minutes

Consideration was given to the draft minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2023.

RESOLVED that the draft minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2023 be agreed as a correct record subject to removing Cllr Sidhu from the list of Councillors present and changing Minute 111 to reflect £5,000 being included in the budget for the provision of possible asset and service devolution from Somerset Council.

5/2024 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 requested an update on footpath WG14/1

Cllr Sidhu responded that as Somerset Council had received objections to the proposed diversion which could not be resolved the proposal cannot go forward. There are 2 other options but the landowner is not currently agreeable to either option. Somerset Council has agreed that the bridge needs to be replaced but the landowner is not in agreement as to the locations suggested.

The definitive path route is not now available due to the meanderings of the river.

It was suggested that as the railway line is also impacted it may be worthwhile seeking the opinion of British Rail.

6/2024 Reports from Somerset Council Councillors

The Somerset Councillors were not present at the meeting.

Chair's Initials

7/2024 Planning Applications

To consider and agree the Parish Council’s response to any planning applications within the parish or impacting upon it.

7.1/2024 Application number : 07/23/0013, 3 Three Bridges Farm, Wellington Road, Bradford On Tone

Retention of Building/Works etc

Change of use of land with erection of a 3 No. bay timber framed garage and log store with formation of access track at 3 Three Bridges Farm, Wellington Road, Bradford On Tone (retention of part works already undertaken)

RESOLVED no objections to the application.

7.2/2024 Application Number 07/23/0016 Bradford Court, Lower Stoford Lane, Bradford on Tone

Full Planning Permission

Demolition of outhouses and erection of single storey extensions to the side and rear with internal alterations at Bradford Court, Lower Stoford Lane, Bradford on Tone

RESOLVED no objections to the application.

7.3/2024 Application No 07/23/0017 Bradford Court, Lower Stoford Lane, Bradford on Tone

Listed Building Consent: Works

Demolition of outhouses and erection of single storey extensions to the side and rear with internal alterations at Bradford Court, Lower Stoford Lane, Bradford on Tone

RESOLVED no objections to the application.

8/2024 Financial Matters

As a bank statement to 31 December had not been received the bank reconciliations and budget monitoring had not been completed.

RESOLVED to make the payment detailed below, the invoices having been checked for accuracy by the Clerk.

Payee	Items	Invoice Date	Invoice No	Net	VAT	Total
Bradford On Tone Village Hall	Hall hire 14 & 28 November	12.12.23	38/23/24	£9.00	0.00	£9.00
Somerset Playing Fields Association	Annual Subscription		17005/01/06/23	£15.00	0.00	£15.00
Somerset Association of Local Councils	Affiliation fee	25.09.23	INV-2485	£184.66	0.00	£184.66

9/2024 Reserves Policy

To review the Reserves Policy and agree any changes. Agreed

Chair’s Initials

10/2024 24/25 Budget and 24/25 Precept

Due to the increasing release of information about the Somerset Council financial emergency and the changing of the precept submission date a report had not been completed and it was suggested that an additional Council meeting be scheduled before the end of January 2024 to enable timely consideration of the 24/25 budget and precept.

12/2024 Banking Arrangements

The Clerk reported that work is in progress to obtain information about bank accounts suitable for the Council's needs, however more information is still needed about bank charges on some accounts before a decision can be made.

13/2024 Review of Governance Documents

The content of the Council's current Standing Orders and Financial Regulation was considered.

RESOLVED

- (i) that no changes are made to Standing Orders
- (ii) That no changes are made to the Financial Regulations at present but should the model financial regulations issued by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) be changed within the next 12 months a further review is undertaken.

14/2024 Schedule of Meetings

The provisional meeting schedule for the 24/25 civic year was considered.

RESOLVED

- (i) To schedule an additional Council meeting on Friday 19 January 2024 starting at 19.30hrs
- (ii) From May 2024 to continue with the practice of holding a council meeting every 2 months, the actual dates to be confirmed at the Annual Parish Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 20:50 hr.

Chair's Signature & date
