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Minutes of a meeting of Bradford on Tone Parish Council held on 12th March 2024, commencing at 7.30pm, in the Chant Room, Bradford on Tone Village Hall

Present

Chair: Cllr D Venn

Councillors: G Robarts, L Sidhu and D Smith

In Attendance:

Miss J Norris (Clerk)

4 Members of the public attended the meeting.

28/2024 Chair's Announcements

The Chair asked everyone to stand for a minutes silence to mark the passing of Alan Lee who was a former Parish Council Chair.

Cllr Ellis had now completed his move from Bradford on Tone and would officially be tendering his resignation from the Parish Council.

29/2024 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

30/2024 Declarations of Interest/Dispensations

No Declarations of Interest were made at this stage of the meeting.

31/2024 Minutes

Consideration was given to the draft minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2024.

RESOLVED to confirm the draft minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2024 as a correct record.

32/2024 Public Participation

This agenda item allows 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

The speaker raised concerns about hedges overhanging footpaths especially on the section of pavement into the village from the Worlds End to Heatherton Park

Speaker 2

Raised concerns about blocked drains in the road and brambles overhanging pavements and roads

Speaker 3

The speaker requested an update on the diversion order for footpath WG 4/1

33/2024 Reports from Somerset Council Councillors

The Somerset Councillors were not in attendance.

34/2024 Asset & Service Devolution Update

The Clerk provided information on asset and service devolution from Somerset Council: At this stage the discussion is mainly with the larger towns where Somerset Council can make the most savings and the local councils have capacity for undertaking devolved e.g. grass verges, visibility splays, public toilets, CCTV. This level of devolved service is not likely to affect Bradford On Tone Parish Council.

35/2024 Local Community Network (LCN)

The LCN has set up 2 working groups one each for transport and highways. The next Wellington and Wiveliscombe meeting is scheduled for 18 April 2024.

36/2024 Planning Applications

There were no planning applications for consideration.

37/2024 Financial Matters

- (i) Bank Reconciliations
Formal bank reconciliations had not been done as there were no new bank statements; they will need to be done for the end of the financial year.
- (ii) Consideration was given to items for payment.

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	02.02.2024	47/2324	£18.00	0.00	£18.00
SlashDotDash	Website updates / uploads	24.01.2024	INV-0278	£7.80	0.00	£7.80
SlashDotDash	Annual Hosting wef 01.04.2024	13.01.2024	INV-0304	£144.00	0.00	£144.00
Miss J Norris	March Salary & associated costs and back pay (as approved 19.01.2024)					

(iii) **Budget Monitoring**

There had been no significant expenditure since the last meeting and the next budget monitoring report would cover all of 2023/2024 after the end of the financial year.

38/2024 Footpaths

Cllr Sidhu had spoken to the Footpaths Officer and the proposal now for Footpath WG 4/1 is to rebuild the bridge in the existing location and divert the footpath alongside the river.

It was requested that the definitive footpath map by the pub is replaced.

39/2024 Clerk's Progress Report

The Clerk reported on action taken / progress regarding items raised at previous meetings.; this is likely to include bus shelter cleaning, new dog bin, overhanging hedges.

RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to all adjacent landowners to the Footpath from the A38 (Worlds End) to 3 Elms requesting that they keep hedges trimmed and clear of the pavement.

The Clerk was also asked to contact Somerset Council to ask if the dog bin near Back Lane could be moved approx. 10' towards the pub and what the cost would be.

The meeting closed at 20:35hrs