

# ***Bradwell Parish Council***

## **Minutes of the Public Annual Meeting**

**Held at Heelands Meeting Place**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

### **Present:**

Cllr James Alexander, Chairman

Helen Ward, Clerk

21 residents of Bradwell Parish, including Parish Councillors, representatives of the Police and Twinkle Tots Playgroup.

### **1. Welcome**

Cllr Alexander welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the new Clerk, Helen Ward.

### **2. Chair's Annual Report for the year 2016/2017**

Cllr Alexander gave a comprehensive report on the activities of the Parish Council during the year, and thanked the staff, councillors and volunteers for all their hard work.

### **3. Suffolk Punch site, Heelands**

Cllr Alexander advised that the Suffolk Punch site had taken a huge amount of Councillor's time. Following a planning meeting at MK Council in March, planning permission was granted for 27 dwellings. In addition some land and a building fund for a community centre is to be being given to the Parish Council. Cllr R Bradburn added that the proposal is to include parking at the rear of the Church to benefit both the Church and new Community Centre. Cllr Alexander advised that the Parish Council intend to hold a public consultation to receive feedback and ideas from residents.

### **4. Presentation of the Annual Community Award**

Awarded to Lyn Drinkwater, Play leader at Bradwell Common Pre-School, who has held the position for 28 years and has been instrumental in the early learning of many children from Bradwell Common.

### **5. Presentation of the Parish Council Award**

Awarded to Mr Harold Atkins, retiring Parish Clerk, in recognition of his services as Clerk to the Parish Council for the past 16 years.

### **6. Presentation for the John Newbury Memorial Photographic Competition**

Awarded to Mr David Farron.

**7. Refreshments**

The refreshments gave an opportunity for parishioners to meet councillors, the police and visiting speakers.

**8. Talk by Police Officer**

The meeting was attended by PC Lisa Roberts and PCSO Tom.

Lisa gave an overview of the Thames Valley Police restructuring into 2 teams of geographical officers and problem solving officers with effect from 1 June.

**9. Talk by Twinkle Tots Playgroup**

Sarah (Committee Chair) and Natalie (Playgroup leader) gave an overview of their work. They thanked the Parish Council for the grant to assist in training staff and purchase new materials. The Playgroup is now full with 32 children and they will be open for full days from September.

**10. Questions and Comments**

One member present asked about the recent car thefts in Bradwell Common. PCSO Tom advised to keep windows and doors locked and car keys safe.

**11. Chairman's closing remarks**

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

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Chairman

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