



Minutes of the Bradwell Parish Council meeting
Monday 3 September 2018 at 7.30pm
Parish office, 21 Glovers Lane, Heelands

Present: Cllrs James Alexander (Chair), Marie Bradburn, Robin Bradburn, Rose Davy, David Evans, Leon Gilpin and John Holley. Cllr Robin Bradburn arrived after the start of the meeting at 7.41pm

Also in attendance:

7 members of the public
Karen Hill, Locum Clerk to the Council

1. Apologies.

Apologies received from Cllr Atkins (personal matter) and Cllr Exon (holiday). Apologies accepted

2. Declaration of Members' interests.

None offered.

3. Public speaking time

- Member of the public asked whether there was to be any single persons/social or low cost rental accommodation on the Suffolk Punch development. Chair answered that it was a 27 house development by a private developer to be sold at market value.
- Winterburn resident informed council that several residents who had large trees growing on their property boundaries had cut down the accessible branches. Chair said this was duly noted and that the matter of action for these trees was to be discussed in the meeting (agenda item 12 (a))
- Resident requested the Parish Council look into the landscaping at the Winterburn garages.
- Resident asked if a plaque could be attached to a bench that is to be installed (permission permitting). This was agreed as an action to take forward.
- Resident wanted it noted that the works on the pond – for discussion in the meeting – has been mooted for some time and that the longer the pond was left the more would need to be done to it to bring it back to being able to support wildlife.
- Resident informed the Council that a long time resident and former Head of a local school has passed away.

Public speaking time ended at 7.48pm.

4. Minutes of previous meeting and comment on actions from that meeting for noting.

Proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6th August be approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed: Cllr R Davy Seconded: Cllr J Jones. Unanimous approval.

Actions: (due to time constraints several actions have not been progressed)

July meeting:

New picnic bench at Abbey Field – still to be actioned

August meeting:

Bollards for Sports Ground & Conservation area. No action taken as yet

Specification for Bradwell Conservation Area: Agenda item 12 c

2019/2020 allotment rentals: letters sent out

Grant awarded. Cheque processed and sent

It was proposed by the Chair that to expedite the decision of a grant (item 7) the discussion be moved to be discussed at this time. All agreed.

- 5. Consider a grant application from Bradwell Sports and Social Club.** It was agreed that as the work had started no award for grant could be made under the confines of S137 of the LGA1972. However the BSSC would be eligible to apply for grant funding in the next financial year of 2019/2020.

6. Chairman's announcements

Thank Cllr Holley for his support with the refurbishment of the HMP toilets.

7. Finance:

- a) Payments: A schedule of payments made/due since the last meeting of the council was approved and a basic reconciliation of bank accounts was noted. It was proposed to adopt the previous practise of scrutiny of the payment schedule and bank reconciliations to be handled by any available councillor who was not a signatory on the account.
ACTION: to be implemented immediately.
- b) Agree the way forward until new banking mandate is set up: It was unanimously agreed that until a new clerk is recruited, Councillors will bank any cash held on an "as and when needed" basis.

8. Update on recruitment of a new Clerk and agree measures.

Personnel Working Group recommendations (previously circulated) were to re-advertise the vacancy on the SLCC website and Indeed with an increased salary scale and closure date of 17/9/18. In addition it was proposed that along should that the Parish Council would approach specialised recruitment companies for filling of the role.

Proposed: Cllr Alexander Seconded Cllr Jones.

Vote by show of hands 7 for 1 abstention. Carried by majority.

9. Update on S106 Langcliffe Drive site.

Cllr R Bradburn stated that no further news had been received since the meeting with Mr P Van Geete and Mr A Ingram.

ACTION: Cllr Bradburn to email those concerned for updates.

10. Update on St Lawrence Allotments and water quotes:

Cllr R Bradburn has been in contact with Wave - the responsible department at Anglian Water regarding the issues. The technicians had called to site to read the meter but found the meter to be under several inches of mud which would need to be cleared. At the time of the meeting no one had been out to clear the mud and assess the meter for a reading or leaking.

ACTION: Cllr Bradburn to continue to press Anglian Water to call to site to read meter and access the situation with the high meter reading and possible leak.

11. Planning matters.

18/02048/CLUP: 4 Fosters Lane Bradwell Milton Keynes MK13 9HD :

18/01860/CLUP : 17 Hunters Reach Bradwell Milton Keynes MK13 9BT

Proposed to lodge no objections. Unanimous

18/01873/FUL : 4 Forrabury Avenue Bradwell Common Milton Keynes MK13 8NG

Proposed to lodge objection for over development, not in keeping with the surrounding, windows facing each other less than 1.5m apart, lack of sufficient parking for increased bedroom size, lack of privacy

Proposed Cllr R Davy Seconded Cllr Evans. Vote buy show of hands. All in favour.

12. Landscaping and Environmental matters:

- a) It was proposed to obtain quotes on pollarding the trees in Winterburn for consideration.

Proposed: Cllr M Bradburn Seconded Cllr R Bradburn.

Vote by show of hands: 7 for 1 abstention. Carried by majority.

ACTION: Council office to seek 3 quotes for the work specification.

8.40pm Standing Orders were suspended as a member of the public asked to speak. Chair reminded the resident that the public session was over. Standing orders resumed 8.43pm

- b) It was decided to accept Cllr Atkins recommendations and suggestions for the Green Gym visit on 4th October and to include the hawthorn encroachment cut back in Winterburn.
- c) Bradwell Conservation pond refurbishment: It was proposed that due to the short deadlines given to contractors for quotes for the refurbishment of the pond, the process would be extended for closure for receipt of quotes being end September and to discuss and decide at the October meeting.

Proposed: Cllr R Davy Seconded Cllr J Alexander.

Vote by show of hands: 7 for 1 abstention. Carried by majority.

ACTION: Council office to seek 3 quotes for the work specification.

ACTION: Council office to compose a preferred contractors list for first draft approval at the next council meeting.

- d) Report back on work at King Georges Field and Glebe Field is that contractor has caught up with schedule and work is completed.

- e) To agree to obtaining a rock salt bin, where to locate and agree to cost of stocking it with rock salt
It was proposed that a bin be obtained and placed on the bridge over Grafton Road.

Proposed: Cllr Jones Seconded Cllr Gilpin.

Vote by show of hands: unanimous

ACTION: Council office to action.

13. Reorganisation of 21 Glovers Lane and to relocate all meetings of the Parish Council:

Proposed to relocate all future meetings to Heelands Meeting Place unless there is a function being held there at which meeting will then be held at the Parish Council office and to allow for a business plan and costings to be drawn up when a clerk has been recruited

Proposed: Cllr Jones Seconded Cllr J Alexander.

Vote by show of hands: 5 for 2 against 1 abstention. Carried by majority

14. Community Event MacMillan Biggest Coffee Morning:

Proposed to fund up to £40.00 to provide refreshments and cakes/biscuits for the coffee morning event to be hosted in the Parish Council offices on Friday 28th September 2018.

Proposed: Cllr M Bradburn Seconded Cllr Jones

Vote by show of hands: unanimous

15. Correspondence:

Noted

16. Part 2 section to meeting:

Proposed to hold a confidential Part 2 of the meeting at which press and the public will be excluded under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 section (2).

Vote by show of hands: Unanimous.

17. Declaration of Members' interests:

None.

18. Update on Data access request complaint:

Councillors advised of the current situation. There has been no further action.

19. Update on legal matter and statement of fact in relation:

Chair provided an update of the situation at present and a statement of fact was read out.

20. Contract of employment for weekend caretaker:

Chair informed those present contract had been issued and accepted

21. Next meeting:

Monday 1st October at 7.30pm at Heelands Meeting Place, Glovers Lane, Heelands

There being no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 9.45pm