

Bradwell with Pattiswick Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held at 7.30pm on Monday 17th April 2023
at Bradwell Village Hall, Church Road, Bradwell**

Present: Cllr Tony Dunn (Chairman)
Cllr Antony Harding
Cllr Lesley Kinder
Cllr Michael Turner

In attendance: Mrs Christine Marshall, Parish Clerk & RFO
County Councillor Ross Playle
Candidate for District Cllr Sue Wilson (Coggeshall Ward)
Four members of the Public were in attendance

23-4/001 WELCOME - The Chairman welcomed those present.

**Apologies from Cllr Glenn Lockey were accepted. Proposed Cllr Dunn,
Seconded:** Cllr Kinder

23-4/002 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Members of the Council are subject to the Local Authorities Code of Conduct Order 2007 (SI 2007/1159) (The Revised Code) with the additional, non-mandatory, section 12(2). Cllr Turner declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 23-4/011 – signing of cheque for grant application on behalf of Bradwell Village Hall Management Committee.
There were no other pecuniary or non-pecuniary declarations to be noted.

23-4/003 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - The Clerk advised that no queries had been received from residents, however the following items were raised at the meeting:

- Potholes and dangerous footpath in Forge Crescent – Cllr Harding will monitor the situation and Cllr Playle was requested to raise this with Essex Highways as an urgent repair is necessary for public safety.
- A request for dates and Agenda for meetings to be added to Facebook as some residents have stated they would attend if they knew the details. The Clerk reminded the meeting that the Agenda are displayed on the noticeboards in Bradwell and Pattiswick and published on the website. Minutes of meetings are published in the Magazine together with details of meetings for the year. The Clerk was requested to trial publishing on Facebook. **Action: Clerk**
- Whilst the situation has eased, lorries are still parking overnight on the haul road. The gates at the Church Road end are being closed, but the one from the A120 is being left open. Security patrols have increased, but have not resolved the situation. The parking is mainly on the track leading to the field. The Clerk will contact Bradwell Aggregates and Indaver, the Chairman will discuss at the next Site Liaison Meeting. **Action: Clerk & Cllr Dunn**
- The Clerk advised a conversation had been held with the CPSO regarding the groups of men meeting at the layby on the A120 and coming through to

the old now unused entrance to the quarry. Patrols are attending when in the area.

23-4/004 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

County Councillor Playle reported:

- Essex Highways have been allocated additional budget for highways' repairs, but this is still lower than what is required. There are 12 "gangs" dedicated to repairs. There will be a further opportunity for County Cllrs to identify priority repairs during the year. Attention was drawn to repairs required on Hollies Road where there are some large potholes and continuous water running, which is damaging the road surface.
- Local Highways Panel meeting 19th April. On behalf of the Parish Council, Cllr Playle will submit an application for re-instatement of the triangle at the junction of Five Ash Lane and Sheepcotes Lane.
- The Chairman spoke of his experience of the new booking system for recycling centres where the operatives rely on the customer having a copy of their booking – not possible in all cases. Cllr Playle will raise this.

Cllrs Playle and Wilson left the meeting.

23-4/005 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13th MARCH 2023 – Minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2023 were confirmed as a correct record.
Proposed: Cllr Turner, seconded: Cllr Kinder; all in favour. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

23-4/006 VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE - Cllr Harding presented his report:

Some pothole repairs remain outstanding since Autumn 2022.

National Highways are providing updates regularly.

Burst water main closed The Street again, however Anglian Water advised there was no water main at the location on the A120 where water streams from BT Openreach's manholes. . A full report is being sent to National Highways.

Repairs to Hollies Road will require a full road closure and will affect traffic on the A120.

National Highways and Essex Highways to be invited to June meeting. **Action: Clerk**

23-4/007 PLAYING FIELD - No issues had been reported, but Cllr Kinder advised that the daffodils planted had been picked and discarded on the field. Unknown who did this.

Residents at the meeting expressed their concerns that the amount of dog fouling on footpaths had increased noticeably. Cllrs urged residents to report to BDC any sightings of dog walkers who did not pick up after their dog, as BDC will take action.

23-4/008 FOOTPATHS - No issues reported. Mrs Flatt was thanked for the work she had undertaken during this role. Decision re replacement Footpaths' Officer deferred to May meeting. **Action: Clerk**

23-4/009 EMERGENCY PLAN – Clerk to ask Cllr Evans whether he has submitted the updated plan to BDC. **Action: Clerk/Cllr Evans**

23-4/010 PLANNING MATTERS - the following applications were discussed:

23/00725/VAR | Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) of approved application 21/03306/HH granted 20/12/21 for : Single-storey detached double garage. Variation would allow:-Removal of vehicle access doors to the front, addition of side and rear windows & new internal WC. | The Old School Church Road Bradwell Essex CM77 8EW – *This application is to retrospectively seek permission for the erection of the building already undertaken. The original permission was for a garage. The Clerk was requested to submit an objection.*

Action: Clerk

23-4/011 FINANCIAL REPORTS – the RFO presented the reports for March 2023, together with an updated Bank Reconciliation following receipt of banks statements. There were no queries.

- i. **It was resolved** to accept the reports. **Proposed: Cllr Kinder, seconded: Cllr Dunn, all in favour**
- ii. **A motion to approve bank reconciliation at 31st March 2023: It was resolved** that the bank reconciliation statement be approved. **Proposed: Cllr Kinder, seconded: Cllr Dunn, all in favour**
- iii. **A motion to approve March 2023 expenditure:** The list of payments and cheques to be signed was presented. There were no queries, and **it was resolved** to approve the payments. **Proposed: Cllr Kinder, seconded Cllr Dunn, all in favour.** Cllrs Dunn and Lockey signed the cheques.

23-4/012 INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- i. The Chairman confirmed no response had been received from Low Carbon to arrange site liaison meetings. He will chase again. **Action: Cllr Dunn**
- ii. The Clerk advised the Parish Council's insurance renewal notice had been received. Alternative quotations will be obtained prior to renewal date of 1st June. **Action: Clerk**

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

- i. Footpaths' Officer

23-4/013 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 15th May 2023 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall, Bradwell.

Note: The Annual Parish Assembly will be held on Monday 15th May 2023 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Bradwell.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 15th May 2023 at 7.30pm, followed by

The Parish Council Meeting at 7.45pm.

Items for inclusion in the Agenda to be sent to the Clerk no later than 12 noon on Friday 5th May 2023 **Action: All**

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.