

**Bradwell with Pattiswick Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
held at 7.30pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023  
at Bradwell Village Hall, Church Road, Bradwell**

**Present:** Cllr Tony Dunn (Chairman)  
Cllr Adam Deighton  
Cllr Crag Evans  
Cllr Antony Harding  
Cllr Lesley Kinder  
Cllr Michael Turner

**In attendance:** Mrs Christine Marshall, Parish Clerk & RFO  
District Cllr Tom Walsh  
District Cllr Denis Abram  
Two members of the Public were in attendance

**23-4/067 WELCOME** - The Chairman opened the meeting and advised **APOLOGIES** were received from Cllr Glenn Lockey (Vice-Chairman). Apologies accepted: **Proposer:** Cllr Evans, **seconded:** Cllr Harding

**23-4/068 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). There were no pecuniary or non-pecuniary declarations to be noted.

**23-4/069 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - The Clerk advised that no queries had been received from residents. Nothing further was raised by residents attending.

**23-4/070 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

County Councillor Playle submitted his report prior to the meeting as follows:

- With the support of Cllr Harding, a number of road defects in the parish have been reported as part of the Member-led Scheme (Phase 1). The list of roads in his ward to be included will be advised shortly. Phase 2 is the first week in September. Cllr Harding will produce a list of priorities. **Action: Cllr Harding**
- With Cllrs Dunn and Deighton visited various sites with ECC highways liaison officer. Updates on the jobs identified will be prepared.
- The salt bins funding request - ECC will be in touch very soon about this.
- The PC will be aware the current separate consultations on the pylons and IWMF projects.
- ECC is also running a consultation currently on its electric vehicle charging point strategy. The strategy document and opportunity to comment can be found at: [www.essexhighways.org/getting-around/driving/electric-car/ev-strategy](http://www.essexhighways.org/getting-around/driving/electric-car/ev-strategy)
- The Government's RIS3 (what we had in) is expected to be published this autumn, and it is hoped the A120 reroute will feature in this.

District Cllr Walsh reported:

- Incinerator – Condition 66 appeal will go to the Planning Inspectorate in the autumn.

- Pre-application discussions continuing to use excess electricity generated from the incinerator for growing of tomatoes.
- DCO to be considered shortly by ECC to raise electricity generation from 49.9mw to 65mw. Public consultation period ends 23<sup>rd</sup> August. Consultation documents will be available at public events being held at:
  - 14<sup>th</sup> July – Rivenhall Village Hall 1.00 til 4.00pm
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Bradwell Village Hall 9.00am til 12 noon
  - 26<sup>th</sup> July – Coggeshall Village Hall 12 noon til 4.00pm
  - 31<sup>st</sup> July – Silver End Village Hall 9.00am til 12 noon
- National Grid's second non-statutory consultation on Norwich to Tilbury closes 21<sup>st</sup> August. Legal Opinion is that the project should be considered under "Green Book" guidance issued by HM Treasury
- District Cllr Community Grants available to both Parish Councils and community organisations. Suggested total allocation for Bradwell with Pattiswick, based on equal allocation for each parish in the ward, is £300.
- District Cllr Surgery being held in Bradwell Village Hall, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 5.30 to 6.30pm. Parish Cllrs welcome to attend, open to all residents.
- Cllr Walsh referred to a number of informative emails sent to the Parish Council and the Clerk confirmed all are forwarded to Parish Cllrs.

District Cllr Walsh reported:

- Would be interested to know the number of vehicle movements to and from the quarry and incinerator sites. Evidence that some HGVs going through Coggeshall. The Chairman explained the volume permitted under the planning permissions as well as the actions taken and ongoing by Indaver and Blackwater Aggregates to comply with traffic using haul road and not travelling through villages. Breaches are reported weekly to Claire Tomalin (ECC) and Bradwell with Pattiswick Parish Council.

The Chairman requested the support of District Cllrs in lobbying for the new A120.

#### **23-4/071 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN JUNE 2023**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023 were confirmed as a correct record. **Proposed: Cllr Kinder, seconded: Cllr Turner; all in favour.** The Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

#### **23-4/072 VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE**

Cllr Harding reported on further investigative work undertaken by National Highways along the A120 through Bradwell and have confirmed that the BT chambers are empty. There is already a drainage system under a third chamber which will be cleared and monitored for further action. Re-surfacing of the A120 is due to begin in the autumn.

The Chairman reported further on the meeting he and Cllr Deighton had with County Cllr Playle and Essex Highways.

Tippets Wade - It was confirmed that no safety measures could be taken to the road at Tippets Wade due to the narrowness of the highway.

Forge Crescent - The repair and two potholes in Forge Crescent will be combined into one overall repair and will be looking at what action can be taken on the footpaths.

Hollies Road – Cllr Deighton explained the issues with drainage and was advised that any work needed required a full road closure.

Solar Farm – A Section 50 application should be forthcoming for consideration.

The PC is a statutory consultee.

Essex Highways suggested that the surface of Keepers Lane (also referred to as Ash Lane) where the haul road crosses should be added to the pothole list for more immediate action.

**Action: Cllr Harding**

- 23-4/073 HAUL ROAD** – Cllr Turner requested Cllrs to consider what actions could be taken to improve the safety for vehicles travelling along Church Road and Keepers Lane where the haul road crosses. Whilst it is manageable currently with the actions taken by Bradwell Aggregates and Indaver, once the incinerator and greenhouses are operational, traffic will be at least one HGV per minute. The Chairman confirmed that both organisations are working on this and agreed that it should become a priority item for discussion at the Site Liaison Meeting.

Indaver and Bradwell Aggregates to be invited to the September meeting to discuss progress and solutions.

**Action: Clerk**

- 23-4/074 PLAYING FIELD** – Cllr Kinder reported on vandalism to the table tennis and swings. Once cost of repairs is known, consideration will be given on whether to repair or discard the table. Cllr Kinder to suggest dates to Cllrs for a working party to undertake actions identified in the recent RoSPA report.

**Action: Cllr Kinder**

Cllr Kinder had received a request from the allotment tenants for the Parish Council to provide a higher fence to prevent deer jumping into allotments and destroying crops. The Clerk confirmed the allotments are not the responsibility of the Parish Council and this request should be directed to Strutt & Parker, agents for the Bradwell Trust. Cllr Kinder to advise tenants. **Action: Cllr Kinder**  
Cllr Turner explained the deterioration of the bollards and it was agreed that he will arrange for repairs to be carried out. **Action: Cllr Turner**

- 23-4/075 VILLAGE HALL DEFIBRILLATOR** – Cllr Kinder advised that the paperwork and signs provided with the defibrillator could not be located and suggested an approach to the previous VHMC Chairman be made. If he has no information, then the Clerk will speak with the suppliers. **Action: Clerk**

- 23-4/076 CHURCHYARD** – The Chairman put forward the plan for re-wilding of the common land to the front of the Church and confirmed sponsorship had been received from Indaver. Following discussion of the plan, it was supported by Cllrs and the Clerk requested to sign the sponsorship agreement and seek approval from Indaver to mention them in a magazine article. **Proposed: Cllr Harding, seconded: Cllr Evans** **Action: Clerk**

The Chairman has permission from the Parochial Church Council to place information about the scheme on the Church noticeboard. **Action: Chairman**

- 23-4/077 COUNCILLOR TRAINING** – The Clerk advised the dates for training as 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> September, subject to EALC confirmation. **Action: Clerk**

- 23-4/078 FOOTPATHS** – The Clerk confirmed that the new Footpaths' Officer, Helen Scott, was in possession of the map and had been given guidance for reporting issues.

- 23-4/079 PLANNING MATTERS**

ESS/34/15/BTE/08/07 - Land at Rivenhall Airfield, Coggeshall Road (A120), Braintree CO5 9DF | Notification of planned abnormal load on 23 July 2023 leaving the IWMF site. Notification as required by condition 8 of ESS/34/15/BTE. ESS/34/15/BTE was for an Integrated Waste Management Facility. Note: Date for this has been changed to 12<sup>th</sup> July from 10<sup>th</sup> July.

- 23-4/080 FINANCIAL REPORTS** – the RFO presented the reports for June 2023, there were no queries.
- i. **It was resolved** to accept the reports. **Proposed: Cllr Dunn, seconded: Cllr Kinder, all in favour**
  - ii. **A motion to approve bank reconciliation at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023: It was resolved** that the bank reconciliation statement be approved. **Proposed: Cllr Dunn, seconded: Cllr Kinder, all in favour**
  - iii. **A motion to approve June 2023 expenditure:** The list of payments and cheques to be signed was presented, including the transfer of £6,000 to Reserves Account. There were no queries, and **it was resolved** to approve the payments. **Proposed: Cllr Dunn, seconded Cllr Kinder, all in favour.** Cllrs Dunn and Turner signed the cheques.

**23-4/081 INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

- i. The Chairman advised that following the resignation of the Clerk, Cllr Lockey will take over the management of the grass cutting contract.
- ii. The Chairman requested the gratitude of Cllrs for the work and advice provided by the Clerk during her employment with the Parish Council.

**ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:**

- i. Report from Site Liaison Meeting
- ii. Discussion with Indaver and Bradwell Aggregates to road safety

**23-4/082 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Bradwell.

Items for inclusion on the Agenda should be sent to the Clerk no later than 12 noon on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023.

**Action: All**

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.