

Bradwell with Pattiswick Parish

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on Monday 12th May 2025 at 19:00 in Bradwell Village Hall

Those present: Cllr Tony Dunn (Chair), Cllr Glenn Lockey, Cllr Adam Deighton, Cllr Antony Harding, Cllr Craig Evans, Cllr Michael Turner and Theresa Trotzer Wilson (Clerk)

Also present: County Cllr Ross Playle (Essex County Council), PC James Draper (Essex Police), and Kelly Bleasdale (Essex Dementia Society).

Members of the public: 12

Apologies: Parish Cllr Lesley Kinder

1. Chairman's Welcome

Cllr Dunn welcomed all present and gave special thanks to the outgoing Clerk of the Parish Council for her work over the last 18 months.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

There were no previous minutes to sign.

3. Reports from Local Clubs and Organisations

Dementia Society

Kelly Bleasdale from the Dementia Society provided a report stating that the club met regularly on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday providing support within the local area. To continue with this service and help it expand further they are looking for funding for activities or entertainment which would be of benefit to local residents using the service.

Essex Police

PC James Draper, the engagement officer for the local Braintree District was welcomed to speak on local issues and concerns. He stated that he currently runs a Police Parish Forum which is held once a month to discuss concerns and issues that are important to Parish Councils and feeds this information back to the Police.

A report was given on the following:

- a. **Crime Statistics:** Crime statistics in the local area and noted a slight decrease in the trend. In particular, residential burglaries were down by 38 percent. This is likely down to prevention schemes such as the use of SelectaDNA which marks and protects property.
- b. **Road Traffic Concerns:** An update was given on road traffic concerns, notably that speed cameras are due to be introduced from Marks Farm to Marks Tey. Additionally, Essex Police will be installing Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras throughout the District as well as a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for vehicle meets. PC Draper reported that a partnership scheme with Safer Essex known as 'Essex Extra Eyes' is available online for people to submit their footage of dangerous road user behaviour. In 2024/25 69 people were prosecuted through this scheme. It should be noted that you must be willing to attend court to give a statement, video

must be submitted within 7 days of the event and not posted on any social media previously.

- c. **Common Place Essex:** Various residents raised concerns about inappropriate and indecent behaviour occurring in the Parish. PC Draper explained that while consensual behaviour between adults in public spaces does not necessarily constitute a criminal offence, any incidents that cause distress, alarm, or are visible from public roads should be reported. It was emphasised that if anyone feels threatened or uncomfortable, they should contact the police. Residents were advised that consistent reporting is essential if the parish wishes to pursue measures such as a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO), as evidence is required to support such applications. It was suggested that a Neighbourhood Watch scheme could be a useful tool in promoting safety and awareness within the community. An online system known as Common Place Essex allows people to mark locations on an interactive map of where they feel unsafe and why making it easier for Police to send patrols to these locations on a regular basis and discuss how they can make them safer.

Village Hall Management Committee

Cllr Michael Turner provided an update stating that without the attendance of residents at Village Hall events, it would not be possible to function and run the Hall. Volunteers are always needed and those wishing to spare some time can get in touch with Cllr Turner. Events are always advertised throughout the year in the Parish Magazine, Facebook, Website and on the Notice Board.

Chairman's Report

Cllr Tony Dunn provided an update on the Neighbourhood Plan:

An advert announcing the Neighbourhood Plan Review and seeking help from residents with the Review was placed in the Parish Magazine in May 2024 (p66). All Councillors and one member of the public volunteered to support.

Meanwhile, Braintree District Council announced a review of the Local Plan and a "Call for Sites". The Parish Council was given three weeks in which to respond – in August when many residents were away on holiday. The Parish Council called an Extraordinary meeting on 5 August 2024, which was attended by a full Council and twenty-two residents. The meeting rejected all of the sites. A detailed response was provided to Braintree District Council. The key decision from this meeting was that "Land to the South of Coggeshall Road" which has expired outline planning permission, but where no development has taken place should be designed land for Net Biodiversity Gain.

During September 2024, a questionnaire was delivered to every resident over the age of 3. There was one questionnaire for those aged up to 18 and one for those aged 18 or over. 500 adult questionnaires and 120 questionnaires for those aged up to 18 were printed. Each household was provided with a stamped addressed envelope in which to return the completed form - 232 envelopes. 99 (43%) households returned questionnaires. 155 people responded to the questionnaires.

The response to the questionnaires was analysed, compared to the response to the questionnaires from 2016 (the original Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire) and relevant statistical information was published in a Final Report. In the light of the Final Report changes were made to the Neighbourhood Plan to reflect residents' views – we used consultants for this work to ensure we correctly phrased the Plan to reflect residents' views and met statutory guidelines. The Final Report was published on the Parish Council web-site and highlighted potential action for the Parish Council and partners.

National Highways and Essex Highways attended the December Parish Council meeting where the Action Plan involving these bodies was developed. Members of the Public were involved and the minutes were circulated in the Parish Magazine.

Neighbourhood Watch and the police attended the January meeting of the Parish Council where the final two projects were added to the Action Plan. There had been universal demand for a more visible Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for the Parish.

National Highways attended the February 2025 Parish Council meeting to provide an update, were given details of the consultation response and outlined their plans for safety cameras on the A120 through the village. The Regulation 14 version of the Neighbourhood Plan was approved at the February 2025 Parish Council meeting.

There was then a period of statutory consultation which lasted six weeks concluding on Wednesday March 26. The consultation was advertised on the Parish Council notice-boards and Bradwell Facebook. All sixty statutory bodies were contacted at the beginning of the consultation period.

The response from the consultation was reviewed and the Plan was modified to take into account the response. The Plan moves to Regulation 15 and is handed to Braintree District Council for screening – to ensure it is consistent with the Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.

The Neighbourhood Plan will then be inspected by an Independent Inspector, who will decide whether the Plan can be adopted or will go to referendum. My expectation is that we will not need to go to referendum.

Meanwhile, the Regulation 15 Neighbourhood Plan becomes planning policy for the Parish. The entire exercise was grant-funded – at no cost to the Parish residents.

4. Items from Parishioners

None.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 19:45.

Signed by the Chairman: _____

Date: _____