

# Bradpole Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of Bradpole Parish Council held at Bradpole Village Hall on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 at 7.30pm

**Present:**      **Councillors:** Colin Baker (*Chairman*)  
Paul Everall  
Wendy Smart  
Tony Veglio  
Peter Wilson

**Officers:**      Sandy Goldsmith (*Clerk*)  
Jo Hughes (*Deputy Clerk*)

**Public:**          None

Cllr Baker welcomed everyone and commenced the meeting by paying respects to ex Cllr Frederick Hudson “Freddie” who sadly passed recently. As well as being a Councillor, Freddie was a long-term supporter of the Parish Council and community. The Clerk to send a card of condolence to Freddie’s wife and family.

### 1. Apologies for Absence:

Councillors:      Neil Chilcott (*Vice Chairman*)  
John Mather (*absence covered by dispensation in relation to Section 85 of the Local Government Act for the period up to and including 14 April 2022 for the reason that not all members may be able to attend in-person a full council meeting due to Coronavirus*)  
Alan Smart  
Kelvin Clayton (*Dorset Council*)  
Dave Bolwell (*Dorset Council*)  
Sarah Williams (*Dorset Council*)

### 2. Declarations of Interest and Grants of Dispensation

None at this time. Councillors to declare an interest at the time should the need arise.

### 3. Minutes of Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021

Minutes taken as read. Cllr Baker asked if the minutes should be signed as a true record of the meeting.

**Proposed: Cllr Everall                      Seconded: Cllr W Smart                      Resolved**

Unanimously agreed and the minutes were duly signed.

### 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021

- a) Hedge work at Pageants Field - the Clerk advised that the cost of using machinery to undertake the hedge work would outweigh the benefit but she would speak to the Lengthsman to see if the work could be achieved manually by sawing the hedge to garden fence height. Cllr W Smart to confirm with the resident concerned.
- b) Fitness Equipment Gore Cross Recreation Ground - Cllr Wilson had previously circulated information on fitness equipment located at a site in Weymouth which was still functional after 10 years in use. Agreed that Cllrs Chilcott, A Smart and Wilson to collate information on costs etc. and Cllr Chilcott to arrange a working group meeting.
- c) Caley Way from junction of Rights of Way footpath to Village Stores - regarding the request from a local resident for the Parish Council to consider supporting residents request to Dorset Council in regard to road

markings to allow pedestrians to walk on the road safely, the Clerk confirmed that Dorset Council have been experiencing staff shortages but Highways have confirmed that they will be taking a look at the site next week.

- d) War Memorial restoration - The Deputy Clerk confirmed that a quote for £312 (including VAT) had been received to undertake the restoration work and the Council were now awaiting a date for the commencement of the agreed restoration work.
- e) New Swings Pageants Play Area - The Deputy Clerk had previously circulated a report to all detailing a number of quotes obtained (both timber and steel) for replacement swings at Pageants Play Area. After some discussion, it was agreed that steel swings would be the preferred option due to their longevity and lower maintenance requirements. Deputy Clerk to progress fine tuning the quotes received for steel replacement swings with a view to site visits with suppliers being arranged.

## **5. Queens Platinum Jubilee Event: 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that she had received positive responses from all the local groups and organisations that were contacted regarding being involved in a joint community event to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It was agreed that the next step would be to organise a working group meeting inviting one or two members from each group/organisation to discuss ideas. Deputy Clerk to arrange a meeting date at the village hall with Cllrs Wilson and A Smart representing the Parish Council.

The Clerk confirmed that part of the celebrations would include the planting of two trees as part of the Queens Green Canopy project, a native Oak tree (quote obtained of £375 plus VAT) on Gore Cross Recreation Ground and a second decorative tree for the children of the parish to plant in another location yet to be decided. Cllrs Chilcott and Veglio to liaise with the Bradpole Buzz Group on the second tree.

## **6. Scheme of Delegation - BPC Community Emergency Plan (17.12.21)**

Having previously been circulated to all, under the Scheme of Delegation the Bradpole Parish Council Emergency Plan was adopted on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021. Decision approved by all.

**Proposed: Cllr Everall**

**Seconded: Cllr T Veglio**

**Resolved**

## **7. Report from Dorset Council Councillors**

No Dorset Council Councillors in attendance.

## **8. Democratic 10 Minutes**

No members of the public present.

## **9. Reports from Outside Organisations**

- a) BLAP - Cllr Everall confirmed that the next BLAP meeting is 24<sup>th</sup> February and the revised BLAP Terms of Reference are yet to be received. Cllr Everall also confirmed that the next Health & Wellbeing working group meeting is on 8<sup>th</sup> February.
- b) Western DAPTC - Cllr W Smart advised that there was no new information at this time.
- c) Village Hall - Cllr W Smart advised that there was no new information at this time.
- d) Bradpole Buzzing - Cllr Veglio advised that the Bradpole Buzz Group are continuing to tidy as well as planting and it was confirmed that the Pampas Grass by the railway crossing seat has now been relocated.
- e) BANP - JCC - Cllr Baker advised that the minutes of the December meeting have yet to be published with the next meeting due to take place the first week of March. Cllr Everall also confirmed that the BANP Steering Group meeting which recently took place was very poorly attended with the following three items addressed:
  - lack of box on the planning officer's checklist with reference to the Neighbourhood Plan;
  - little point in reviewing the Neighbourhood Plan until the CGR is complete;
  - terms of reference for project Net Zero.

## 10. Chairman's Information

Cllr Baker provided the following update:

- Precept Press Release - the press release was published by Bridport Nub confirming that the Parish Council have agreed little change to the 2022/23 parish precept for the third consecutive year.
- Email to Chris Loder MP - a letter was sent to Chris Loder MP on 14<sup>th</sup> January in response to his letter of 6<sup>th</sup> January seeking continued support for councils to have the flexibility to decide how best to conduct their local meetings. A response has yet to be received but Cllr Baker advised that other bodies are pushing this objective forward.
- Bus Back Better - Cllr Baker confirmed that Dorset Council has made its submission to the Government's Bus Back Better project aimed at revitalising the nation's bus services.

## 11. Community Governance Review

Cllr Baker confirmed that there has been no update following his presentation to the Dorset Council CGR Working Group in December and the February edition of The Bridge includes a report on the Bradpole Parish submission. Cllr Baker also confirmed that the draft recommendations of the CGR will go before a full council meeting of Dorset Council on 15<sup>th</sup> February.

## 12. a) Planning Applications:

**P/HOU/2021/05636 - 1 Blind Land Close, Bradpole - Remove existing conservatory and erect larger conservatory** - the Parish Council had previously submitted a response with no objections to the application.  
**P/HOU/2021/05605 - Redcot, Lee Lane, Bradpole - Alternative planning scheme** - the Parish Council had previously submitted a response with no objections to the application.

## b) To consider any planning applications received after published agenda:

**P/FUL/2022/00547 - 1 The Buildings, Pymore - Erection of dwelling** - as the deadline for comments is 18<sup>th</sup> February, Cllr Baker advised that he would be holding the Parish Surgery on 10<sup>th</sup> February if anyone wished to discuss the plans. All comments to be submitted to the Deputy Clerk by 14<sup>th</sup> February so that a corporate response can be circulated and submitted.

## 13. Correspondence:

- a) **DAPTC Information** - detailed in weekly Councillors' newsletter. Cllr Baker noted that the DAPTC CEO Neil Wedge thanked those councils which had managed to set their precept in December which included Bradpole Parish Council.
- b) **NALC Information** - nothing to report.
- c) **Dorset Council Information** - Dorset Council newsletter circulated to Councillors every Monday.
- d) **Request from resident for remedial work to be carried out on the footpath leading from The Gore into Higher Street** - the Clerk confirmed that Dorset Council Rights of Way will be undertaking this work although it has not yet been done so she will follow up.
- e) **Removal of Royal Mail Post Box, Middle Street** - the Clerk confirmed that Royal Mail have requested the removal of the post box at Middle Street, Bradpole as it is not fit for purpose with a view to the post box being relocated somewhere else in the village. The Parish Council have been asked to provide suggestions for a suitable location on public land. After discussion by Councillors, it was agreed that the Parish Council would prefer for the post box not to be removed from its current location. However, if the post box is to be removed, an alternative location was suggested at the Caley Way junction on the footpath that leads to Fox Close. Clerk to submit this response to Livemore who are acting on behalf of Royal Mail.
- f) **Wessex Water Proposed Water Replacement Scheme East of Bradpole** - following receipt of detailed information from Wessex Water regarding the replacement of the water main to the east of Bradpole, it has been confirmed that this work will take place from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August.

#### **14. Finance:**

##### **a) Payments for agreement and approval:**

1812 - Forset Tree Care - Cutting back of trees adjacent to Gore Cross Way Car Park £660.00

1813 - Mrs J Hughes - Wages £307.31 and Pension Contribution £11.52

1814 - Mrs Goldsmith - Wages £413.16 and Printing £10.23

1805 - HMRC - J Hughes & S Goldsmith £180.00

**Proposed: Cllr W Smart**

**Seconded: Cllr Everall**

**Resolved**

##### **b) Bank Balances:**

Current Account    £17,182.27 (includes £2,601.30 uncashed cheques)

Deposit Account    £51,073.14

#### **15. Democratic 10 Minutes**

None

#### **16. Parish Maintenance:**

##### **a) Tree Work in The Gore**

The Clerk confirmed that she had met with the tree surgeon to discuss the trees in the carpark and the trees that back onto the houses and gardens in Blind Lane Close which are now causing a lack of light, overhanging branches and falling leaves. The tree surgeon suggested pollarding three trees by either a third or half. It was agreed that the trees do require maintenance pruning and a site meeting was suggested with the resident(s) concerned to assess by how much the trees need to be pollarded. Clerk to arrange resident site meeting and then proceed with the works which will fall within the Clerks agreed expenditure allowance.

##### **b) Allotments**

The Clerk advised that the new allotment tenancy agreements will be going out shortly and that allotment plots 1 and 2 will soon become vacant but these will be filled by those on the allotment waiting list.

##### **c) Pageants Play Area Quarterly Inspection Report**

The Clerk confirmed that there were a couple of issues detailed within the latest inspection report that she will address.

##### **d) Grass Cutting Contract 2022-24**

The Clerk confirmed that she has received the regular grass cutting quote plus another quote which she will be going back to with a few questions. The third quote requested has not been received. A decision regarding the grass cutting contract will be taken at the March Parish Council meeting.

#### **17. Clerks Information**

- The Deputy Clerk confirmed that the Fingerpost Project was now complete with the final parish fingerpost at Higher Street, Bradpole installed just before Christmas.
- The Clerk advised that she was now liaising with Dorset Council regarding the glass on the back of the bus shelter at Lee Lane to see which company they use to carry out repairs.
- The Clerk also confirmed that the top rail of the gate at Railway Crossing Gardens requires work so she will be contacting local joineries to look at the job and provide quotes.

#### **18. Councillors Information**

- Cllr Veglio asked if the police provide a report of crime and vandalism in the local area following a spate of incidents in Bradpole Parish. The Deputy Clerk advised that this may be something the local PCSO could provide as neighbouring Loders Parish Council receive a monthly crime report from their PCSO. Clerk to look into.

**19. Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022.

**Meeting closed at 8.47pm**

**Signed: C Baker**

**Dated: 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022**