## **Bradpole Parish Council**

# Minutes of the Meeting of Bradpole Parish Council held at Bradpole Village Hall on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Councillors: Colin Baker (Chairman) Officers: Sandy Goldsmith (Clerk)

Paul Everall Jo Hughes (Deputy Clerk)

John Mather

Tony Veglio **Public:** 3

Peter Wilson

## 1. Apologies for Absence:

Councillors: Neil Chilcott (Vice Chairman)

Alan Smart Wendy Smart

Dave Bowell, Kelvin Clayton and Sarah Williams (Dorset Council Ward Councillors)

Cllr Chilcott had sent his apologies as a staff member was unwell and Cllr A Smart and Cllr W Smart had sent their apologies due to a long-standing prior commitment.

#### 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 5th May 2022

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 T Veglio Resolved

Unanimously agreed and the minutes were duly signed.

## 4. Matters Arising from 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022 Minutes

- a) **Fitness Equipment, Gore Cross Recreation Ground** the fitness equipment will be installed week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> June and will take three days. Cllr Chilcott and Cllr Veglio will oversee the installation.
- **b)** Overgrown Trees and Vegetation, Village Road the Clerk advised that there has been no further update and Dorset Council Ward Councillor Kelvin Clayton is chasing up.
- c) Removal of Hedging and Entrance Widening, Pymore Road the Clerk confirmed that Cllr Williams had reported that Dorset Highways will not be pursuing the matter as it improves visibility. However, with heavy plant/machinery crossing the entrance, the Parish Council have concerns regarding safety for users of the cycle path and safe route to school. The Clerk to find out what safety measures Dorset Council propose to put in place for cycle path and safe route to school users. If a satisfactory response is not received, the Parish Council will progress the issue to a higher level at Dorset Council.
- d) Queens Platinum Jubilee Event the community event that took place at Gore Cross Recreation Area to mark The Queen's 70 years of service was well attended by the local community and was very much a family orientated event with residents commenting that they very much appreciated that it was a free event. The Clerk confirmed that the cost of the event to the Parish Council was £200 plus the cost of the Jubilee trees and plaques. The Parish Council have thanked all those organisations and individuals within the community who pulled together to make the event happen, all donations were gratefully received and any leftover cakes and biscuits from the event were donated to the Community Fridge.

## 5. Scheme of Delegation - Following Decisions to be Ratified

- a) Stepps Farm Removal of Agricultural Tie removal of agricultural tenancy conditions no objections.
- **b) Bradpole Parish Council Yearly Insurance Renewal -** renewed 1<sup>st</sup> June, renewal fee £1,166.06. The above decisions were taken under the Scheme of Delegation decisions approved by all.

Proposed: Cllr Everall Seconded: Cllr T Veglio Resolved

#### 6. Speeding Vehicles along the A3066

Cllr Wilson confirmed that the issue of speeding vehicles through the 30mph limit on the A3066 through Bradpole occurs mainly at evenings and weekends. Agreed that Cllr Wilson obtain more information and support from local residents in order to build a community case that can be presented to Dorset Council.

## 7. Report from Dorset Council Councillors

None

#### 8. Democratic 10 Minutes

- The issue of speeding vehicles on the A3066 from Bridport to Beaminster was raised by a local resident who has videos of the problem that could be used as evidence in presenting a case to Dorset Council. The resident confirmed that Netherbury Parish Council are dealing with the same issue and are having an electronic speed sign installed in Melplash. Agreed that Bradpole Parish Council liaise with Netherbury Parish Council and the Clerk to also look into the Dorset Council speed awareness criteria.
- A resident was in attendance at the meeting to raise the issue of pesticide use in both the Parish and the wider Bridport area with the aim of achieving a less toxic approach to managing weeds. The resident confirmed he has written to Bridport Town Council and Dorset Council. The Parish Council agreed to add as an agenda item for the July meeting.

## 9. Reports from Outside Organisations

- a) BLAP Cllr Everall confirmed that the BLAP AGM took place on 31<sup>st</sup> May and the minutes have been circulated. The main point to note from the meeting at which the Police and Crime Commissioner for Dorset was guest speaker was the lack of visibility and police presence in Bridport and the lack of attendance of neighbourhood policing teams at Parish Council meetings. Cllr Everall also reported that the BLAP Steering Group met on 9<sup>th</sup> June and the new protocols were agreed. The request put forward for finance to appear as a regular agenda item was rejected which does raise concerns regarding a lack of transparency. The BLAP Business Plan was also agreed for the next 3 years and The BLAP Parish Liaison meeting will take place in July with officers from Dorset Council in attendance to give an update on broadband.
- b) Western DAPTC the Clerk confirmed that Cllr W Smart attended the DAPTC Western area face-to-face meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> May and provided the DAPTC with an update on what Bradpole Parish Council are currently working on.
- c) Village Hall the Village Hall Management Committee are meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> June and both Cllr A Smart and Cllr W Smart will be attending. Cllr Baker advised that the constitutional arrangements for the Village Hall have been changed to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).
- d) Bradpole Buzzing Cllr Veglio confirmed that the Buzz Group are working on a plan for the season. Concerns were raised regarding the border in the field where the fitness equipment is to be installed. Cllr Veglio to be onsite when installation takes place to ensure the border is not affected.
- e) BANP Cllr Everall confirmed that he attended the BANP Steering Group meeting that took place on 24<sup>th</sup> May. Concerns were raised over the lack of references to the BANP in Dorset Council officer reports. Cllr Everall also reported that the Streetscape and Heritage project is now underway.

## 10. Community Governance Review - To Ratify Response Submitted Under Delegated Authority

The Bradpole Parish Council response to the CGR second consultation was submitted to Dorset Council on 23<sup>rd</sup> May under delegated authority - decision approved by all.

Proposed: Cllr T Veglio Seconded: Cllr J Mather Resolved

#### 11. Chairman's Information

No new information to report.

## 12. Dorset Council Planning Update for Town and Parish Councils Seminar

Cllr Everall attended the planning seminar on 27<sup>th</sup> May and confirmed he has not yet received the presentation slides which he will chase up. A number of planning issues were raised at the seminar including Parish Councils not receiving information from planning officers regarding planning decisions which is an issue that Bradpole Parish Council has raised. Cllr Everall also confirmed that the Local Plan has been put on hold indefinitely and although not officially confirmed, Dorset Council have now achieved a 5-year housing supply.

## 13. Planning Applications:

- a) P/HOU/2022/03318 103 East Road, Bradpole demolish front porch, garage and rear extension. Erect single storey front porch and side and rear extension. As a revised application of a previous two storey extension that the Parish Council had objected to because of the overbearing effect and adverse impact on the amenity of the neighbouring property, it was agreed by all that the Parish Council had no objections to this revised application for a single storey extension. Deputy Clerk to submit response.
- b) P/FUL/2022/00547 1 The Buildings, Pymore application refused 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022.
- c) Planning Response from BPC Submitted Under Delegated Authority
  - i) P/FUL/2022/02229 Broad Road Farm, Bridport
  - ii) P/FUL/2022/02251 Broad Road Farm, Bridport

Following a visit by the Parish Council working group to Broad Road Farm on 12<sup>th</sup> May, a response supporting the application was submitted under delegated authority - decision approved by all.

Proposed: Cllr P Everall Seconded: Cllr T Veglio Resolved

d) To consider any planning applications received after published agenda:

**P/HOU/2022/03412 Pentwyn, Village Road, Bridport** - erect single storey rear extension and alterations and extension to bay window and porch roof. It was agreed that any development to the property would be an improvement. The property sits on the perimeter of the Bradpole Conservation Area within the defined development boundary. Concerns were raised over access so it was agreed that the Deputy Clerk contact the architect to enquire about access to carry out the proposed development. Councillors to provide the Deputy Clerk with any comments by 17<sup>th</sup> June so that a corporate response can be circulated and submitted. **P/HOU/2022/00631 7 Spring Close, Bridport** - application granted 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

## 14. Correspondence:

- a) DAPTC Information all information circulated.
- **b) NALC Information** all information circulated.
- c) **Dorset Council Information** Dorset Council newsletter circulated to Councillors every Monday.
- d) ROW DC Proposed Extinguishment of Parts of Footpath 8 and 24, Bradpole and Diversion of Part of Footpath 29, Bradpole the Parish Council as a corporate body had no objections to the proposal but it was agreed that should any residents raise concerns with Councillors over the proposal, they be directed to lodging their concerns with Dorset Council.
- e) To consider any correspondence received after published agenda
  - The Clerk advised that a letter had been received from a resident in relation to the use of pesticides (as discussed during the Democratic 10 Minutes see minute reference 8). The letter will be circulated to all Councillors for information, the Clerk will respond to the issues raised in the letter and the issue will be added as an agenda item for the July meeting.

#### 15. Finance:

- a) Payments for agreement and approval:
  - 1846 Bradpole Village Hall £30.00 Hall Rental
  - 1847 Bridport Town Council £50.00 Hire of Marquees for Jubilee Event

1848 - Martin Dare Engraving £85.90 - Jubilee Brass Plaques

1849 - Jak Jons £180 - Hire of Jubilee Event Toilets

Proposed: Cllr J Mather Seconded: Cllr P Everall Resolved

b) Bank Balances:

Current Account: £27,141.84 Deposit Account: £51,136.49

c) Internal Auditor Report - Audit Year End 31st March 2022 - no issues raised by the Internal Auditor.

d) Annual Governance Statement 2021-22 - to approve

Proposed: Cllr P Everall Seconded: Cllr J Mather Resolved

e) Annual Accounting Statement 2021-22 - to approve

Proposed: Cllr T Veglio Seconded: Cllr P Wilson Resolved

Cllr Mather raised a query regarding the Asset Register. The Clerk confirmed that a review of the Asset Register is needed especially in light of the new assets that the Parish Council are in the process of installing.

#### 16. Democratic 10 Minutes

- Regarding the proposed extinguishment of parts of Footpath 8 and 24 and diversion of part of Footpath 29, it was raised by a resident that the plans do not appear on the Dorset Council website. The Clerk to let Dorset Council know although it was confirmed that the notices are up in locations close to the footpaths.
- The resident of Broad Road Farm queried if the ROW that runs alongside their property should be maintained by Dorset Council as currently the resident maintains it. The Clerk confirmed that Dorset Council should maintain it and will make Dorset Council aware.

#### 17. Parish Maintenance:

a) Weeds in The Gore

The Clerk confirmed the Lengthsman will be trialling a burner to a trial area of The Gore to remove weeds.

b) Railway Crossing Gates

The Clerk advised that Cllr A Smart has been in contact with a semi-retired builder who will look at the repairs required for the crossing gates.

#### 18. Clerks Information

The Clerk advised of the following:

- The Dorset Council ROW Officer is looking at the potential of installing a more stable path at Happy Island Way (path W1/9) and has requested a letter of support from the Parish Council. Clerk to request further information from the ROW Officer.

#### 19. Councillors Information

- Cllr P Everall confirmed that the Integrated Care System comes into action from 1st July.
- Cllr P Wilson queried if the external lighting on the Gore Cross Trading Estate had been looked into. The Clerk confirmed that the Deputy Clerk had investigated and the lights are not deemed a statutory nuisance and are likely to have been installed to increase security following the recent spates of graffiti.

### 20. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed: C Baker Dated: 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022