

## Minutes of Bradpole Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall

Thursday 6th February 2014 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs: Chilcott (C), Spear (VC) Dendle, Ellis, Mason, Giles – Townsend and Coatsworth. Mrs Sandy Goldsmith, Parish Clerk. One member of the public present.

**1. Apologies:** Cllr Bennett and Cllr Ellis

**2. Declarations of Interest:** None, Councillors to declare any interest at the time if needed.

**3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th December 2013:** Taken as read agreed and signed as a true record.

**4. Matters Arising from Minutes 5th December 2013:**

**a) BUPA Signs – St James Nursing Home-** The Clerk informed the meeting that she still not received any further information as of this morning, but after contacting WDDC Enforcement Officer again today she had been assured the matter would be addressed to day and the outcome relayed to her.

**b) Re positioning of WDDC Rubbish Bin – Middle Street –** Cllr. Dendle informed the meeting that after negotiations with WDDC and the fact that the bin cannot be placed at the Post Office it was agreed that the bin should be moved to Caley Way with its junction to the footpath leading to Fox Close.

**5. Democratic Twenty Minutes.** Mrs Fiona Taplin addressed the meeting, after giving the apologies of Mr and Mrs Kirby. She informed the meeting that the badger damage been caused to many properties in Hemlet's Close was mainly just a nuisance factor. Mr and Mrs Kirby have applied to Natural England for a lenience to prevent the Badgers doing further structural damage to their property, an officer from Natural England has visited them.

Councillors thanked Mrs Taplin for her information.

**6. Badger sett Pageants Field damage to adjoining properties.** Cllr Chilcott reported that he and Cllr Mason had inspected the area around the sett and they agreed that the badgers are digging several large holes in playing field, the holes are filled in as and when. The Clerk informed the meeting that she had been in correspondence with Natural England and been informed by Dr Susie Moore, Lead Wildlife Adviser that Mr Kirby's application refers to a sett entrance and tunneling within a private dwelling cartilage and was the only part of the sett that Natural England would be assessing for a potential licensable action. After discussion Councillors agreed that at this time there was no need for the Parish Council to take any further action.

Mrs Taplin left the meeting

**7. Co Option of Councillor – Casual Vacancy:** The Clerk informed the meeting that on the 10th of January she had been informed by WDDC Electoral Services Officer that no notice requiring an election to fill the vacancy had been received within the statutory 14 day period. Therefore the Council must fill the vacancy by way of resolution and co option as soon as possible. After discussion Cllr Dendle proposed that the Parish Council advertise for two Councillors as a previous vacancy still hadn't been filled, seconded by Cllr Chilcott agreed by all Councillors present. The Clerk to arrange the advertising of the vacancy.

**8. Future of Bradpole Village Hall –** Cllr Chilcott informed the meeting that he had asked for this item to be placed on the agenda as he was very concerned over the future existence of the hall. He has spoken to both Cllr Spear and Cllr Dendle about his fears. Cllr Dendle had made enquiries with the Charities commission as the hall is a Charitable Trust. There is a way that the Parish Council could become the Holding Trustees but the hall would still be run by the hall committee, she asked that the meeting consider in principle this idea, if so she would make further enquiries. After discussion Cllr Coatsworth proposed that Cllr Dendle with the backing of the Parish Council should make further enquires in to the Council becoming Trustees and then report back at a future meeting, seconded by Cllr Chilcott, agreed by Councillors present.

**9. Proposal for Mobility Access Pathway Gore Field -** Cllr Mason presented to the meeting his proposals for a mobility access pathway across Gore Field. After much discussion Cllr Dendle proposed that Cllr Mason should be allowed to progress the scheme for the mobility access pathway in Gore Field, seconded by Cllr Chilcott, proposed carried, Cllr Giles- Townsend voted against the proposal. Cllr Chilcott thanked Cllr Mason for the work he had done and for agreeing to progress the scheme.

**10 . Switch off of street lights during hours of darkness – Kingsnorth Close –**The Clerk read out a letter she had received from Mr Campbell in regard to his concerns over safety and security during the hours of darkness now that the street lights go off between midnight and five thirty am. After discussion the Councillors felt that

although they were sympathetic to Mr Campbell view, street lighting is actually the responsibility of DCC, also there is no evidence according to the Police that crime has increased in the area since the switching off of lights. In regards to security of property, householders could fit their own security lights should they so wish. Councillors agreed a letter should be sent back to Mr Campbell and Cllr Coatsworth agreed that he would personally visit him.

**11. Sir John Colfox School – Parking on round a bout outside of school entrance:** Cllr Chilcott reported that he together with Cllr Mason and Cllr Coatsworth had attended the meeting with Highways outside on the school at going home time on Monday. The main problem is caused by parents waiting in the road causing an obstruction forcing the school bus to drive over part of the round a bout. Several ideas were discussed, Highways favoured making the round a bout smaller but pointed out there is no money to carry out major works, so this would not be achieved in the near future.

**12. Donations:** The Clerk reported that there had been four requests for support over the past year, CAB Bridport, Axe Valley Ring and Ride, Dorset Victim Support and Bridport Hospital League of Friends. After discussions Cllr Dendle proposed that CAB be granted £75, Axe Valley Ring and Ride £50, Victim Support £50 and League of Friend £75. Seconded by Cllr Chilcott agreed by all Councilors present.

### **13. Correspondence:**

DAPTC – Chief Executives Circular December 2013

DCC Highways – Temporary Traffic Regulation Order A3066 - Mangerton Junction

DCC – Public Path Diversion Order – Part of Bridleway 22 Netherbury – Order not confirmed and application abandoned.

DCC Highways – 2014/15 Highways Provisional Construction Programme

Sustrans – Bradpole – Bridport Cycle/Footpath – Update

DAPTC – Courses, conference and seminars 2014

DCC – Bridport Community Consultation Event 30th January

DCC Highways – Temporary Closure of Pymore Road

All above correspondence circulated to Councillors prior to meeting and also available at meeting should anyone wish to view further.

### **Below received after agenda was published**

WDDC – Officers Report for Executive Committee Meeting 11th February in regard to Bridport, Symondsbury and Allington Neighbourhood Plan area designation. This information had been received on Tuesday 4th of February and then circulated to Councillors. The Councillor making the recommendations has recommended that the best option is to include Bradpole, Bothenhampton and a small area of Burton Bradstock in the designated area.

Councillors very concerned and angry that this recommendation to include Bradpole has never been brought to the Parish Council and WDDC seem to have completely disregarded the work and public consultation that Cllr Dendle and the Clerk had carried out over the past two years and more importantly had not taken into account the views of Bradpole Parish residents. Councillor Coatsworth to report the Parish Councils views at the Meeting on the 11th of February and the Clerk to write a letter of complaint.

### **14. Planning**

#### **Consultation:**

#### **1/D/13/1660 – St James Park Nursing Home, Middle Street, Bradpole**

Replacement of a collapsing dangerous stone boundary wall with a Hamstone filled gabion wall around the northern and western boundaries. The Clerk reported that she had submitted the objections of the Parish Council and had requested that the application be called into the Planning Committee.

**WD/D/14/00013 – New House Farm, Mangerton Lane, Bradpole – Installation of a ground mounted photovoltaic array.** – Circulated, discussed, no objections.

**WD/D/14/000180 – Top Gear, Gore Cross Business Park – Proposed extension.** Cllr Spear concerned that no

design and access statement had been included with the application, Clerk to make enquiries. Councillors would like to see a condition made in regard to retaining and maintaining the current landscaping if the application was to be approved. No decision made at this time.

**Approval:**

**1/D/13/1553 – 2 Fishweir Lane – Extend existing garage and form new entrance porch.**

**15. Finance:**

**a) Payments for Approval:** 1234: J.Morey £90 Playground Inspections; 1235 Footprints £37.48 Office Supplies

1236: Village Hall £636.80 Hall and Office Rents: 1237 Forest Tree Care £300.00 Tree felling The Gore

1238: M.Winters £39.16 Repair to post box Jessopp Avenue Materials only: 1239: HM Revenue £73.40 Tax

1240: S.Goldsmith £294.20 Wages and Admin. Taken as read, agreed and cheques signed.

**b) Bank Balances as of 31st January 2014**

Current Account: £3,241.91 Deposit Account: £8,015.87 WDDC Bond £47,949.27

**c) Precept 2014/15 :** The Clerk reported that the LEA grant had been awarded by WDDC for 2014/15 but would be withdrawn in the future therefore would need to be included in 2015/16 precept.

**16. Parish Maintenance:** Any requirements to be passed to the Clerk.

Cllr Mason reported that a majority of the pot holes that he had reported had been filled in.

**17. Information Items:**

**Cllr Coatsworth:** Spoke about the National Campaign for 20mph speed limits and also the possibility of Parish Councils financially support the No73 Saturday bus which is to be withdrawn in April.

**18 Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 6th March 2014 7.30pm

**Meeting Closed at 9.20 pm**

**Signed N. Chilcott**

**Dated 6th March 2014**