

Bradpole Parish Council

Minutes of Bradpole Annual Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall
Thursday 1st May 2014 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs: Chilcott, Spear, Dendle, Ellis, Giles – Townsend, Mason, Coatsworth, Baker and Hudson. Mrs Sandy Goldsmith, Parish Clerk. No members of the public.

1. Election of Chairman: The Clerk asked for nominations for the position of Chairman. Cllr. N. Chilcott was proposed by Cllr. Mason and seconded by Cllr. Ellis. There were no other nominations, all Councillors present voted in favour. Cllr. N. Chilcott was duly elected as the Chairman of Bradpole Parish Council.

2. Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Registration of Interest: Cllr. Chilcott signed a declaration of acceptance of office, no new registration of interest.

3. Election of Vice Chairman: The Chairman asked for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman. Cllr. S. Spear was proposed by Cllr. Chilcott and seconded by Cllr. Mason. There were no other nominations, all Councillors present voted in favour. Cllr. S. Spear was duly elected as Vice Chairman for Bradpole Parish Council.

4. Appointment of Representative on outside bodies: The following appointments were made:

Bradpole Village Hall: Cllr Spear and Cllr Ellis

DAPTC Area Committee: Cllr. Hudson and Parish Clerk Mrs S Goldsmith

Bridport Wider Area Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Spear and Cllr Dendle

5. Apologies: Cllr Bennett

6. Declarations of Interest: None, Councillors to declare any interest at the time if needed.
The Clerk then requested that item 6a be included, missed off of published agenda – Agreed by Councillors present

6a. Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th April 2014: Taken as read, following amendment made, Item 6 to include “Cllrs Dendle and Spear agreed to fact as facilitators” minutes then agreed and signed as a true record.

7. Democratic Quarter Hour – No members of the public present.

Cllr Ellis left the meeting.

8. Matters Arising from Minutes 6th April 2014:

- a) **BUPA Signs** – The Clerk read out the response she had received from the manager of St James, the enquiry has now been passed onto BUPA Estates Department and the area manager.
- b) **Parking on verges – King William Head** – Still no response from the Police- Cllr Coatsworth to speak with Magna.
- c) **Repair Work to Phone Box – King William Head** – This work has still not been carried out, the Clerk has made further enquiries with BT and apparently they went to the wrong telephone box. Work to be carried out in the next couple of weeks.

At this time the Chairman left the meeting and Cllr Spear took over as Chairman

- d) **Pathway Gore Field** –Cllr Mason reported that the footpath has now been completed but the fencing has been delayed owing to the shortage of posts and fencing.
- e) **Pageants Play Area refurbishment** – The Clerk reported that Hucks are trying to locate a replacement slide for the tower. The current tower is no longer manufactured. She has also as requested made enquiries in regard to replacing the current wire fence with metal panels, this would cost in excess of £5,000. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would investigate

the cost of replacing the fence using similar materials that are in use at this time. Cllr Mason to liaise with the Clerk in regard to the requirements.

- f) **Wider Area Bridport Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Dendle reported that there was no further update at this time, although she has heard from Bob Gillis, Bridport Town Clerk, that he is hoping to hold a meeting towards the end of May

9. Super Fast Broadband – Speaker – Abby Gordon – Farleigh from Superfast Dorset then spoke to Council about Superfast Broadband in regard to the Parish. It is hoped that Bradpole Parish will be connected to Superfast Broadband by the end of June. User should notice a considerable difference in the time it takes to download items. Also hopefully people will be able to work from home more Efficiently. Abby answered questions raised by the Councillors and then left the meeting.

10. Correspondence:

- a) **DCC – Proposed stopping up of highway at Corbin Way, Gore Cross Business Park** – Discussed.

Only a minor change to the plan, the Parish Council did not object the last time and this amendment does not raise any further issues. No objections.

- c) **King Charles Residents Association – Copy letter re proposed electoral arrangements-** Previously Circulated

- d) **DAPTC – Western Area Meeting May 1st** – The Clerk had informed the Chairman that no one would be able to attend owing the date clashing with PC Meeting,

- e) **DAPTC – Dorset Community Foundation Flood Recovery Fund** –Previously Circulated

- f) **Chalk and Cheese Local Action Group Strategy Update** – Previously Circulated

- g) **Sustran – Invitation for Chairman to attend official opening of cycle path** – The Clerk informed Councillors that the Chairman was unable to attend. Sustran were happy for any other Councillor to attend to represent the Parish. Cllr Spear agreed to attend in the place of the Chairman.

Below Correspondence received after agenda published.

Letter from Mr Kinghorn, Jessopp Avenue in regard to concerns over HGV's using Jessopp Avenue as a cut through road. He refers to an incident which occurred on the 5th of April when a HGV pulling two very large trailers came down the road with the intention of delivering its load to Gore Cross industrial estate.

He is requesting that the Council make an order prohibiting outsized HGV's using Jessopp Avenue.

Cllr Mason has spoken to Mr Kinghorne in regard to this matter.

After discussion Councillors agreed that The Clerk should make enquiries with DCC Highways in regard to this matter.

11. Development Higher Street – Road Name – After discussion, Cllr Dendle suggested that Spring Terrace might be a good name, seconded by Cllr Spear. Councillors agreed that The Clerk should make further enquiries into the naming process and that the matter is placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Councillors to also think of other suitable names and maybe the public should be asked for their ideas.

12. Gore Field – Summer Event – The Clerk informed the meeting that Cllr Dendle, Cllr Baker and herself felt that once the path had been completed it would be good to hold some sort of event in the field to ask the community how they would like to see the field been used in the future. Councillors agreed that this seemed a good idea. Ideas to be brought to the next meeting.

13. Parish Insurance Renewal – The Clerk informed the meeting that she had only just received the third quote for the insurance and had not had time to compare the three as of yet. After discussion Cllr Dendle proposed that a subcommittee should be formed to meet and make a decision on which company should be used. Seconded by Cllr Spear unanimously agreed. Cllrs Baker, Hudson, Mason and Dendle to sit on the subcommittee together with the Clerk. Meeting to be held on the 22nd of May 11am in the Parish Office.

The Clerk also pointed out that the Values of Parish Assets were in need of re assessing. Cllr Spear agreed to ask a local stonemason to give a valuation in regard to the War Memorial. The Clerk to make enquiries into the value of the Railway Crossing Gates

14. Planning – No planning matters to be discussed

15. Finance

Payments for Approval: Chq 1253 Mrs Dendle £25.63 Weed Control, 1254 Bridport Town Council £1920.00 Lengthsman, 1255 Mr Burton £245 Grass Cutting, 1256 DAPTC £8.00 Good Councillors Guides, 1257 HM Revenue £73.40, 1258 Mrs S Goldsmith £295.82 Wages and Admin.

Audit Year End 31st March 2014 – The Clerk informed Councillors that she was not in a position to present the accounts as they had been a delay in regard to the interest on the WDDC Bond. WDDC had not credited the right amount into the account in June 2013, therefore the statement provided by them was incorrect. This matter has now been rectified and the accounts are now with the internal auditor.

Bank Balances as of 30th April 2014

Current Account £412.32 Business Account £18,670.39 WDDC Bond £48,180.29

16. Parish Maintenance:

The Gore – Planting of Bushes – Cllr Dendle informed the meeting that a resident that backs onto the Gore has replaced a fence at the back of his property. This area is now quite bare and she suggest some bushes are planted in front of the fence but allowing room behind for the house owner to maintain the fence. Clerk to make enquiries.

Townsend Way – Trees – Japanese Knotweed – Cllr Dendle informed the meeting that the knotweed was getting very out of hand and spreading very quickly across the grass towards the road. She had been up and sprayed it once, but it will need doing on a weekly bases. Also it must not be cut back as this will only causes it to spread, it has to be sprayed. She has also been approached by local householders who are very concerned that if it continues spreading it may affect their homes. The Clerk inform Councillors that the Lengthsman has been asked to spray it on weekly bases.

In regard to the dead tree in Townsend Way, Clerk to contact Carl Stoodley and ask him to replace it with a new one.

17. Information Items:

Cllr Baker: Addressed the meeting in regard to the ways that he believes that the Parish Web Site could be improved. He suggested that a meeting should be held with interested Councillors and “Leaping Hare” to discuss the development of the site. He was willing to take the lead on this matter. Councillors agreed and thanked Cllr Baker for his work in regard to the Web Site.

Cllr Hudson: Asked about the allotments, the Clerk informed him that two of the allotments have still yet to be cleared before they can be re let.

Cllr Mason: The majority of the bad pot holes have been filled in but more are appearing on regular bases.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 5th June 2014 7.30pm

Meeting Closed at 9.25pm

Signed

Dated