

Bradpole Parish Council

Minutes of Bradpole Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall
Thursday 5th March 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs: Dendle, Ellis, Giles – Townsend, Baker, and Hudson. Mrs Sandy Goldsmith, Parish Clerk. One member of the public present. Cllr Coatsworth joined the meeting at 8pm, having previously informed the Clerk that he would be late in arriving.

In the absence of the Chairman and the Vice Chairman, Cllr Ellis proposed that Cllr Dendle chaired the meeting, seconded by Cllr Baker, unanimously agreed.

1. Apologies: Cllrs Chilcott, Spear and Mason. **Authorised Apologies:** Cllr Bennett.

2. Declarations of Interest: None at this time, Councillors to declare declaration of interest at the time should any arise.

3. Minutes of Meeting Held on 5th February 2015: Taken as read, minutes, agreed and signed as a true record.

4. Democratic Ten Minutes: Mr Harvey raised the matter of illegal advertisement signs been placed on the verges at Gore Cross. Councillors informed him that the latest signs have been reported to DCC who have now referred the matter to Highways, the Councillors will be keeping an eye on the situation.

5. Matters Arising from Minutes 5th February 2015:

a) Sheep Wash – Lee Lane – Update – Clerk reported that the Environment Agency have been working down around the Sheep Wash clearing away vegetation to avoid flood risk. Cllr Giles-Townsend asked if the Council had been able to establish who actually owns the Sheep Wash. No further information at this time.

b) Dog Waste Information Signs – Update – The Clerk informed the Council that they may well have to go alone and design their own signs if they want ones other than the ones supplied by DCC. Clerk waiting to purchase new signs from the Dog Warden. Cllrs agreed that enquiries should be made with Mystic Signs in regard to producing signs.

c) Land Certificates – Pageants Field and Railway Crossing Gardens – Update -Cllr Baker informed the meeting that Andrew Butler has carried out an inspection of the land at Railway Crossing Gardens from the gates up to the end of the allotment and has provided a written report in regard to the value of the land. He valued the land at £30,000. According to Land Registry table of fees the voluntary registration fee would be £30. Cllr Baker told Councillors that the Solicitors charge would be £200 per hour and that it was anticipated the work could be carried out in an hour. After discussion Cllr Dendle proposed that Cllr Baker supplies the three bundles of deeds relating to the referred to land at Railway Crossing Gardens be registered with Land Registry and that Nantes be employed to carry out the work at the cost of £200 with a maximum fee of £300. Seconded by Cllr Hudson, unanimously agreed.

d) Parish Risk Assessments – Update – The Clerk informed Councillors that she was still working on the documents but hoped to have them ready for approval at the May Meeting.

e) Bus Shelter – Kings Head – St Andrews Road – Update re repair work – Cllr Coatsworth reported that he had the name of the person in DCC to contact. Cllr Dendle has also contacted the Chief Executive of DCC. The Clerk reported that she was still chasing up a reply from them in regard to her original enquiry in January.

f) Drop Kerbs – Bradpole Village – Update – Cllr Coatsworth informed the meeting that he had met with Mr Fricker and he has referred the request to the appropriate officer within DCC.

g) DCC Road Sweeping – Higher Street – Update – Cllr Coatsworth has yet to follow this issue up and suggested that Cllr Dendle contacted Dorset Direct who work out from West Bay Road Depot. Cllr Dendle reported that the state of the road had worsened as a result of a local farmer cutting the hedges and not clearing up afterwards.

h) Dorset Waste Recycling Meeting Bradpole Village Hall 12/2/15 – Feedback – The Clerk reported that the meeting had been well attended and that the worries held by many who had attended were dealt with. Councillors discussed the possible problems that will have to be addressed once the scheme starts.

i) Bradpole Village Fete 30th May 2015 – Update – The Clerk reported that she had attended the recent meeting of the Fete Committee and plans were going well. The Parish Council are able to have a stand. The Fete Committee has asked if they could put a board up in Gore Green advertising the fete. After discussion Cllr Baker proposed that the Fete Committee are allowed to put a sign up on Gore Green, but for it to be removed within a week after the event. Also the sign should have on it that it was authorised to placed there by the Parish Council so as not to encourage unauthorised signs. Seconded by Cllr Hudson, carried by 4 votes to 1.

Cllr Ellis asked if Community Groups within the village to could put up posters on the Parish Councils display at the fete. Councillors agreed that this would be in order.

j) DAPTC Annual Conference 25/2/15 – Feedback – Councillors reported that the day had been interesting, especially the information gathered in regard to the Local Council Award Scheme which does not really appeared to have been given enough thought about how Councils will achieve the relevant awards. Speakers had included a representative from the Dorset Clinical Review Team and the Police Commissioner.

6. Bridport Wider Area Neighbourhood Plan – Update – Cllr Dendle informed Councillors that although the Steering Group was still at a very early stage they were progressing forwards. She stated that she was concerned that at the moment as they seem to be focusing on Bridport and the Parishes seem to be been forgotten, but hopefully this will change very soon. She thanked Ian Harvey for his constant representation in regard to Bradpole.

7. Parish Council Election 7th May 2015 – The Clerk gave an update in regard to the process of submitting nomination forms. Notice of the forthcoming Election to be displayed from 16th March. Nomination papers have to be submitted by the 9th of April.

8. Annual Parish Meeting 2015 – After discussion Councillors agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting should be held at 7.15pm on Thursday 2nd April followed directly afterwards by the Parish Council Meeting. Cllr Coatsworth gave his apologies for both these meetings.

9. Digital Storage of Parish Council Records – Cllr Dendle explained to Councillors that all relevant Policy and Procedure documents will be held in a “Dropbox” file. The Clerk will invite Councillors to join and they will then have access to the documents.

10. DAPTC Western Area Meeting 26th February – Feedback – Cllr Hudson gave a verbal report in regard to the meeting he had attended the previous evening. The main issue discussed was in regard to the local villages that are still not able to receive Superfast Broadband. It is hoped to get Oliver Letwin involved in campaigning for this issue to be resolved. The meeting also discussed, dementia friendly communities, car parking and the new recycling scheme.

11. Democratic Ten Minutes. No further issues raised

12. Correspondence:

DAPTC – Open meeting prospective town and parish councillors – Wednesday 18th March, 7-8pm, Mountfield. – Details previous circulated, three Bradpole Councillors have volunteered to go along and assist.

DAPTC – Recent legislation Changes email service summons and agenda – Circulated to Cllrs prior to meeting

WDDC – Local Plan Main Modifications Consultation – Circulated to Cllrs prior to meeting

Below Correspondence received after Agenda published

Savills – Public Exhibition – Proposed mixed use development of land Vearse Farm – Bridport Town Hall 9th March 1pm to 7.30pm

13. Planning:

Consultation: WD/D/15/000161 – Huck Nets – Gore Cross Industrial Estate – Circulated to Cllrs prior to meeting. No objections.

14. Finance

a) Payments for approval – Cheques: 1318: £49.91 Footprints, Inks: 1319: £30 Findley and Butler, Valuation: 1320: £200 DAPTC, Training Course: 1321: £532.50 Village Hall Rents: 1323 £85.25 HM Revenue: 1323: £341.04 Mrs S Goldsmith Wages

b) Bank Balances: Current Account £961.28 Business Account £2826.78

c) Appointment Internal Auditor 2014/15 Annual Return – The Clerk requested that Mrs Meech be asked to act as Internal Auditor. After discussion Cllr Baker proposed that Mrs Meech be asked to act as Internal Auditor for the annual return 2014/15, seconded by Cllr Ellis, unanimously agreed.

15. Parish Maintenance

War Memorial and King Charles Stone Conservation Work – The Clerk reported that the work is due to commence at the end of March, beginning of April.

New benches and picnic tables – The table and benches have arrived and the Lengthsman will be installing them as soon as possible.

Japanese Knotweed – The Clerk reported that she had been in contact with Dr Annabel King and has arranged for her to attend and assess the situation on Thursday 30th April.

Allotments – The Clerk is still waiting for the allotments to be rotavated but hopefully this will be done this week. The Parishioners concerned have been asked to contact Cllr Hudson, the agreements and invoices will be sent out at the end of March.

Tree Planting – The five new trees in Gore Green have been planted also the replacement Cherry in Townsend Way. Cllr Ellis to ask local resident to keep an eye on the new trees.

Lengthsman – Any new request to be given to the Clerk, he has been asked to clear the drains opposite the Village Hall, which are further blocked by the recent hedge cutting.

Pageants Play Area – Sovereign Rep to visit play area 20th April in regard to new slide tower.

16. Information Items

Cllr Giles- Townsend – The fence that backs onto the road in Gore Green is in need of repair or replacement. The Clerk reported that this matter had also been reported to her by the Lengthsman, to be an agenda item for April Meeting.

Cllr Coatsworth – Gave an update in regard to a petition being set up in regard to democracy in West Dorset. He also spoke about the suspension of the head of the Waste Transfer Station. He informed the meeting that he will be able to allocate funds of a similar amount to the Parish Council again this year from the Division Fund.

Cllr Ellis – Reported that she had received a complaint from Mrs Keeping that yet again Caley Way had been left out of the Bridport Town Directory. Cllr Hudson has already been to see Mrs Keeping.

Cllr Baker – Asked about the Precept for next year, Cllr Coatsworth stated the precept had been approved. He also reported that he had recently walked the Gore and it was in need of a clean-up, people seem to cutting down vegetation and leaving it in the Gore. Councillors to meet and discuss the Gore.

Agenda Item for April. He also asked if the broken sign on the gate at the play area could be removed.

With no other matters to discuss the meeting was closed at 9.05pm.

Signed S. Spear

Dated 2nd April 2014

