

## Bradwell with Pattiswick Parish Council

### DRAFT Minutes of the Virtual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Present:** Cllr Tony Dunn – Chairman  
Cllr Glenn Lockey – Vice-Chairman  
Cllr John Bedford  
Cllr Craig Evans  
Cllr Lesley Kinder

**In attendance:** Mrs Christine Marshall (Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer)  
Mr Ross Playle, ECC Conservative candidate for Witham Northern division

#### 21/012 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman welcomed Councillors and Ross Playle to the meeting.

#### RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH MEETING

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to adopt the policy Virtual Meeting Policy dated 14<sup>th</sup> November 2020 for the duration of this meeting. **Proposed: Cllr Dunn, seconded: Cllr Bedford, all in favour.**

The apologies of County Cllr James Abbott were recorded. The Clerk confirmed no other apologies had been received.

#### 21/013 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the council are subject to the Local Authorities Code of Conduct Order 2007 (SI 2007/1159) (The Revised Code) with the additional, non-mandatory, section 12(2), adopted in May 2015. There were no pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests to be recorded.

#### 21/014 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH REGARD TO ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

The Clerk confirmed that no communications had been received from the public or press.

#### 21/015 REPORTS OF COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

County Cllr James Abbott had provided a written report prior to the meeting and the following points were noted:

- i. ECC (and BDC) continue to provide timely information on Covid related topics, including the vaccine roll-out. The racecourse at Great Leighs has been opened as a major centre. Discussions continue about having further local centres in the Braintree District.
- ii. Promoters of the Rivenhall Airfield waste site have advised they intend to start on site within months. Their updated website can be found at <http://www.rivenhall-iwmf.co.uk/>.  
Cllr Abbott, who Chairs the Liaison Committee with ECC Cllr Robert Mitchell, has called for a meeting of the site Liaison Group to discuss other matters.
- iii. ECC Full Council meets on 23rd February to set the 2021-22 budget. Cllr Abbott will be raising concerns about local surface water flooding and what more can be done to improve systems, keep drains better maintained and clear, etc.

- iv. The Braintree Local Highways Panel met on 28th January. No new schemes discussed until budget for the new financial year has been agreed.

There were no questions raised.

The Clerk confirmed no reports had been received from District Cllrs.

**21/016 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the virtual meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 as a correct record. **Proposed: Cllr Lockey, Seconded: Cllr Kinder, all in favour. Minutes to be signed by the Chairman outside of this meeting in accordance with Covid-19 restrictions.** **Action: Clerk**

**21/017 PLAYING FIELD REPORT**

Cllr Kinder reported that all equipment was in order at the playing field and no actions were required. However, Cllr Kinder raised concerns that users of the allotments were driving onto the playing field to turn round, which is causing considerable damage to the surface. **It was agreed** to accept Cllr Bedford's kind offer to erect an additional bollard to prevent this. **Proposed: Cllr Bedford, Seconded: Cllr Kinder, all in favour.** **Action: Cllr Bedford**

Cllrs raised concerns that the orchard pruning had not been carried out to their satisfaction and Cllr Lockey proposed this part of the contract should be removed. However, it was agreed that a meeting would be held with the contractor to detail the Parish Council's requirements when grass cutting begins soon. **Action: Clerk**

**21/018 FOOTPATH OFFICER'S REPORT**

The Clerk confirmed that any issues arising had been dealt with and there was nothing further to report at this meeting.

**Footpaths general discussion**

Cllr Evans highlighted a recent incident that had been reported and commented upon on Facebook which showed there was considerable concern within the village about the attitude of some local farmers where public footpaths and bridleways cross their land. After considerable discussion, **it was agreed** that the Clerk will post on Facebook a link to ECC's definitive footpath/bridleway map and include in the next Parish Magazine an article about the law and public footpaths. **Action: Clerk**

**21/019 PLANNING MATTERS**

**New Applications:** none advised  
**Applications determined:** none advised  
**Appeals received/determined:** none advised

**21/020 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a. The financial statements to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021 were presented. There were no queries, and the statements were approved. **Proposed: Cllr Dunn, seconded: Cllr Kinder, all in favour.**
- b. Payments for January were approved. **Proposed: Cllr Dunn, seconded: Cllr Kinder, all in favour.**
- c. It was confirmed that cheques will be signed outside of this meeting in accordance with Covid-19 restrictions. **ACTION: Clerk/RFO**

**21/021 CLOSE OF MEETING**

There being no further business to be discussed, the Chairman confirmed the next Parish Council meeting for Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom. *Items for*

*inclusion on the Agenda to be sent to the Parish Clerk to be received no later than 12 noon on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021.*

**ACTION: All**

**The meeting closed at 7.55pm**

<b>PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2021 (2nd Monday monthly)</b>			
MARCH	8	7.30pm	
APRIL	12	7.30pm	
MAY	10	6.00pm	Parish Assembly
		7.00pm	PC Annual General Meeting
		7.30pm	PC Meeting
JUNE	14	7.30pm	
JULY	12	7.30pm	
AUGUST			No meeting
SEPTEMBER	13	7.30pm	
OCTOBER	11	7.30pm	
NOVEMBER	8	7.30pm	
DECEMBER	13	7.30pm	