

## Bradwell with Pattiswick Parish Council

### Minutes of the Virtual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**Present:** Cllr Tony Dunn – Chairman  
Cllr Glenn Lockey – Vice-Chairman  
Cllr John Bedford  
Cllr Craig Evans  
Cllr Michael Turner  
Cllr Marie Webb

**In attendance:** Mrs Christine Marshall (Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer)  
County Cllr James Abbott

#### **21/033 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Chairman welcomed Councillors to the meeting.

Before addressing the business on the Agenda, the Chairman, on behalf of the Parish Council, paid tribute of HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh following his death on 9th April. The Duke had devoted his life to public service and been a steady and constant support to Her Majesty, the Queen - a support that had helped to keep the United Kingdom a safe and dominant force throughout the world. He will be missed by all and the Chairman asked those present to join him in a minute's silence. The meeting agreed this sentiment and there followed a minute's silence before continuing with 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 Webb, all in favour.**

The apologies of Cllr Lesley Kinder and District Cllr Nick Unsworth and Tom Walsh were received and Councillors agreed these should be recorded.

#### **21/034 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.

#### **21/035 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH REGARD TO ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Two items had been received during March:

Report by a resident of a mobile car washing facility at the petrol station on the A120. There is concern regarding waste water removal. **Action: Clerk to discuss with BDC**

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

#### **21/036 REPORTS OF COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

District Cllr Tom Walsh had provided a written report prior to the meeting and the following points were noted:

1. Environment Agency et al Flood and Quarry Scheme; application due to go to Essex County. Public meetings promised last year by Chair of EA yet to be confirmed. Members of ECC Minerals Committee has been asked to visit site before any decision is made.
  2. Braintree Local Plan: part 2 covering non Garden Community aspects is due to be examined in public from this July.
  3. The Coggeshall Neighbourhood Plan will go to local referendum on 6 May.
- There were no queries to be raised.

District Cllr Nick Unsworth had provided a written report prior to the meeting and the following points were noted (in addition to some of those above):

1. The local group CRAQ (Coggeshall Residents Against the Quarry) have appointed a barrister and a hydrologist in anticipation of the proposal for Blackwater Aggregates to extend the quarry under the guise of a flood mitigation scheme. Confirmation letters have been sent to ECC minerals will setting out expectations and the legal framework.
2. Gent Fairhead/INDAVER informed the liaison meeting that they will be building the Incinerator only and not the integrated waste facility, thereby contradicting the planning.  
Both the EA and ECC planning expressed surprise at this fundamental shift from the planning permission. A revised planning application should be submitted.
3. The BDC AGM is on the 16th of April, and BDC will elect a new chairperson.
4. The planning powers change from the 16th such that there is a new scheme of delegation. This means that applicants with less than 10 houses do not automatically come to the committee unless the BDC councillor/Parish objects and the Chair agrees that there are grounds and good reason for the committee to consider the application.

There were no queries to be raised.

County Cllr James Abbott reported as follows (in addition to some of the points above):

1. The Minerals Local Plan 2014 (Draft Proposed Amendments) consultation closes at 5pm on Thursday 29 April 2021. Reserved sites A6 and A7 will become part of the plan. However, this falls within the period of Purdah so consultation will end sooner.
2. Local Highways Panel budgets have been re-instated which will enable local parish schemes to be more favourably considered.
3. An inspection of the A120 by Cllr Abbott showed the poor condition of the road and this has been reported to Highways England for attention.
4. Footpath finger posts at the junctions of Sheepcotes Lane and Church Road, and the T-junction at Sheepcotes Lane have been reported to Essex Highways again, but it is unlikely these will be actioned. Cllr Evans queried whether this was something the Parish Council could undertake, but Cllr Abbott explained the investigative work that would need to be completed first. It was agreed the Clerk should follow up with Essex Highways, but in the meantime Cllr Abbott will provide further information. **Action: Clerk**

#### 21/037 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the virtual meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 as a correct record. **Proposed: Cllr Turner, Seconded: Cllr Lockey, all in favour. Minutes to be signed by the Chairman outside of this meeting in accordance with Covid-19 restrictions.** **Action: Clerk**

#### 21/038 PLAYING FIELD REPORT

Cllr Kinder advised prior to the meeting that there were no issues at the playing field.

## 21/040 PLANNING MATTERS

### New Applications:

- i. 21/00778/ECCDAC | Consultation on Essex County Council Discharge of Condition Application -Details pursuant to Condition 23 (Noise monitoring results January 2021) of ESS/03/18/BTE. ESS/03/18/BTE was for "Extraction of 2 million tonnes of sand and gravel (from Site A5 as identified in the Essex Minerals Local Plan 2014) including the retention of the existing access onto the A120, the processing plant (including sand and gravel washing plant), office and weighbridge, ready mix concrete plant, bagging unit, DSM plant, water and silt management systems and extension of the internal haul road into Site A5 with restoration to agriculture and biodiversity (species rich grassland and wetland)". | Bradwell Quarry Church Road Bradwell Essex CM77 8EP – The Chairman confirmed noise levels were within targets. Cllrs had no comments to make.
- ii. 21/00534/LBC | Proposed excavation of contaminated soils and exposure of ground masonry of the property, for means of assessing the impact of a recent oil spill within the cellar. Following assessment, potential removal and replacement of cellar floor, and section of external kitchen. | Park House Church Road Bradwell Essex CM77 8EP. This was discussed by Cllrs who agreed that the removal of contaminated soil was a priority, consequently the Parish Council supported this application. **Action: Clerk**

**Applications determined:** none advised

**Appeals received/determined:** none advised

### Applications to note for neighbouring parishes:

- iii. 21/00749/FUL | Development of 80 no. age-restricted (to over-55s) bungalows; with provision of c. 4 ha of public informal open space incorporating, allotments, dog exercising area and potential land for community facility. | Land West Of Mill Lane Crossing Essex – Cllrs agreed to submit an objection to this application due to the continued development taking place in neighbouring parishes. **Action: Chairman to draft response**
- iv. 21/00850/OUT | Outline planning permission with all matters reserved apart from access, for up to 94 dwellings and new landscaping, open space, access, land for allotments and associated infrastructure. | Land West Of Boars Tye Road Silver End Essex - Cllrs agreed to submit an objection to this application due to the continued development taking place in neighbouring parishes. **Action: Chairman to draft response**

## 21/042 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a. The financial statements to 31st March 2021 were presented. Cllr Evans queried the payment to the Information Commissioner and Cllr Lockey queried payments to HMRC for National Insurance contributions. The RFO explained and there were no other queries. The statements were approved. **Proposed: Cllr Evans, seconded: Cllr Webb, all in favour.**
- b. Payments for March were approved. **Proposed: Cllr Lockey, seconded: Cllr Webb, 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**
- d. Appointment of Internal Auditor – it was agreed to appoint Lisa West of Rayne. **Action: Clerk/RFO**

## 21/042 CCTV

It was agreed to postpone this discussion to the end of the meeting.

## 21/043 GRANTS AND DONATIONS

**It was agreed** to make a donation of £100 to St. Helena Hospice in the memory of the Rev Robert, late Vicar of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Stisted and Bradwell, and

Mrs Elizabeth Burden. Both had been supportive of events in and the residents of the parish. **Proposed: Cllr Lockey, seconded Cllr Webb** **Action: Clerk/RFO**

**21/044 INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

- i. The Clerk updated the meeting that the temporary legislation permitting virtual meetings ceased at midnight on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021. The National Association of Local Councils, as well as many county, district and parish councils are calling for this temporary legislation to be extended as many did not want to revert to face to face meetings until the summer at least.
- ii. **It was agreed** to bring forward the date of the next meeting to Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 to be held virtually via Zoom as the Parish Council will not be able to meet face to face until after the Village Hall re-opens. **Proposed: Cllr Evans, seconded Cllr Webb, all in favour** **Action: Clerk**
- iii. It was noted that few residents attended or supported the Annual Parish Assembly that the Parish Council had previously arranged on their behalf. Consequently, and in line with on-going Covid situation, **it was agreed** that there should be no APA in 2021. **Proposed: Cllr Evans, seconded: Cllr Webb, all in favour** **Action: Clerk**

The Chairman no re-opened the discussion on CCTV. Cllrs Evans and Turner were both in favour of improving safety for residents, although it was acknowledged that CCTV would create administrative difficulties. The suggestion of automatic number-plate recognition was also discussed briefly. It was pointed out that this could be used only on private land, e.g. car parks where a council owned the land. How to make the parish safer will be discussed at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

**Items for next Agenda:**

- Tree report ref Holy Trinity Churchyard.
- Village safety (the Clerk to add an article to the next Parish Magazine inviting suggestions from residents) **Action: Clerk**
- Update on the rules surrounding meetings as they are affected by the easing of Covid restrictions. **Action; Clerk**

**21/045 CLOSE OF MEETING**

There being no further business to be discussed, the Chairman confirmed the Annual Parish Council meeting for Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.00pm to be followed immediately by the Parish Council meeting. Both meetings to be via Zoom. *Items for inclusion on the Agenda to be sent to the Parish Clerk to be received no later than 12 noon on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021.* **ACTION: All**

**The meeting closed at 8.15pm**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2021 (2nd Monday monthly)					
MAY		7.00pm	PC Annual General Meeting	SEPTEMBER	13 7.30pm
		7.30pm	PC Meeting	OCTOBER	11 7.30pm
JUNE	14	7.30pm		NOVEMBER	8 7.30pm
JULY	12	7.30pm		DECEMBER	13 7.30pm