

Bradwell with Pattiswick Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 8th November 2021 at
Bradwell Village Hall, Church Road, Bradwell

Present: Cllr Tony Dunn – Chairman
Cllr John Bedford
Cllr Michael Turner
Cllr Marie Webb

Apologies: Cllr Lesley Kinder
Cllr Craig Evans
Cllr Glenn Lockey

In attendance: Mrs Christine Marshall (Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer)
County Councillor Ross Playle
District Councillor Tom Walsh
District Councillor Nick Unsworth
No members of the public were in attendance

21/137 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed Councillors. He advised a change to Agenda item 21/146 when discussion will take place regarding a letter received from Low Carbon Ltd. **All in agreement.**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Evans, Kinder and Lockey. The apologies were accepted. **Proposed: Cllr Turner, seconded: Cllr Dunn.**

21/138 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.

21/139 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH REGARD TO ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no members of the public present and the Clerk confirmed no items had been raised prior to the meeting.

21/140 REPORTS OF COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

District Cllr Nick Unsworth reported:

- i. Flood alleviation scheme – a group has been formed to seek alternative, natural flood management and Coggeshall Parish Council are working with Rosie Pearson and the Better Planning Campaign group. The Chairman confirmed that Rosie Pearson has been invited to the January meeting to inform Bradwell about the scheme. Blackwater Aggregates have begun work at site A7 by removing the top layer, but will temporarily stop this work if the flood alleviation scheme proceeds, re-starting later.
- ii. Coggeshall PC have established a Climate Crisis Committee
- iii. Bradwell Quarry Site Liaison Meeting held 4th November
- iv. Rivenhall Incinerator – there have been several objections to the Condition 66 application. PAIN are preparing a list of questions to be passed to Priti Patel MP to

follow up. If Option 1 is progressed (building the incinerator prior to any other development on the site) there is concern that the other waste management options will not be undertaken. Indaver have stated they will install carbon filters, but if this is the intent, a higher stack will be required.

- v. Cllr Unsworth has stepped down from the BDC Planning Committee.

District Cllr Tom Walsh reported:

- i. Braintree District Local plan – some modifications have been requested by the Inspector, but BDC remain optimistic that the Plan will be adopted this [financial] year. BDC has sufficient housing stock for the next five years, which should reduce the applications for speculative developments.
- ii. Planning – still awaiting details of the revised process, but one aspect is already being followed, i.e. any development of less than ten dwellings will be decided by Officer decision and will not go to Planning Committee.
- iii. Staffing issues continue in the Planning and Enforcement services. BDC has established a cross-party Enforcement Group to implement improvements.

County Cllr Ross Playle reported:

- i. Cllr Playle facilitated a meeting of representatives of ward Parish Councils with the Cabinet Member for Highways Maintenance and Sustainable Transport, Cllr Lee Scott. Three particular items were discussed for Bradwell; proposed solar farm traffic, speeds through the village and issues in Cut Hedge Lane. Cllr Lee has requested copies of the statements made by the Parish Council in respect of the solar farm. **Action: Clerk**
- ii. Attendees have requested a meeting with ECC Cllr Lesley Wagland, the Cabinet Member for Economic Renewal, Infrastructure and Planning.
- iii. A meeting of the Development and Regulation Committee will be considering the Condition 66 application in respect of minerals and waste. This will be held in Silver End to enable local councils to attend more easily.
- iv. **Bus Back Better!** ECC's Bus Service Improvement Plan has been approved.

21/141 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

IT WAS RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th October 2021 as a correct record. **Proposed: Cllr Bedford, Seconded: Cllr Webb, all in favour. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman of the Meeting.**

21/142 S.106

The Chairman reported on the meeting he and the Clerk attended with the BDC's S.106 officer and a Senior Planner. The contribution being held by BDC must be allocated soon, however the Chairman reminded the meeting that under the legislation governing S.106, it is permissible to re-negotiate the terms and availability period. BDC will look into this.

21/143 PLAYING FIELD

- i. The Chairman advised that Cllr Kinder had confirmed there were no issues.
- ii. Purchase of equipment using S.106 contributions. The Clerk presented the quotation from Sovereign Play for equipment to suit all ages. **It was agreed to remove** the play hut and cabin from the quotation which will reduce the cost below the total contribution. The Clerk will now discuss further with BDC to progress the application. **Proposed: Cllr Bedford, seconded: Cllr Webb. Action: Clerk**

21/144 FOOTPATHS

The Footpaths Officer advised of overgrown vegetation on PROW17 that has been reported to Essex Highways for attention.

21/145 DUST CART AND LITTER PICK

The Clerk advised that she would not be able to facilitate the dust cart and litter pick on Saturday 13th November. Cllr Turner has agreed to manage the litter pick and the Clerk provided the Risk Assessment and participation schedule to be completed on the day. Other Cllrs will attend as available.

21/146 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. **A motion was agreed to discuss a letter from Low Carbon** received on 4th November 2021 regarding application 21/01878/FUL - Construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic farm, with battery storage and other associated infrastructure, including inverters, security cameras, fencing, access tracks and landscaping on land east of Periwinkle Hall Links Road Perry Green Bradwell Essex. For the benefit of those who had not seen the letters submitted by the Parish Council to BDC in response to the application or the letter received from Low Carbon that had been circulated to Cllrs previously, the Chairman summarised the contents and particularly the community benefits being offered. **It was agreed** to delay a formal response until the outcome of the planning application was known, at which time the Parish Council will formally consider the three options put forward and advise Low Carbon accordingly.
It was also agreed that the Parish Council does not require a further meeting with Low Carbon to discuss the application as they have still not addressed the concerns about road working and traffic previously raised. A response will be sent to Low Carbon highlighting these points, copied to BDC. **Action: Chairman/Clerk**
Cllr Walsh reported on his meetings with some residents of Perry Green affected by this proposal and also his discussion with the relevant Planning Officer Amy Lester. BDC do not consider the application will be ready to go before the Planning Committee until early 2022 (although Low Carbon are aiming for December). BDC are engaging consultants to prepare a report on the landscape and heritage aspects of the application, as well as sustainable need for energy under the BDC Climate Change Strategy.
Cllr Walsh advised of a potential application for a further solar farm between Chelmsford and Braintree. BDC are producing a supplementary planning document for areas where solar farms are proposed and Cllr Walsh will be attending the relevant Planning Committee meeting when this is discussed.
2. **Applications determined:** None advised
3. **Appeals received/determined:** None advised
4. **Applications to note (suffix HH):** None advised
5. **Applications to note for neighbouring parishes:** None advised

21/147 TREES AND BULBS

The Clerk confirmed the Parish Council has been successful in its application for bulbs and trees to be allocated by BDC. The Clerk will arrange for collection and contact local farmer, Tom Speakman, to seek his assistance in planting the bulbs on the common land to the front of Holy Trinity Church. **Action: Clerk**

21/148 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a. The financial statements to 31st October 2021 were presented and there were no queries. The statements were approved. **Proposed: Cllr Dunn, seconded: Cllr Webb, all in favour.**
- b. Payments for October were approved. **Proposed: Cllr Dunn, seconded: Cllr Webb, all in favour.** **Action: Clerk/RFO**

21/149 DEFIBRILLATOR

Cllrs discussed the Zoom Defibrillator Awareness session taking into consideration comments and feedback received. **It was agreed** that the face to face training should be held on Monday 29th November at 7.00pm in Bradwell village Hall. The Clerk will make the necessary arrangements and advertise for attendees. Cllrs Bedford and Turner confirmed they will attend, Cllr Webb will not attend and the Clerk will check with those Cllrs not present. **Action: Clerk**

The Volunteer Emergency Telephone System was discussed again and the Clerk advised that two residents had expressed an interest in being part of that system. Cllrs Bedford, Turner and Kinder (after the meeting) confirmed their inclusion on the list. Before finalising the list, attendees at the face to face training will be asked if they wish to be included. **Action: Clerk**

21/150 THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE - 2nd June 2022

Commemorative gift – **it was agreed** that instead of a commemorative gift the parish Council will purchase a beacon to form the centre focus of a parish event on the playing field. It is understood that the Village Hall Management Committee are planning an event (a fete or similar was mentioned) and the two will be held simultaneously. The Clerk will seek a technical specification for a beacon to be made, rather than purchase from a commercial organisation. **Action: Clerk**

A detailed discussion needs to be held with the VHMC in January to begin planning for the event. **Action: Clerk/Cllr Kinder**

21/151 INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- i. Information exchange:
 - a. Cllr Bedford advised the manhole cover on A120 has been repaired.
- ii. Items for next Agenda:
 - a. Budget 2022/23 - the Clerk asked all Cllrs to forward items for consideration at least a week prior to the December meeting
 - b. Defibrillator awareness and training feedback
 - c. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

21/152 CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business to be discussed, the Chairman closed the meeting and confirmed the next meeting will be held on Monday 13th December 2021 at 7.30pm in Bradwell Village Hall. *Items for inclusion on the Agenda to be sent to the Parish Clerk to be received no later than 12 noon on Friday 3rd December 2021.* **ACTION: All**

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2022 (2nd Monday monthly)			
JANUARY	10	7.30pm	
FEBRUARY	14	7.30pm	
MARCH	14	7.30pm	
APRIL	11	7.30pm	
MAY	9	7.00pm	Annual Parish Assembly
		7.30pm	Annual meeting of the Parish Council
		8.00pm	Parish Council meeting
JUNE	13	7.30pm	
JULY	11	7.30pm	
AUGUST		No meeting in August	
SEPTEMBER	12	7.30pm	
OCTOBER	10	7.30pm	
NOVEMBER	14	7.30pm	
DECEMBER	12	7.30pm	

