

## Bradwell with Pattiswick Parish Council

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

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

**In attendance:** Mrs Christine Marshall (Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer)  
County Councillor Ross Playle  
Mrs Lynn Flatt – Footpaths Officer  
No members of the public were in attendance

### 21/153 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed Councillors.

### 21/154 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.

### 21/155 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.

### 21/156 REPORTS OF COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

**District Cllr Tom Walsh** provided a report prior to the meeting:

- i. BDC Local Plan: BDC are consulting on the Inspector's modifications to the S2 Local Plan given that both Garden 'Communities' in Braintree have been deleted. Consultation is open until 22nd January 2022.
- ii. Links Solar Farm: has been recommended by officers for approval. Cllr Walsh and some residents of Perry Green will speak against this size and type of such a scheme in this valuable farming area with its negative ecological, traffic and landscape impacts.
- iii. Cllr Walsh has been contacted by a Bradwell resident concerned that uncovered transport of straw etc is being blown into the highway and can block drains and has raised the matter with a local landowner.
- iv. A Community Update has recently been delivered to all local residents (although some Councillors had not received this).

**County Cllr Ross Playle** reported:

- i. Rivenhall incinerator – ECC yet to convene Development & Regulation Committee to hear Condition 66 which proposes to remove some elements from the original application, such as the paper and pulping unit. Delay is apparently due to legal advice awaited prior to a report being prepared for the Committee.

- ii. Next Rivenhall Liaison meeting is 15<sup>th</sup> December.
- iii. Essex Highways have issued new guidance for VAS and SID signs which provides for local Parish Councils to position them without reference to EH, providing they are safely positioned.
- iv. A120 – some landowners have been contacted by National Highways for them to access land to carry out further surveys for potential new routes. There is confusion as to why this is being done, but the final route decision will be made by NH, despite ECC preference for route D.
- v. Budget consultation process is underway for ECC, BDC and Essex Fire and Police precepts.
- vi. Further consultation taking place on Libraries, although ECC have stated none will be closed.
- vii. A small amount of funds is still available under the Councillors' Locality Scheme and the Parish Council will be submitting a request to enable broken seats on playing field to be replaced (**prosed: Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr Lockey**) **Action: Clerk**

#### **21/157 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 as a correct record. **Proposed: Cllr Webb, Seconded: Cllr Dunn. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman of the Meeting.**

#### **21/158 PLAYING FIELD**

Cllr Kinder advised there were no issues other than the increase in dog fouling.

#### **21/159 FOOTPATHS**

The Footpaths Officer advised the damaged boardwalk on PROW 51 is scheduled for repair by Essex Highways.

#### **21/160 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

1. **New applications:** None advised
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

#### **21/161 TREES AND BULBS**

The Chairman explained the proposed planting plan and advised that Tom Speakman has been in touch to prepare the planting trenches. Cllrs will be advised when this is done.

#### **21/162 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a. The financial statements to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 were presented and there were no queries. The statements were approved. **Proposed: Cllr Lockey, seconded: Cllr Kinder, all in favour.**
- b. Payments for November were approved. **Proposed: Cllr Evans, seconded: Cllr Dunn, all in favour.** **Action: Clerk/RFO**

#### **21/163 BUDGET 2022/23**

The RFO presented the first pass budget and the following items were discussed:

- i. Cllr Lockey queried whether unused 2021/22 budget for training was included in 2022/23 – it is not, the budget line is renewed each year.
- ii. Queen's Jubilee – Cllrs agreed an amount of £300 should be included. This will cover some expenses for the events being organised by the Village Hall Committee,

together with the hire cost of the beacon to be provided by Cllr Turner. **Proposed: Cllr Lockey, seconded: Cllr Kinder. Action: Clerk**

- iii. Cllr Lockey queried whether it would be necessary to increase the precept and the RFO advised that although the tax base and Band D figures were not yet available from BDC, it was anticipated that it would not be necessary to increase the Parish Council precept. It should be noted that the overall total of Council Tax will be rising due to the increases anticipated for County and District Councils and Fire & Police precepts. The RFO will make the adjustments to the budget and re-issue once the figures are available from BDC. The budget will be proposed at the January meeting. **Action: Clerk/RFO**

**21/164 THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE - 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022**

- i. A detailed discussion will be held by the VHMC in January to begin planning for the event. **Action: Cllr Kinder**
- ii. Cllr Turner provided an update on the design of the beacon and confirmed that it would be available to hire for the event.

**21/165 INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

- i. Information exchange:
  - a. Cllr Lockey advised of the letter he had received from National Highways concerning their proposed survey (see item 21/156 above). Cllr Turner has also received this letter. Cllr Lockey advised that he was awaiting a call from NH to confirm the purpose of the survey.
- ii. Items for next Agenda:
  - a. Budget 2022/23 and precept request
  - b. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee
  - c. Report of Employment Committee

**21/166 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 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.* **ACTION: All**

**The meeting closed at 8.20pm**

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	