

## Bradwell with Pattiswick Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at Bradwell Village Hall, Church Road, Bradwell

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

**In attendance:**

Mrs Christine Marshall – Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer  
County Cllr Ross Playle  
District Cllr Tom Walsh  
Mr Ross Corbyn – National Highways, Senior Road Safety Engineer  
Mr Nigel Allsopp – National Highways, Route Manager (Essex) - Operations (East)  
Two members of the public

**22/020 WELCOME** – The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting.

**22/021 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies had been received from Cllrs Evans, Turner and Webb, and were accepted.

**22/022 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

**22/023 NATIONAL HIGHWAYS**

Mr Corbyn referred to the draft plans previously provided and confirmed that the gateway features the Parish Council wished to install on the A120 would be incorporated as part of the overall National Highways safety scheme between Braintree and Marks Tey. The detailed design should be available in early April and will be provided to the Parish Council. However, safety data checks (speed and 3-year injury collision history, subject to criteria) will need to be undertaken and an application for funding will be sought.

Mr Corbyn also advised that if the Parish Council was successful in their request for the speed limit through the village to be reduced to 30mph, due to the A120 being a trunk road, 30mph signs would not be installed as the limit would be relative to streetlights. It should be noted that history of where this has been imposed shows that often speeds increase through the ex-40mph section as drivers think it remains within the 60mph limit. It was suggested that contact with Essex Police should be made to request a speeding campaign through Bradwell.

**Action: Clerk**

Examples of designs that meet National Highways will be forwarded to the Clerk for Cllrs to state their preference.

Mr Allsopp clarified the position with the re-surveying being undertaken. ECC preferred route D remains (and it is unlikely to change), but it is necessary for National Highways to double-check the data used in that decision as provided to National Highways. The potential scheme will be submitted for inclusion in the funding allocations for 2025/30.

The bid documentation will be prepared shortly. Mr Allsopp will maintain contact with the Project Manager for any updates.

Councillors queried why areas of land not previously surveyed by ECC, were being surveyed and it was confirmed that these were wildlife surveys for land that may adjoin or be close to the new route to identify any re-locations that may be required. Cllr Walsh stated that this was causing concern amongst residents and Cllr Lockey stated that some engineers had been entering onto property where no permission had been given. Mr Allsopp acknowledged that the communication lacked some clarity for which he apologised on behalf of National Highways, and he will look into the position of unauthorised access.

Mr Allsopp then referred to the A12 stating that some parts of the existing A12 route would be handed over to Essex Highways, as would parts of the existing A120, which will become B roads, once the new route was built.

It is understood that the non-working lights on the A120 through Bradwell are obsolete fittings and may need to be replaced. This is ongoing.

Mr Allsopp confirmed that A120 drainage works in Bradwell will commence 28<sup>th</sup> February. Details of any road restrictions will be available soon.

Prior to leaving, the Chairman thanked Mr Corbyn and Allsopp for attending.

**22/024 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – The following was discussed:

**PROW 30** – reports of the broken and overgrown wooden bridge have been ongoing for some time. Cllr Playle was requested to look into this dangerous situation. He was advised that someone had slipped and been injured previously requiring the attendance of the Air Ambulance.

**Action: Cllr Playle**

**22/025 REPORTS OF COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Playle reported:

- i. Rivenhall Incinerator – Condition 66 will be heard by the Development and Regulation Committee at Essex County Council on 25<sup>th</sup> February to remove some aspects of the original planning consent.
- ii. Re-cycling centre at Braintree now operates an on-line booking system for vans and commercial vehicles to off-load waste. This is to prevent mis-use and frequent repeat visits to avoid commercial waste charges. ANPR is already operational at the site and Cllr Playle will enquire whether this is ever reviewed to identify repeat users.
- iii. Bus services in Essex have returned to normal operation.
- iv. ECC precept will be increasing by 4.9% to cover the cost of increasing social care.
- v. A £2m fund will be available for the repair of potholes with a similar scheme of Councillor priority locations for repair.

Cllr Walsh reported:

- i. BDC precept increasing by 2.69% will be confirmed shortly.
- ii. Local Plan – delay has resulted in more speculative development. Once final report from Inspector is received there will be a six-week challenge period, after which it will be adopted by BDC.
- iii. Councillor Community grant scheme will continue into 2022/23, albeit reduced.
- iv. Links Solar Farm – Cllr Walsh has been in contact with previous MP, Brooks Newmark, who was instrumental in obtaining a refusal for a solar farm in the north of his constituency. If there has been a significant breach of planning process the decision can be taken for judicial review by residents, but this would

be very expensive. Cllr Walsh has suggested that Priti Patel, MP, may be willing to become involved. Cllr Playle has queried the lack of consultation with Essex Highways as there will be considerable disruption when the approach roads are dug up at the same time as HGV deliveries of materials to the site.

Cllr Playle left the meeting.

#### **22/026 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 as a correct record. **Proposed: Cllr Lockey, Seconded: Cllr Bedford. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman of the Meeting.**

#### **22/027 PLAYING FIELD**

Cllr Kinder confirmed there were no issues to be reported.

#### **22/028 FOOTPATHS**

See 22/023 above.

#### **22/029 PLANNING MATTERS**

##### **New applications:**

ESS/01/22/BTE: Temporary use of Woodhouse Lane by Kelvedon, CO5 9DF non HGV vehicles to provide access for visitors and staff to the Rivenhall Integrated Waste Management Facility Information Hub and construction of temporary traffic management measures. Cllrs had no comments to make.

Cllr Bedford requested that the new application regarding Anvil House be discussed now rather than wait for the March meeting. **It was resolved** to add this to the Agenda.

##### **Proposed: Cllr Bedford, seconded: Cllr Dunn**

22/00319/HH Retrospective enclosure of existing car port Anvil House The Street Bradwell Essex. Cllr Bedford referred to the conditions contained within the planning decision which clearly state that car ports of the two properties on the site of the Old Forge must not be enclosed. Whilst the work is well-done, it is against BDC approval, and this should be commented upon. All Cllrs were in agreement. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr Walsh left the meeting

#### **22/030 EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE**

The Chairman reported on the meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and asked Cllrs to accept the proposals made for the Clerk's remuneration. **Proposed: Cllr Bedford, seconded: Cllr Kinder**

#### **22/031 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a. The financial statements to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022 were presented and there were no queries. The statements were approved. **Proposed: Cllr Lockey, seconded: Cllr Dunn, all in favour.**
- b. Payments for January 2022 were approved. **Proposed: Cllr Lockey, Seconded: Cllr Dunn, all in favour.**

#### **22/032 THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE**

Cllr Kinder provided a report following an open meeting held in the Village Hall to encourage participation of residents to assist in planning commemorative events. Unfortunately very few people attended, but some suggestions were forthcoming. An article will appear in the next Parish Magazine in this regard.

The Clerk explained the process for financial support that may be available from the Parish Council (budget 2022/23 contains a total element of £300) and what may/may not be considered. Cllr Kinder will advise the VHMC accordingly. **Action: Cllr Kinder**

#### 22/033 INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- i. Information exchange: Nothing to note.
- ii. Items for next Agenda:
  - a. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

#### 22/034 CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business to be discussed, the Chairman closed the meeting and confirmed the Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 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 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022.*

**The discussion closed at 8.50pm**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2022 (2nd Monday monthly)			
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	