

Bradwell with Pattiswick Parish Council
Notes of the Annual Parish Assembly
held on Monday 9th May 2022 at 7.00pm in Bradwell Village Hall

Present: Parish Councillors:
 Glenn Lockey (Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Meeting)
 John Bedford
 Craig Evans
 Michael Turner
 Marie Webb
 County Councillor Ross Playle
 District Councillor Sue Wilson
 District Councillor Nick Unsworth
 District Councillor Sue Wilson (Coggeshall)
 Mrs Christine Marshall (Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer)
 Mrs Lynn Flatt – Footpaths’ Officer
 PC James Draper, Braintree Community Safety & Engagement Officer
 One member of the public

In the absence of the Parish Council Chairman, the Vice-Chairman Glenn Lockey welcomed attendees.

Integrated Waste Management Facility

Cllr Unsworth updated the meeting as follows:

- Indaver have until 2026 to build and benefit the community through the paper pulping plant, however they have indicated that they will not be doing this. Their intent is to build and incinerator only. Essex County Council will undertake enforcement action.
- Proposed sorting plan in conjunction with Basildon is now cancelled following closure of that facility.
- Condition 66 - Indaver expected to make application in November.
- Permission has been granted for independent air quality monitoring to be undertaken at same locations as that for Indaver. Data will be shared with University of Leicester for analysis and to check levels are within environmental limits.
- Likely to be 1,000 traffic movements per day in/out of the site.
- Joint funding from Ireland and Belgium, members of Belgian royal family will be opening the Information Centre formally on 12th May.

Cllr Playle reported that:

- Essex County Council does not have a contract with the Rivenhall incinerator and it is too early in the process to determine whether waste previously sent to Basildon will come to Rivenhall. ECC are reviewing their overall waste policy.
- A webinar to be held on 20th May will lead to a discussion of how the pylon proposals will affect the Braintree district.
- It is anticipated that National Highways will announce the route for the new A120 late summer 2022.

National Grid – pylons

- National Grid consulting on proposals to reinforce the high-voltage electricity transmission network between Norwich and Tilbury.
- Public events throughout May, online webinars through to 9th June.
- Full details available on website www.nationalgrid.com/east-anglia-green
- Proposed route for new pylons will mainly be parallel to the north of the A12 and railway like, passing Witham to the south and Silver End to the north.

Braintree Local Plan - decision unlikely to be made before July

Planning decision on land to east of Coggeshall Road

There was short discussion on the recent decision to grant this application, even though access was via a private road. Cllr Sue Wilson (who sits on the Planning Committee) agreed to look into this. Residents of Rectory Meadow were again advised to seek detail legal advice as there is nothing further the Parish Council can do in this regard.

Village Hall

Cllr Marie Webb advised that Bradwell Hall was in a very good financial position but lacked the support of residents in the village.

Emergency Plan

Cllr Evans advised that no updates were required to the Plan.

Roadworks on A120 and safety issues

Resident, Mr Antony Harding, reported on the many issues that had been experienced from the replacement of pedestrian lights with temporary traffic lights during the work to the A.120, as well as the poor response of National Highways to residents' concerns. The situation had now been resolved, but it was unacceptable for residents, and particularly children, who were required to cross the A120 for public transport to school. PC Draper advised that if a road traffic situation is dangerous it should be reported to the Police who will respond accordingly.

It was also recommended that any video or dashcam evidence of vehicles ignoring the lights or travelling dangerously through the village should be referred to SERPS (Safer Essex Roads Partnership). Details can be found at: T: 0345 6037631 ;
E: SaferEssexRoads@essexhighways.org ; Web: www.saferessexroads.org

The situation of HGV vehicles travelling through the village to access the incinerator site was also discussed. The Parish Clerk confirmed that correspondence and discussion had been held with the Project Development team at the site and it was evident that drivers were new to the area and were following "satnav" which did not lead them to the haul road. Indaver have erected temporary site signage at the crossing points of the haul road with Church Road and Ash Lane. Banksmen have been engaged to deal with any trucks that still arrive along one of the lanes from the wrong direction. These will be in place until Indaver are confident that the issues have been dealt with. Hegarty have also installed temporary construction signs at the A120 entrance.

With the increase in numbers of HGVs using the haul road, there have been queues of trucks waiting to get into the traffic or across the A120. It was suggested that a discussion be held with National Highways to seek an extension to the 40mph limit eastwards for safety reasons. The Parish Clerk will follow up.

Playing field

A suggestion was put forward to provide some equipment that can be used by younger children, e.g. a slide, as that incorporated in the multi-play is not suitable. The Parish Clerk will add this to the next Parish Council Agenda for further discussion.

There were no further reports to be received and no matters raised by attendees.

The next Annual Parish Assembly will be held on Monday 8th May 2023.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm