

Bradwell with Pattiswick Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held at 7.30pm on Monday 26th June 2023
at Bradwell Village Hall, Church Road, Bradwell**

Present: Cllr Tony Dunn (Chairman)
Cllr Antony Harding
Cllr Lesley Kinder
Cllr Michael Turner

In attendance: Mrs Christine Marshall, Parish Clerk & RFO
No members of the Public were in attendance

23-4/060 WELCOME - The Chairman opened the meeting and advised **APOLOGIES** were received from Cllr Glenn Lockey (Vice-Chairman)

23-4/061 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). There were no pecuniary or non-pecuniary declarations to be noted.

23-4/062 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLORS – Two application forms were received for consideration, and following a unanimous vote, both applicants were invited to join the Parish Council: Craig Evans and Adam Deighton. The following were signed in the presence of the Clerk:

Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms
Declaration to observe the Code of Conduct
Consent to receive the Council Summons and Agenda electronically
Register of Interests

The Registers of Interests will be submitted to the Monitoring Officer. **Action: Clerk**

23-4/063 ANNUL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2022-23 –

- a. The Clerk/RFO reported on the internal audit undertaken on 21st June 2023 by Lisa West, who, in her report stated, “all control objectives have been met throughout the year” and that the accounts for the year ended 31st March 202 “give an accurate, true and fair view of the state of affairs” of the Parish Council.
- b. The Clerk/RFO presented the Annual Return for 2022-23, together with the Asset Register, previously provided to Cllrs. There were no queries, and **it was resolved** to authorise the Chairman and Parish Clerk to sign section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement. **Proposed by Cllr Kinder, seconded by Cllr Harding, all in favour.** The documents were signed accordingly.
- c. **It was resolved** to authorise the Chairman and Parish Clerk/RFO to sign section 1 Annual Governance Statement and section 2 Accounting Statements.
- d. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council again qualified to certify as exempt from a limited assurance review under Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015. **It was agreed** the Clerk/RFO and Chairman should sign the Certificate of Exemption for submission to the external auditor. **Proposed by Cllr Kinder, seconded by Cllr Harding, all in favour.** The Certificate of Exemption was signed. **Action: Clerk**

23-4/064 PLANNING MATTERS

- i. **ESS/31/23/BTE/PRE:** (Pre-application advice) Land At Rivenhall Airfield, Braintree, Essex (see email 16/06/2023 | Erection of five low carbon greenhouses, to be

operated utilising heat and CO2 from the adjacent permitted Integrated Waste Management Facility – Councillors agreed to submit comments to include:

- a. Support water being obtained by lagoons at the site
- b. Content that electricity will be generated from the incinerator process
- c. All materials needed to grow produce available on site
- d. Support carbon capture efforts at site
- e. Will provide badly needed employment for local area
- f. Do not support further increase in traffic and would like to see a complete review of traffic movements and stricter control measures to improve safety at A120 and particularly where the haul road crosses Church Road and Ash Lane.

The Clerk will submit comments.

Action: Clerk

- ii. **6123/01506/ECCDAC** | Details pursuant to condition 22 (Noise monitoring May 2023) of planning permission ESS/12/20/BTE. ESS/12/20/BTE was for "Extraction of 6.5 million tonnes of sand and gravel (from Site A7 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. In addition, extension of the internal haul road into Site A7 and access for private and support vehicles to the Site A7 contractors' compound via Woodhouse Lane and Cuthedge Lane. Restoration of Site A7 to agriculture and biodiversity (species rich grassland and wetland)." | Bradwell Quarry Church Road Bradwell Essex CM77 8EP – Cllrs had no comments
- iii. **23/01382/DAC** | Application for approval of details as reserved by condition 12 of approved application 21/01878/FUL | Land East Of Periwinkle Hall Links Road Perry Green Bradwell Essex – Cllrs had no comments
- iv. **23/01277/FUL** | Private access road to Sheepcotes Hangar across Bradwell Quarry to reinstate a means of access previously provided by the former airfield runway(s) and perimeter track(s) and the proposed change of use of Sheepcotes Hangar for Class B8 uses. | Hangar 1 Rivenhall Airfield Sheepcotes Lane Silver End Essex CM8 3PJ – objection to be submitted:

Action: Clerk

 - a. Change of use to Class B8 storage (unspecified) will lead to additional traffic using the haul road from the A120 and across Church Road and Ash Lane
 - b. Storage facilities may not be the longer-term aim as goods stored will need to be distributed/moved (as indicated in para 2.6 of the Traffic Statement submitted with the previous application 23/00360/FUL and still applies)
 - c. Change of use will inevitably lead to additional development in the vicinity of historic Essex villages
 - d. All visitors to the site will come by motorised vehicle causing further increase in traffic and air pollution to adjacent villages

23-4/065 REWILDING OF COMMON LAND

The Chairman requested a motion to discuss in principle a proposal for rewilding of common land adjacent to Bradwell Holy Trinity Church. This was agreed. **Proposed: Cllr Evans, seconded: Cllr Harding**

The Chairman spoke to his discussion paper previously issued and Cllrs discussed the process. **It was agreed** the Chairman should discuss the proposal with the Parochial Church Council prior to full discussion at the July PC meeting. **Action: Chairman**

Cllr Kinder queried the grass cuttings remaining on the Playing Field and the long grass to the left of the entrance to the Churchyard. The Clerk confirmed these were in accordance with the Tender documents and contract previously provided to Cllrs, but as the wildflower area was being moved as above, the grass in the full Churchyard will be mown.
Action: Clerk

23-4/066 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 10th July 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Bradwell.

Items for inclusion on the Agenda should be sent to the Clerk no later than 12 noon on Friday 30th June 2023

Action: All

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.