

Bradwell with Pattiswick Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held at 7.30pm on Monday 11th September 2023
at Bradwell Village Hall, Church Road, Bradwell**

Present: Cllr Tony Dunn (Chairman and acting clerk)
Cllr Glenn Lockey (Deputy Chairman)
Cllr Antony Harding
Cllr Craig Evans
Cllr Lesley Kinder
Cllr Michael Turner
Cllr Adam Deighton

In attendance: County Councillor Ross Playle
District Councillor Tom Walsh
District Councillor Denis Abram
One member of the Public was in attendance

23-4/083 WELCOME - The Deputy Chairman welcomed those present.

23-4/084 1 IWMF – The Deputy Chairman welcomed John Tatton – General Manager - Indavar Rivenhall Ltd, who provided an update on the tracking of HGVs through the Village

To prevent vehicles from failing to stop - matrix signs are now operational

Convex mirrors have been installed to aid visibility

A marshall is monitoring all vehicles on Church Road and this will continue until construction is complete

National Highways are now allowing new signage on the A120

There are weekly meetings with contractors and with Blackwater Aggregates

Additional resources will be deployed when new contractors start

Results (weekly):

14 August, 12 vehicles stopped, 4 going to site

21 August, 8 vehicles stopped, 5 going to site

28 August, 6 vehicles stopped, 0 going to site

2 LINKS SOLAR FARM – In the absence of a representative from Links Solar Farm, the Chairman read a statement provided by Zak Reid, Community Liaison & Stakeholder Manager.

“At the briefing in October, I’ll be able to give an update on exact timings, access to the public rights of way, community funds and any other specific questions you may have.

The build timescale is estimated at 18 weeks. We will provide ongoing updates during this time to notify residents of piling works and large deliveries to site.

Our normal working hours are between 08.00 to 18.00 Monday to Friday, and 08.00 to 13.00 on Saturday.

Traffic management

Construction vehicles will enter the site from A120 Galleys Corner and proceed along Long Green, Ashes Road, Lanham Green Road, Boars Tye Road and Links Road and go back along the same route

During the construction period, it is estimated there will be an average of 6-8 HGV trips per day. Whilst this figure is an average, there will often be a higher volume earlier in the construction period and less towards the end.

All staff, suppliers and contractors will be instructed to use the prescribed route through briefing instructions, as per the planning permissions.

Low Carbon will ensure our contractors adhere to the traffic management plan through monitoring and audits. If you see a vehicle you think is related to the project somewhere it should not be, please call us on our community relations helpline. It will be helpful if you can provide part of the registration plate/or time and location to help us identify the vehicle.

If vehicles continue to not adhere to our traffic management plan they will be barred from the project.

Get in touch

We encourage people to contact us directly with any questions and have a dedicated community relations team to answer queries and deal with complaints, Mon-Fri 9am-5pm.

- Via the website: www.linkssolarfarm.co.uk/the-project
- By telephone: 0800 048 7262.
- Or by email: info@linkssolarfarm.co.uk

23-4/085 EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

The Employment Committee was pleased to report the appointment of Mrs Nicki Watkins as Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer with effect from 1 October 2023.

The Committee wished to record its thanks to Christine Marshall, who has held this post for over the past eight years. The full Council concurred.

23-4/086 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). Cllr Harding declared an interest in the grass-cutting contract. There were no other pecuniary or non-pecuniary declarations to be noted.

23-4/087 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - The Clerk had advised that no queries had been received from residents and no items were raised at the meeting:

23-4/088 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

County Councillor Playle reported:

Potholes – liaison continues with Cllr Harding

Verge cutting will take place by BDC for ECC in mid-October

Speed surveys will be limited to 2 per councillor per year

Waste Strategy – all landfill has to cease by 2030

- Public consultation starts on 12 September

District Councillor Tom Walsh / Denis Abram reported:

Cllr Tom Walsh reported:

Honeywood School update – new classrooms are required – lead-time many weeks. ECC liaising the school governors / Trust

IWMF – DCO for upgrade of turbines and Condition 66 with Secretary of State

Charge for green bins to be introduced with a 50% discount for early sign-up

Cllr Denis Abram to produce a map showing all new developments in the Ward

23-4/089 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10TH JULY 2023 – Minutes of the meeting held on 10th July 2023 were confirmed as a correct record. **Proposed: Cllr Deighton, seconded: Cllr Harding; all in favour.** The Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

23-4/090 VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE - Cllr Harding presented his report:
Eleven potholes in total have been added to the ECC list

A120 Marks Farm to Marks Tey re-surfacing – more information after “Teams” meeting on 12th September. Overnight road closures between October and January 2024 to be expected.

23-4/091 IWMF The Chairman reported that the liaison meeting has been postponed to 5 October

23-4/092 PLAYING FIELD – Report - all OK

The Council resolved to ask the Clerk to place an order for the items to be paid for by BPPC. **Proposed: Cllr Lockey; Seconded: Cllr Turner all in favour**

The Council resolved for the supply and install of new Rotadisk roundabout subject to confirmation of S.106 approval and for the Clerk to obtain two further quotes for submission to BDC.

Proposed: Cllr Turner Seconded: Cllr Lockey all in favour

23-4/093 CHURCHYARD

RE-WILDING PROJECT

The Chairman reported that two scarecrows had been ordered. The wildflower seed will be ordered shortly for sowing in October.

GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT

Cllr Lockey reported:

Need to cut back hedge adjacent to footpath to playing field to allow bigger grass cutting machinery to access the playing fields

Grass cuttings from playing field to be hoovered up

23-4/094 FOOTPATHS - No report

23-4/095 PLANNING MATTERS - the following applications were discussed:

- i 23/02115/ECC Non-Material amendment to Conditions 2, 36, 43, 63 and 71 of planning permission ESS/79/20/BTE to allow amended restoration drawings showing revised restoration levels for sites A3 , A4 and A5 to accommodate changes in the materials balance. | Bradwell Quarry Church Road Bradwell Essex CM77 8EP - No comment
- ii 23/01631/HH | Conversion of garage storage space at first floor to office, replace existing staircase and 2No rear dormers | The Old School Church Road Bradwell Essex CM77 8EW - Noted
- iii 23/01614/FUL | Proposed new residential development comprising 7 no. new dwellings with new access from Hollies Road and associated development. | Land Adjacent Hanwick Farm Hollies Road Bradwell Essex

Cllr Evans expressed concern over this development - lack of truly affordable housing

Council acknowledged that this proposal is consistent with the Neighbourhood Plan, however, Council noted that these are family homes, which can reasonably be expected to house children of school age, yet there is no safe pedestrian access from the site to public transport on the A120 by which children of school age travel to school in Coggeshall or Braintree, Colchester or Chelmsford.

- iv 23/01872/ECCDAC | Consultation on Essex County Council :Details pursuant to condition 22 (Noise monitoring June 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 - Noted

Applications determined:

22/02664/REM Application for approval of reserved matters (in respect of appearance, landscaping and layout) pursuant to outline planning permission 20/01897/OUT granted 18.03.2021 for: Outline application with all matters reserved, except access and scale, for demolition of existing commercial buildings and erection of 3 two storey dwellinghouses. | Rectory Farm Rectory Meadow Bradwell CM778EX - GRANTED

Appeals received/ determined - None

23-4/096 FINANCIAL REPORTS – the RFO presented the reports for July and August 2023 prior to the meeting, together with an updated Bank Reconciliation following receipt of bank statements. There were no queries.

- i. **It was resolved** to accept the financial statements to 31st July 2023.
Proposed: Cllr Lockey, seconded: Cllr Kinder, all in favour
- ii. **A motion to approve retrospectively payments for July 2023: It was resolved** that the payments be approved. **Proposed: Cllr Lockey, seconded: Cllr Kinder all in favour**
- iii. **A motion to approve financial statements to 31st August 2023: It was resolved** that the financial statements be approved. **Proposed: Cllr Lockey, seconded: Cllr Kinder, all in favour**
- iv. The list of payments and cheques to be signed was presented. There were no queries, and **it was resolved** to approve the payments for August 2023. **Proposed: Cllr Lockey, seconded Cllr Kinder, all in favour.** Cllrs Dunn and Lockey signed the cheques.

23-4/097 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLANS

The Chairman was asked to draft a letter to go to Dame Priti Patel MP seeking support for NDPs and illustrating how local Council Planners may be undermining the value of these documents

Action: Chairman

23-4/098 INFORMATION EXCHANGE

The Chairman was asked to find out the dates for services at Bradwell Holy Trinity and to ensure these were publicised

Action: Chairman

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- i. Presentation by Low Carbon re Solar Farm
- ii. Nigel Allsop (National Highways) to be invited to provide details of the proposed resurfacing of the A120

23-4/099 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 9th October 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Bradwell.

Items for inclusion in the Agenda to be sent to the Clerk no later than 12 noon on Friday 29th September 2023

Action: All

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.04pm.