

Bradwell with Pattiswick Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held at 7.30pm on Monday 16th January 2023
at Bradwell Village Hall, Church Road, Bradwell**

Present: Cllr Tony Dunn (Chairman)
Cllr Glenn Lockey (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Craig Evans
Cllr Antony Harding
Cllr Michael Turner

In attendance: Mrs Christine Marshall, Parish Clerk & RFO
County Cllr Ross Playle
Two members of the Public

23/001 WELCOME - The Chairman welcomed those present to the first Parish Council meeting of the year.

APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Lesley Kinder.

Proposed: Cllr Evans, seconded: Cllr Lockey; all in favour

Apologies were also received from District Cllrs Walsh and Abram.

23/002 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 declarations to be noted.

23/003 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

An update on potential development in Hollies Road was requested. The Chairman advised that no formal application had been submitted to BDC, but the Parish Council had been involved in the pre-application enquiries to explain the requirements of the Bradwell with Pattiswick Neighbourhood Plan. The applicant had understood and agreed to amend the proposal to fit that Plan.

23/004 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

District Cllr Walsh's report is attached to these Minutes.

County Councillor Playle reported:

- i. Pothole Scheme – of those put forward, some have been repaired whilst others are scheduled.
- ii. Local Highways Panel – Sheepcotes Lane will be designated a “quiet lane”. Whilst the public consultation was in favour, Cllr Turner advised that he had received several adverse comments about the proposal.
- iii. Tree whips – each County Cllr has been allocated 10 tree whips for planting in parishes. Some of these will be handed to the Parish Council to replace those that have died on the common ground at Holy Trinity Church.
- iv. Some funding remains for initiatives that come under the Community Cllr Scheme. After discussion it was agreed that an application should be made to purchase two salt bins if possible. **Action: Clerk**
- v. ECC proposed Council Tax to increase by 1.5% plus additional 2% social care levy.

- vi. BDC likely to charge for green waste bin collections. This raised a suggestion from the Parish Council for a community composting facility.

23/005 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14TH NOVEMBER 2023 – the December meeting was cancelled due to weather conditions. The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2022 were confirmed as a correct record. **Proposed: Cllr Evans, seconded: Cllr Turner; all in favour.** The Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

23/006 VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE

- i. Cllr Harding presented his report and drew attention to forthcoming roadworks in the area. Permanent repair to A120 drainage scheduled for February. Potholes at the junction of Hollies Road and the A120 remain an issue due to dual responsibility between Essex Highways and National Highways. To be discussed with Alan Lindsay of Essex Highways. **Action: Clerk**
- ii. It was agreed that the Parish Council should purchase two salt/grit bins for locating close to roads regularly affected by icy conditions, subject to funding and approvals for locations. Clerk to progress. **Action: Clerk**

23/007 PLAYING FIELD – no issues reported.

23/008 FOOTPATHS – no issues reported.

23/009 EMERGENCY PLAN – Cllr Evans has reviewed and presented amendments required. Some suggestions were made, and Cllr Evans will update and submit to BDC as required. **Action: Cllr Evans**

23/010 PLANNING MATTERS - there were no new applications to be discussed.

23/011 FINANCIAL REPORTS – the RFO presented the reports for December 2022. There were no queries.

- i. **It was resolved** to accept the reports. **Proposed: Cllr Lockey, seconded: Cllr Dunn, all in favour**
- ii. **A motion to approve bank reconciliation at 31st December 2022: It was resolved** that the bank reconciliation statement be approved. **Proposed: Cllr Dunn, seconded: Cllr Lockey, all in favour**
- iii. **A motion to approve November and December 2022 Payments/Cheques:** The list of payments and cheques to be signed was presented. There were no queries, and **it was resolved** to approve the payments. **Proposed: Cllr Dunn, seconded Cllr Lockey, all in favour.** Cllrs Dunn and Lockey signed the cheques.

23/012 BUDGET 2023-2024 – the final budget was presented to include all comments.

- i. **A motion to approve the budget 2023-2024. It was resolved** to adopt the budget as tabled. **Proposed: Cllr Dunn, seconded: Cllr Lockey, all in favour.**
- ii. **A motion to confirm the Precept for 2023-2024, based on the approved budget. It was resolved** that the Clerk/RFO should submit the Precept Request to BDC in the sum of £12,000 (which equates to a reduction in this Parish Council's requirement of 86p per Band D property for the year. **Proposed: Cllr Dunn; seconded: Cllr Lockey, all in favour.** **Action: Clerk**

23/013 BRADWELL POORS CHARITY – the Chairman advised that the Parish Council was required to appoint one Trustee now (to serve a four year tenure). **It was confirmed** that Mr Tom Speakman should be re-appointed, and he has confirmed

he will accept. **Proposed: Cllr Dunn, seconded: Cllr Evans Action: Cllr Dunn**

23/014 INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- i. The Clerk advised of a request from District Cllr Walsh to alter the day or time of Parish Council meetings as these clashed with some Coggeshall meetings. Cllrs discussed and the Clerk was requested to discuss further to reach a suitable amendment with the Coggeshall Clerk. **Action: Clerk**
- ii. The Chairman showed the Route Planner that Indaver will issue to all companies delivering to the incinerator site. This should prevent any further HGVs going through Bradwell. Cllr Turner mention a low “droning” noise emanating from the site which, although not loud, is an annoyance. The Chairman will raise this at the next liaison meeting. **Action: Cllr Dunn**
- iii. The Chairman spoke of the need to have liaison meetings with Low Carbon and/or their developers of the Links Road solar farm. Cllrs agreed this was necessary and the Chairman will take forward. **Action: Cllr Dunn**

22/015 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – is confirmed for Monday 13th February 2023, 7.30pm, at Bradwell Village Hall. Items for inclusion on the Agenda to be sent to the Clerk no later than 12 noon on Friday 3rd February 2023. **Action: All**

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Report from District Cllr Tom Walsh, received 17th January 2023

- 1/ Social Housing: I have submitted a Written Request to BDC to confirm there couldn't be a tragic death from unresolved damp like that of Awab Ishaq and to ask do all Eastlight homes meet the Decent Homes Plus Standard and what actions BDCs housing partner have/are taking to ensure this.
- 2/ Funding for the Coggeshall Surgery: I'm writing to NHS England to seek to unlock the extra more than £110k in capital funding alone that should have been provided BEFORE the new Bovis scheme started.
- 3/ Forum for ANY local business I have organised for TOMORROW Weds at 5.30pm at White Hart, Coggeshall for just an hour NB some spaces available: pls e mail me or phone :566993;
- 4/ BDC draft budget including cuts to Parish budgets: G and I Group are presenting a costed alternative budget to seek remove this cut; to prevent a Green Bin charge and not to put Council tax up by 2%.
- 5/ Housing Land Supply & Planning: am asking why does BDC seem surprised it's HLS has gone below 5 years so harder to reject unwanted or speculative applications and why is it not defending its own refusal of planning on 3 sites in Rivenhall, Kelvedon and Halstead.
- 6/ the Large Pylons scheme: I actively support, as do many, opposition to not placing them underground and
- 7/ the Coggeshall/Bradwell Flood and Dam scheme: strongly support a more modest natural flood management approach and with others at the last site Liaison Group we got an assurance from ECC officer that there should be more consultation on the EA/Blackwater Aggregates scheme.
