**Bradwell with Pattiswick Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 9 September 2024 at Bradwell Village Hall, Church Road, Bradwell**

**Present:**

Cllr. Tony Dunn (Chair)

Cllr. Glenn Lockey (Vice-Chair)

Cllr. Adam Deighton

Cllr. Craig Evans

Cllr. Michael Turner

**In attendance:**

Mrs. Nicki Watkins, Clerk & RFO

Cllr. Playle, County Councillor, Witham Northern

Cllr. Abram, District Councillor, Coggeshall Ward

Three members of the public were in attendance

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| **24-5/122** | **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**  The Chair declared the meeting open at 7.35pm and welcomed those present.  Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Harding and Kinder. |
| **24-5/123** | **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**  Members of the Council are subject to the LGA Model Councillor Code of Conduct 2020 (The Revised Code), adopted at the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 13 May 2024. Appendix B requires Councillors to register and disclose pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests. There were no declarations of interest. |
| **24-5/124** | **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND OTHER MATTERS THAT ARE OF MUTUAL INTEREST**  Three members of the public attended the meeting.  A resident was concerned that a raised drain outside The Chaldecott on Coggeshall Road could cause an accident should a vehicle hit it. She had been unable to locate any details of where this should be reported and was therefore seeking advice. The Chair said that he would inspect it and would report it.  **ACTION - CHAIR** |
| **24-5/125** | **COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**  Cllr. Playle reported that:   * Essex County Council had launched its “Priority One” scheme, allocating £25 million to deal with issues such as resurfacing key roads and repainting white lines, improving pavements and cutting back vegetation. * the Local Highways Panel had met and validated the Fiveash Lane triangle in Bradwell, and it would be providing protection around the triangle. * National Highways were undertaking a consultation on reducing speed limits along the A120. The Parish Council and residents were encouraged to give their comments and views by the deadline of 20 September 2024. * The proposals to the boundary changes had been finalised. Due to the increase in population, the number of councillors had increased from 75 to 78, and a new pattern of electoral division boundaries will be used. Bradwell with Pattiswick would now move to a new Braintree Eastern division (joining Stisted). The changes would take place from May 2025. * The Parish Council’s application for the Locality Fund to contribute towards repairs to the adult gym on the playing field had been declined by Essex County Council. However, approval would be granted for the Parish Council to use this to contribute towards improving the path to the playing field. The Parish Council would discuss this under agenda item **24-5/131** and **24-5/132.**   Cllr. Abram reported that:   * Planning and environmental issues was an on-going concern with residents, which had become more apparent with the “Call for Sites” consultation. A Google map had been produced showing what planning was being proposed and, as an when planning was approved, the map would be updated enabling residents to see “real time” information. He was encouraging people to look at the map to see what was being proposed. * Channel 4 had been in contact regarding the proposal to install pylons from Norwich to Tilbury and was interested to speak to local people affected.   Cllr. Walsh was unable to attend the meeting and had sent his apologies. |
| **24-5/126** | **MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 5 AUGUST – RESOLUTION**  Councillors received and considered the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 5 August 2024 and resolved to approve them as a true record.  The minutes were signed by the Chair.  **Proposed: Cllr. Evans; Seconded: Cllr. Deighton; All in favour, RESOLVED.** |
| **24-5/127** | **FINANCIAL REPORTS**   1. Councillors received and approved the financial statements to 31 August 2024. There were no queries.   **Proposed: Cllr. Lockey; Seconded Cllr. Turner; All in favour, RESOLVED.**   1. Councillors approvedpayments for August 2024. There were no queries.  **Proposed: Cllr. Deighton; Seconded Cllr. Lockey; All in favour, RESOLVED.** 2. The Clerk advised Councillors that she had finally received notification from PKF Littlejohn that the external audit had been completed. A Certificate of Completion was expected by 30 September 2024, which would be displayed on the Parish Council website. She reminded Councillors that the external audit was required as the Parish Council’s income for the last budget year had exceeded £25,000. She would report back to the Parish Council in October once the certificate had been received, along with any comments, recommendations, and/or advice. |
| **24-5/128** | **PLANNING MATTERS**  **New Applications/Variances:**   1. **24/01837/VAR - Land Adjacent Hanwick Farm Hollies Road Bradwell Essex** Variation of Condition 2 of (Approved plans) of approved application 23/01614/FUL granted 01.02.24 for: Proposed new residential development comprising 7 no. new dwellings with new access from Hollies Road and associated development. Variation would allow: -Enlargement of house to Plot 1. Addition of detached garages to plots 1,2,3,6,7. Amendment to the boundary treatments on the northwest and southwest boundaries The northwest boundary treatment (and northeast boundary of Plot 7) to change from brick wall to acoustic timber fencing and the southwest boundary to remain as is (not changed to estate fencing) - **Comments by 26.09.2024**   Councillors considered the variations and noted that the proposed development had reduced from nine to seven dwellings and that the variation now included the addition of detached garages. Members agreed that, whilst the inclusion of garages rather than parking spaces improves security, they would register their concern that this would impact and reduce the amount of outdoor space per plot.  **Proposed: Cllr. Dunn; Seconded Cllr. Lockey; All in favour, RESOLVED.** |
| **24-5/129** | **BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN**   1. The Parish Council had met the deadline for comment set by Braintree District Council. However, it was disappointed to learn that BDC have postponed review of their comments to some future date rather than during September, which was why the very tight deadline was set in the first place. It was noted that the uncertainty caused by the “Call for Sites” exercise, its response, and the failure by BDC to act quickly, was causing much distress amongst residents.   The Parish Council wanted to express its thanks to Jeff Collins, a resident in Pattiswick, who had compiled the following “excellent summary” of the situation:  ***“Update on Braintree District Local Plan Review***  ***Thursday 22nd August 2024***  ***Braintree District Council (BDC) is reviewing its Local Plan which will roll forward the Plan from 2033 to 2041. Even though the current Plan was only Adopted 2 years ago, all councils have to complete reviews within 5 years, and so given the time it takes for a review, it was decided to get one underway.***  ***Residents, parish and town councils and communities have been submitting comments to the review, up to the recent deadline on 16th August.***  ***Earlier this year BDC conducted a 'Call for Sites' which resulted in 319 sites being submitted for potential allocation in the new Local Plan.***  ***All of the submitted sites can be studied via the BDC interactive map - see link below.***  ***Also below are snips of the submitted sites across the district, one section being for all of the district north of Braintree and Bocking, the second section being for everything south of that.***  ***The amount of land submitted has raised a lot of concerns, but it is absolutely the case that BDC does not need that much land to be allocated - only a fraction of the sites will make it into the Local Plan.***  ***Nevertheless, with so many sites, all in all amounting to about 130,000 houses, including numerous large proposals, many communities face an uncertain time.***  ***The Local Plan Committee (LPC) at BDC met on 15th August in what was expected to be the first of a series of meetings through September and October which would have decided the sites to be taken forward into the new draft Local Plan (which would then be subject to further public consultation later on).***  ***However, the LPC meeting heard that the new Government is making changes to the planning system, including moving back the deadline for having new Local Plans in place, which gives BDC a bit more time.***  ***So it was agreed at the LPC meeting that a revised local development scheme, setting out a new timetable for the process (which has to be in compliance with the new Government planning rules) will be discussed at the next LPC meeting on 16th September.***  ***It also means that parish councils will have more time to respond. Many parishes have a large number of sites proposed in their areas which they need to look at.***  ***BDC is saying that the review is a "refresh" of the Local Plan, not a restart. However, moving the plan forward by another 8 years plus likely higher Government housing targets means that this district may need to find sites for another (approx.) 10,000 houses, on top of the 14,000 already in the current Local Plan. I&G councillors stated at the LPC meeting of 15th August that given that reality, calling it a "refresh" is not really accurate.***  ***The process ahead, whatever timetable is agreed on 16th September, will be of great importance to many residents and local communities and local district councillors are keen to hear the views of local residents, which helps to shape the outcomes.***  ***The new Government is saying each council area can decide where development goes, but not the numbers - which they are going to hand down with mandatory targets.***  ***A key issue will be the mix of sites - i.e. does Braintree District try to meet its target by allocating most of the new housing (and other related facilities such as schools and employment) in one large New Town area? Or does it carry on adding to existing towns and villages - and if so where?”***   1. With reference to the Draft Statement of Community Involvement Document, this was a 35-page document produced by BDC and comments must be received by 10 October. Given this was before the next Parish Council meeting, the Chair proposed Councillors send comments to the Clerk to collate and respond.  **Proposed: Cllr. Dunn; Seconded Cllr. Lockey; All in favour, RESOLVED.**   It was noted that Rosie Pearson had already responded on this issue as follows:  ***"The proposed changes represent a watering down of community involvement in local plan preparation.***  ***It is imperative that the SCI is worth the paper it is written on and involves communities.***  ***I agree that the wording contained in the existing SCI, in paras 5.2/5.3 that a local plan process will commence with an Issues & Scoping phase, must be retained as set out in the consultation:***  ***"5.2 Preparation and Public Participation, and Duty to Co-operate (Issues and Scoping)  5.3 This is the survey and evidence gathering stage, undertaken to understand the main issues to be addressed in the document. It involves collating up to date information on social, environmental and economic matters."***  ***Three changes should be made to the consultation draft:***  ***1. Existing and proposed paragraph 5.4 ("Early consultation will be conducted on each DPD as considered appropriate by the Council.") should be amended to remove 'as considered appropriate by the Council'.***  ***2. In new paragraph 5.18 ("Early consultation on the broad subject of the DPD.") the additional 'timetable permitting' wording should be deleted.***  ***Consultation must happen at Issues & Options stage every time.***  ***3. Table 3.3 should be amended to show that Stage 1 is Issues & Options, not Regulation 18.  The omission of the Issues & Options stage from this table must be rectified.***  ***A plan created with communities is less contentious than one decided by the council and presented as preferred options at Regulation 18.   It will therefore be more likely to be found sound at examination."***   1. BDC are also seeking comments on the Sustainability Appraisal (a document against which the draft Local Plan document can be assessed in terms of the environmental, social, and economic effects it would have). Comments on this document are required by Friday 4 October. The Chair proposed that the Parish Council waits until the draft Local Plan is produced, including its proposals for the Sustainability Appraisal before it submits any comments. **Proposed: Cllr. Dunn; Seconded Cllr. Lockey; All in favour, RESOLVED.** |
| **24-5/130** | **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REFRESH**  A Neighbourhood Plan Refresh pack will be delivered to every household in the Parish over the next 10 days. Each pack will be hand delivered by a member of the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group (as previously constituted) and comprises one questionnaire for every adult in the household, one questionnaire for every young person (age 3 – 17) and a stamped addressed envelope in which to return the completed questionnaires.    The Chair noted that last time the Parish Council prepared its Neighbourhood Plan, the response rate to questionnaires was 44%, which was an “outstanding rate”. Residents are encouraged again to complete and respond to the questionnaires. |
| **24-5/131** | **GRANTS/FUNDING 2024**   1. With reference to agenda item **24-5/125**, Councillors agreed to apply for the Locality Fund to contribute towards making improvements to the footpath. The Clerk would obtain three quotes for approval and a future meeting for 1-meter wide “pedestrian gravel grid” to run from the entrance of the playing field to the bollards.  **Proposed: Cllr. Lockey; Seconded Cllr. Evans; All in favour, RESOLVED.** 2. Cllr. Abram confirmed that the Parish Council could apply for the Councillor Grant on behalf of both him and Cllr. Walsh. Councillors agreed to apply for £400 to contribute towards two Salt Bins (one for the recycling bank, the other for Hollies Road) and £400 to contribute to replacing the damaged bench (with the commemorative plaque to Mr Digby) at Church Road.  **Proposed: Cllr. Evans; Seconded Cllr. Deighton; All in favour, RESOLVED.** 3. BDC had confirmed that £6,112.39 (index linked) had been secured through a S106 Agreement in connection with land at Hanwick Farm and which is payable prior to the occupation of ‘more than four’ dwellings. Given the playing field had enough play equipment items, BDC had confirmed they would consider applications for benches/picnic tables if they were an improvement to the ‘play area,’ but this would be determined by their proposed location. The Parish Council would consider this nearer to when the funds would become available. **Proposed: Cllr. Dunn; Seconded Cllr. Turner; All in favour, RESOLVED.**   **ACTION - CLERK** |
| **24-5/132** | **PLAYING FIELD**   1. Cllr. Kinder had advised the Clerk that there was nothing to report with regards to the Playing Field other than she had received several positive comments regarding the orchard (particularly the supply of apples!) 2. As noted in agenda item **24-5/125**, ECC had refused to approve the Locality Grant to contribute to funding of repairs to the adult gym equipment. Whilst the RoSPA report had highlight these items, they were not flagged as urgent. Given Caloo had kindly offered to hold their quote for the interim, Councillors agreed to delay the repairs until 2025, prior to the next RoSPA inspection, and which could be funded from the Precept.   Cllr. Evans reported that the footpaths near the Old School House and the one along Blackwater Mill near to the bridge were very overgrown and had not been cut. These were owned by Bradwell Estates. The Clerk said she would contact them to report these and request they be cut back.  **Proposed: Cllr. Dunn; Seconded Cllr. Evans; All in favour, RESOLVED.**  **ACTION – CLERK** |
| **24-5/139**  **Item brought forward** | **NATIONAL HIGHWAYS PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION ALONG A120 FROM BRAINTREE TO MARKS KEY**  The Chair brought forward this item to include a member of the public who wanted advice from the Parish Council as she was in the process of forming a Community Speed-watch Team. She had been liaising with the local police regarding the speed-watch and had the information required. Cllr. Dunn advised that she continue with her incentive, but that she also comments on the consultation given she is someone directly affected by the speeding traffic.  Cllr. Dunn referred to the consultation that National Highways were undertaking regarding reducing the speed limit along the A120 from Braintree to Marks Tey. The proposed scheme would be used to reduce the KSI[[1]](#footnote-1) statistics for this road, so the figures do not look so bad for National Highways. Potentially, this then reduces the need to for a new A120, so any response should caveat that, while the Parish Council supports improvement to road safety, this should not be at the expense of reducing pressure on government to fund the new A120.  He proposed that the Parish Council should re-submit their previous case for the reduction of the speed limit to 30mph through the Village, in order to protect local children who have to cross the road daily on their way to school and to protect residents of Mill View, who only have a traffic island to use when crossing the road to go shopping the BP garage.  He noted that the proposal fails to address the notorious Kings Lane junction. On that basis, he suggested the Parish Council should also ask for an extension of the 40mph speed limit from Bradwell to the Marks Farm roundabout as was originally proposed when the Twin Oaks site was given planning permission. This stretch includes the access to a Saturday Boot Sale, a Garden Centre (outside which there has been at least one fatality), the access to Twin Oaks (itself a site of multiple accidents) and the notorious Kings Lane junction itself the location of yet another serious accident in the past four weeks.  The White Gates scheme should be included in this exercise. The Chair was given delegated authority to respond to National Highways to that effect.  **Proposed: Cllr. Dunn; Seconded Cllr. Deighton; All in favour, RESOLVED.**  **ACTION – CHAIR** |
| **24-5/138**  **Item brought forward** | **WHITE GATES AT ENTRANCES TO THE VILLAGE**  The Chair reminded Councillors that, several years ago National Highways had proposed to install white gates at the entrances to the village as part of a safety scheme. Whilst the Parish Council had been advised that no funds would be available until the next budget year, the Chair had opened discussions with National Highways to obtain more information regarding the cost and work involved.  The White Gates cost would include the white gates, the road closure traffic management (>£1,000), the installation, road safety audit, administration (10% of sum of all above costs). It was noted that the footprint of the white gates is different from the footprint of the existing 40mph sign, so surveys of utilities would also be required, and the holes would need to be hand-dug. With that in mind and considering the proposed Speed Limit Reduction consultation being undertaken by National Highways, he suggested that they include the White Gates in their Speed Limit reduction scheme.  The Chair was given delegated authority to respond to National Highways to that effect.  **Proposed: Cllr. Dunn; Seconded Cllr. Lockey; All in favour, RESOLVED.**  **ACTION – CHAIR** |
| **Cllr. Ross Playle left the meeting at 8.50pm** | |
| **24-5/133** | **FOOTPATHS**  The Footpaths’ Officer reported the following:   1. The mowing programme had begun, with most of the paths now being cleared. She had tried to get all the paths logged, but these had to be logged individually. 2. She had liaised with Cllr. Dunn to prepare a map of the quarry footpaths that needed attention prior to his meeting with them. They had agreed to clear the paths, as well as some others, and she was happy to report that work had already begun on these, with some still pending. 3. The Essex Way path still had a selection of holes and ramps dug along the path between the quarry entrance road and Cut Hedge Lane, BCD were aware. 4. She was aware that there was a pipe running from the quarry into the ditch, which she had not seen before, and which she had therefore reported. |
| **24-5/134** | **LINKS SOLAR FARM**  The Clerk had received confirmation that the legal team had no other changes to the Community Benefit Deed which she had amended, other than the name on the agreement of the SPV (project) would be Links Solar Farm Limited (Company number 13096914, along with a renumbering of a bullet point.  Regarding the request for Low Carbon to consider reimbursing the Parish Council of the legal fees incurred, Beverley Rodbard-Hedderwick would revert once she had attended the project meeting on 12 September 2024.  As agreed at the August meeting (**Minute ref. 24-25/118**) the Chair, Vice-Chair and Clerk would electronically sign the Community Benefit Deed. The Clerk would advise Councillors when this had been undertaken.  There were no further comments on the archaeology report from MOLA following the site dig. |
| **24-5/135** | **CCTV/FLY-TIPPING IN BRADWELL VILLAGE**  The Clerk had heard from Rivenhall Parish Council following her request for information on the CCTV pole they had recently installed. The land at Rivenhall belonged to Essex County Council and therefore they had installed the pole and camera. Given that the land at the recycling centre belonged to Bradwell Estates, who had given permission to install a pole, the Clerk would revert to BDC to try to ascertain the specification for the pole and so she could arrange its installation.  **ACTION - CLERK** |
| **24-5/136** | **BRADWELL BUS SHELTERS**  It was agreed to defer this item to the October meeting. |
| **24-5/137** | **FEEDBACK FROM THE BLACKWATER AGGREGATES LIAISION MEETING**  The Chair had attended **the Blackwater Aggregates Liaison Meeting** where the Parish Council was asked to remind residents that **Haul Road is a Private Road and should therefore not be used**.  Not only is this dangerous, but residents’ car insurance will not cover them in the event of an accident.  Blackwater Aggregates agreed to clear all of the footpaths highlighted by the Footpaths Officer, even though some were not their responsibility.  The next meeting will be held during the EA consultation on the proposed Flood Relief Scheme which is expected to come forward within six months.  The Chair had attended the **IWMF Rivenhall Site Liaison Meeting** on 5 September 2024 and reported the following:   1. Members had received a presentation by EA on Emissions Monitoring, key points of which were:  * Emission Monitoring standards are laid down in legislation * Emission limits are set for incinerators * Some limits in the permit are stricter than the legal standards * Permit specifies emission limit values   + - * Method of measurement       * Frequency of measurement – regular and ad hoc       * Breach notification / investigation       * Breach corrective action * Continuous emissions monitoring system * Or periodic samples where continuous monitoring is not possible * Independent certified / accredited monitoring contractor checks * Periodic key standards laid down in British Standards BS ISO / BS EN * Permit documents / monitoring data placed on Public Register * Public Register not yet on-line; FoI request or visit EA office   It was noted that Indaver continually monitor emissions, and the plant automatically shuts down if emissions trend toward the limit. The cause is determined, eliminated and the plant re-started.  EA confirmed that they have “very, very few issues” with existing incinerators around the country in terms of breach of permits and they do not expect any here.   1. Bailey Bridge is complete. 2. Indaver has several job vacancies and are keen to employ local people. The Parish Council is incredibly supportive of this, and Councillors agreed to publish the vacancies on the Parish Council website as well as the Bradwell Village Facebook page and the newsletter. 3. The access road widening at Church Lane and Ash Lane crossings were temporary. 4. Again, the Parish Council was asked to remind residents that **Haul Road is a Private Road and should therefore not be used**. A note to this effect will also be included in the next Parish newsletter reminding residents of this. 5. Indaver plan to capture 60k tons of CO2 per year, of which 20k tons can be used by the Rivenhall Low Carbon Greenhouse to grow tomatoes. The Planning Application for the greenhouse project will be submitted later this month and the Parish Council will have the opportunity to make its comments. It is intended that the carbon capture from the project will mirror the existing facility in the Netherlands. 6. It was recorded that, for the week commencing 22 July, eight vehicles designated for the Links Solar Farm, had passed through Bradwell Village. 7. Following a car from the Indaver site being observed throwing litter out of a car, Indaver had carried out a litter pick along Church Road. 8. Disciplinary Action had been taken by Indaver against a minibus driver who failed to stop at the Church Lane/Haul Road junction. 9. A further visit to the Bury St Edmunds greenhouse site would take place in October. Any Councillors interested in attending this visit should make Cllr. Dunn aware. |
| **Cllr. Abram left the meeting at 9.30pm**  **Councillors agreed to suspend Standing Order 3.x, to allow the meeting to exceed two hours**  **Proposed: Cllr. Deighton; Seconded Cllr. Lockey; All in favour, RESOLVED.** | |
| **24-5/140** | **AUTUMN LITTER PICK** The next Village litter pick had been organised for Saturday 14 September. This would take place from 9.00-10.00am. The amenity vehicle would be available for residents, free of charge from 10am for two hours. Litter pick equipment would be delivered on Friday morning and collected by midday 16 September. The Clerk had advertised the litter pick on Facebook, along with items not permitted, and would send a further reminder. |
| **24-5/141** | **PARISH MAGAZINE** The Chairs of Bradwell with Pattiswick Parish Council and Stisted Parish Council met with the Editor of the Parish Magazine. At that meeting it was agreed to make the following recommendations for consideration to the respective Parish Councils:   1. The Church has asked if the Parish Councils of Bradwell, Pattiswick and Stisted would take on the responsibility of the magazine from 2025. The magazine would be a Parish Magazine rather than a Church Parish Magazine. **A volunteer was required to take over the administration of advertising, which would involve invoicing and advertising the editor of adverts to be included in the magazine.** 2. It is envisaged that the magazine will be delivered to every household, dependent on “kind deliverers.” There would be no charge for the magazine, although voluntary donations would be welcome! Six magazines a year are proposed (at present there are ten), with the hope that increased advertising would cover the cost of printing (existing annual advertising rates would remain the same). It is considered that delivering to every household would make the magazine more attractive to advertisers, with double coverage. 3. A decision would have to be made as to which months the magazine would be produced. It would not be feasible to start with January as editing and printing would have to take place during the Christmas holiday (February, April through to December). 4. We would like an editorial for each edition, with the church news and dates to be in the centre and easy for readers to remove for reference. 5. The design of the front cover needs to be agreed. One suggestion would be to have the village signs, but other ideas would be welcome.   If anyone has any thoughts about this change and/or if they would be interested in volunteering to take on the role of advertising manager, then they should please contact the Editor (details are inside cover of the magazine).  Councillors agreed with the initial proposals and that this item should be considered again at the November meeting once Stisted had had their Parish Council meeting and where further comments could be considered.  **Proposed: Cllr. Dunn; Seconded Cllr. Turner; All in favour, RESOLVED.** |
| **24-5/142** | **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2025**  Councillors approved the Clerk’s proposals for the 2025 Parish Council meetings dates (including the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council meeting) to take place on the second Monday of the month (with no meeting in August). The Clerk would publish these dates on the Parish Council website.  **Proposed: Cllr. Lockey; Seconded Cllr. Deighton; All in favour, RESOLVED.** |
| **24-5/143** | **RECTORY MEADOW**  The Chair updated Councillors on the Friends of Rectory Meadow Ltd, which was **separate to the work of the Parish Council.** This relates to a dispute between the residents of Residents of Rectory Meadow and a Planning Application for Right of Way for Motor Vehicles to access Land South of Coggeshall Road via Rectory Meadow, leading to High Court action which is being defended by residents of Rectory Meadow on behalf of the Village.  The High Court of Justice Business and Property Courts of England and Wales (ChD) Chancery Division have allocated the case to the Multi-Track and require a Directions Questionnaire to be completed by 1 October 2024. The Friends of Rectory Meadow Ltd have granted £650 towards legal costs, which already exceed £7,000. To keep costs down, Tony Dunn, will be representing the residents in Court, nevertheless, further funds are urgently required if the developer is to be prevented from building a housing estate (see call for sites) with road access through the Street, Church Road, and Rectory Meadow. (Note: HGVs cannot turn into Rectory Meadow from the Street but must travel to the Recycling Compound to turn round and get access to Rectory Meadow, so all HGV access via Rectory Meadow would be along Church Road). |
| **24-5/144** | **INFORMATION EXCHANGE & AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING(S)**  The Chair advised Councillors that power to the Church had been cut due to vermin chewing through the power line. As a result, a new pump was required which Cllr. Lockey had purchased this for £49.99. He and Cllr. Dunn had tidied the pond and refitted the pump. Thanks was expressed to both Councillors on behalf of the Parish Council and approval was sought to refund the cost of the pump.  **Proposed: Cllr. Turner; Seconded Cllr. Deighton; All in favour, RESOLVED.**  Cllr. Lockey had undertaken an amount of work at the recycling bank, along with a local contractor Mark Vince (who was able to use a side-arm flail), removing the excess salt, clearing the bushes/nettles around the litter bins and undergrowth at the back of the recycling bins, in preparation for the CCTV pole installation. will be situated and around the bin. Mr Vince had also cleared by the hedge around three sides of the church, which would make grass cutting easier for EH Countryside. Mark Vince had charge £75.00 for the work, which was approved by Councillors.  **Proposed: Cllr. Turner; Seconded Cllr. Deighton; All in favour, RESOLVED**   * Bus shelters in the Parish * VE Day 8 May 2025 – save the date and to note for 25/26 budget discussions * Parish Magazine * 25/26 Budget * S106 Funds |
| **24-5/145** | **NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**   1. The next monthly **Parish Council** meeting will be held on **Monday 14 October 2024**, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Bradwell 2. Items for inclusion in the June agenda to be sent to the Clerk no later than **12 noon on Friday 4 October 2024.**   **The meeting closed at 9.50pm.** |

1. Killed or Seriously Injured [↑](#footnote-ref-1)