

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on 14th November 2016 at 7.30pm in Bradwell Village Hall**

Present: Councillor Tony Dunn - Chairman
Councillor Glenn Lockey – Vice-Chairman
Councillor John Bedford
Councillor Craig Evans
Councillor Lesley Kinder
Councillor Gareth Pritchard
Councillor Marie Webb

In attendance: Mrs Christine Marshall (Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer)
District Councillor Lynette Bowers-Flint
County Councillor James Abbott
Alan Lindsay, Transport Strategy & Engagement Manager,
Transportation, Planning and Development, Essex County Council

9 members of the public

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed guests and members of the public.

There were 9 members of the public present.

16/220 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies to record.

16/221 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

16/231 Non-pecuniary interests were declared by Cllrs Kinder and Webb in respect to Bradwell Village Hall. It was noted that Cllr Lockey was no longer a Trustee of the Village Hall.

16/222 A120

Alan Lindsay, Transport Strategy & Engagement Manager for Transportation, Planning and Development at Essex County Council, explained his position at ECC as being strategic, working towards major schemes and liaising with Highways England. Mr Lindsay also explained the links between the A120, the Local Plan, the A12 and the proposed garden settlements. The following points were discussed and noted:

- ECC, working closely with Highways England, are leading on feasibility works for A120 to A12. ECC has £5m put aside for feasibility study, with “match” funding by central government of £4m.
- Important to have scheme included in Roads Investment Strategy 2020/25 for Highways England to deliver.
- No pre-defined option for A120 or A12. Numerous options being considered in order to have 4/5 schemes available for public consultation in January 2017.
- Road modelling being drafted to identify constraints. Data being shared across all relevant schemes.
- Number of consultation events to be held. This Parish Council has **agreed to host consultation event at Bradwell Village Hall.**
- Various forum established to ensure wide discussion: Economic; Environmental; Members; Braintree Community and Colchester Community.

The Parish Council is a member of, and attends, the Braintree Community Forum.

See dedicated website www.a120essex.co.uk

- Scheme has to be delivered on a benefit to cost ratio (reduced budget/value for money), but Department for Transport has not yet indicated budget available (expected to be in region of £500/750m). Some will come from developers, depending on availability.

The following questions and responses were raised:

Q: Will the £500m+ include costs for garden Settlements and development?

A: No. This was the estimated cost some years ago. No money has been allocated yet from the government for the road.

Q: In 2005 a detailed study was carried out to link the A120 to A12, has this been binned? A: All previous work on A120 has been looked at and nothing discarded. ECC will not state preferred option, that decision will be made via consultation.

Q: Who is on the Community Forum? A: Mr Lindsay explained the structure of these and the Chairman confirmed that he has attended on behalf of the Parish Council.

Q: How much influence will cost have against community issues on the decision? A: It is governed by standard industry guidelines for both decision and construction which takes into account numerous aspects, including economic influence, safety, environmental considerations, and stakeholders. Where contributions can be secured (e.g. government or developers) these will be explored.

Q: Forum has been good at explaining about the process, but not confident local issues are being picked up as no detail is being discussed. How much is being picked up and worked on? If this is about cost, this road will be in place for many generations and this is an opportunity to get it right. There are a huge number of local problems that need to be resolved. A: This is not simply a cost exercise. In terms of detail, nothing has been shown yet but this will be in the consultation process to identify at a detailed level the various district and community issues and get the feedback from residents and interested parties. All concerns being raised as the process moves forward are being noted and shared between Highways England and ECC.

Q: Major issues at Galleys Corner. A: Traffic modellers are looking at the congestion points. It is acknowledged that this cannot be left as it is and a number of options will be looked at.

Q: How is the additional traffic as a result of the IWMF going to be dealt with as there is concern that the A120 will be at a standstill? A: This has been raised through the forums and there are planning issues that are being taken into account both for existing levels, general traffic growth, local plan impacts and other developments. All factors are being included in the calculations and ECC are trying to ensure all information available is included – nothing is being done in isolation.

Short-term safety on A120 – it was confirmed that this was the responsibility of Highways England and they are looking at how this can be improved.

Q: Why isn't the Bradwell stretch of the A120 at 30mph? Highways England do not feel that it is suitable for 30mph, although ECC criteria for 30mph are based on housing on both sides of the road.

Q: Can warning signs for the reduction in speed and of children crossing be erected? A: To be raised with Highways England at next month's meeting.

Where possible, infrastructure will be in place before the garden settlements or other development takes place. ECC will look to do this even if pre-funding is not available and will seek reimbursement from development proceeds afterwards.

The Chairman thanked Mr Lindsay for attending the meeting and for the public in taking part in the discussions.

16/223 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Parishes Against Incineration (PAIN) are seeking 10,000 signatures to force Government to look at the issues being raised locally about the IWMF, but parish councils are not showing a united approach. The Chairman of PAIN has offered to host a meeting of all PCs, supported by Priti Patel MP, to discuss these concerns and to decide what action can be taken. In the meantime, Ms Patel has requested all information to be consolidated into a form that can be presented to Government. Ms Patel has made a statement to the BBC about these concerns and also the sustainability of this plant in this part of Essex. Environment Agency decision is still awaited, anticipated to be made in December.

16/224 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS TO ADDRESS THE MEMBERS

Cllr Abbott spoke to the following:

- Cllr Abbott confirmed his further objections lodged against IWMF.
- Spoke at Local Planning meeting when he supported Officers' view on access to the A120.
- Monks Wood is now classified as a Coggeshall application.
- Happy to work with the Parish Council on a scheme for vehicle weight restrictions through Bradwell.
- Has asked ECC when the work will be undertaken to remedy the flooding issues at Tippets Wade.

Cllr Bowers Flint spoke to the following:

- BDC website has details of housing needs over coming years and how these have been arrived at.
- Some developers are submitting planning applications for development before the Local Plan has been decided, resulting in those applications being considered now.
- There are no changes in respect of Bradwell and Pattiswick on the Local Plan and the area behind the village hall, across the allotments, will not go forward.
- No applications for District Councillors' Community Fund allocations have been forthcoming and the Parish Council is encouraged to apply for up to £500. Applications to Cllrs Bowers Flint and Lady Newton.

16/225 PREVIOUS MEETING

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th October were a correct record and should be signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Evans, **Seconded:** Cllr Kinder, All in favour
Signed by the Chairman

16/226 A120

See 16/222.

16/227 OTHER ROADS

a. Warning sign Doghouse Road j/w Church Lane - A draft of the third party agreement is still awaited. The Clerk continues to chase.

Action: Clerk to chase and follow through

b. The Street/Church Road weight restriction – Cllr Webb reported that she has asked Cllr James Abbott to assist, who has confirmed he will draft a submission for the Parish Council to consider prior to submission.

16/228 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

a. The Chairman will be attending the A120 Braintree Community Forum on 8th December.

b. ECC to be approached for assistance on road safety issues within the village.

Action: Clerk to seek ECC discussion at future meeting

16/229 INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY

Nothing further to report at this time.

16/230 PLANNING MATTERS

a. No new applications to be considered.

b. **BDC Local Plan-** No developments in Bradwell will be going forward and no development envelope before 2033.

Cllrs thanked the Chairman for attending the meeting.

c. **Traveller sites** – Following the application presented at the last meeting for Compasses Road, figures of traveller site requirements in this area are awaited. Cllr Bowers Flint agreed to speak to Cllr Lady Newton who was obtaining this information.

Action: Clerk to request allowance figures from BDC and to invite them to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss

16/231 VILLAGE HALL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Cllr Webb reported that prior to the Village Hall refurbishment, 930 bookings were received in 2014. Since the refurbishment, 2,851 bookings have taken place in 2016 to end October.

16/232 BRADWELL ENVIRONMENT

a. Holy Trinity Church Pond –Tony Haken has provided a quotation to the Parochial Church Council for the Church footpath and electricity cable (total materials and labour £2,330) and drainage system from the pond and bypassing graves (total materials and labour £2,080). The Parish Council will provide and install the pump and pipe for water dispersal separately.

b. The area around the pond needs clearing. This will be a working party in February/March 2017 and will include wild flower seeding to common area.

Action: Clerk to add to action list

Action: Clerk to add resolution to next Agenda

- c. Flooding – the Clerk updated on meeting with Ian McIntosh who will assist with “Where the Water Goes” initiative. He and Cllr Pritchard will identify water courses.

Action: Cllr Pritchard to work with Ian McIntosh

16/233 PLAYING FIELD

- a. Inspection report for October – Cllr Bedford was pleased to provide another positive report, although there had been reports of dog fouling. Cllrs were requested to report to Cllr Bedford any incidents where it is noted walkers are not picking up after their dogs.
- b. Playing field entrance – The Clerk confirmed that Bradwell Estates had agreed for the installation of an overhead barrier after the allotments, but before the actual playing field, providing they were not required to make any financial contribution.

Action: Clerk to seek quotes

- c. New lease – amendments to terms agreed.

Action: Clerk to advise Gepp & Sons to issue lease for signature

- d. Outdoor gym equipment – results of Tesco customer vote will be known at the end of November.

16/234 CLERK’S REPORT

The Clerk’s Report was noted.

- a. Local Council Award Scheme – Foundation Level
Cllrs were disappointed to learn that the application could not proceed due to a “qualified audit” following handover from previous council.

Action: the Clerk was asked to appeal

- b. “Where the Water Goes” training – **it was agreed** to arrange this for daytime and to include Ian McIntosh.

Action: Clerk to organise

16/235 ACTION PLAN

- a. The action plan was reviewed and updated.
- b. Neighbourhood Plan – 110 employment questionnaires have been distributed (50 to Bradwell Pit who employ 50 full-time workers).
Detailed maps awaited in order to undertake photographing and annotation for buildings and places of historical or architectural interest.

16/236 TRAINING PROGRAMME

The Clerk advised that a response was still awaited from EALC about bespoke training course requested.

Action: Clerk to chase

16/237 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Maldon Bus Consultation – agreed not appropriate to respond.

16/238 INVITATIONS RECEIVED

Award ceremony for presentation of ECC’s Essex Minerals Site Awards ‘Gold’ level to Bradwell Quarry.

16/239 CHARITABLE DONATIONS

IT WAS RESOLVED to make a donation of £50.00 to Marie Curie under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 as this organisation has helped a number of residents throughout the Parish in recent years.

Proposed: Cllr Lockey, **Seconded:** Cllr Webb, All in favour

Action: Clerk to process for next meeting

16/240 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. Budget 2017/18

It was agreed to maintain precept for 2017/18 at the same level as the current year.

The Clerk requested any amendments or additions to the draft budget v.3 to be advised in order that final draft budget can be presented and approved at the next meeting.

b. Financial statement to 31st October 2016 was agreed. There were no queries.

c. Cheques for signature

Invoice date	Payee	Amount	VAT	Cheque no
12/10/2016	J & N Grass Cutting	445.00		101055
11/10/2016	EALC	15.00		101056
10/10/2016	Essex Air Ambulance	50.00		101057
31/10/2016	HMRC	64.00		101058
31/10/2016	C A Marshall	305.20	10.86	101060
08/11/2016	C A Marshall (HP new PC - Transparency)	399.00	66.50	101061

16/241 Next meeting

Confirmed for Monday 12th December 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Church Road, Bradwell.

Note: Highways England will be in attendance to update on proposed roadworks n 2017.

Other items to appear on next agenda will include Aircraft noise (Cllr Pritchard) and Twin Oaks (Cllr Dunn).

Action: Items for Agenda to be sent to the Parish Clerk to be received no later than 12 noon on Monday 3rd December 2016

The meeting closed at 9.35pm