

Bradwell with Pattiswick Parish Council
DRAFT Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 13th February 2017 at 7.30pm in Bradwell Village Hall

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

In attendance: Mrs Christine Marshall (Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer)
District Councillor James Abbott
Carol Anderson – Managing Director for Mid Essex Clinical Commissioning Group
Dr Anna Davey – GP at Coggeshall Surgery and a member of the Mid Essex Clinical Commissioning Group
4 members of the public

17/021 The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed guests and members of the public.

APOLOGIES

It was resolved to accept the apologies of Cllrs John Bedford and Craig Evans. Apologies were also received from District Councillors Bowers-Flint and Lady Patricia Newton.

17/022 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

17/032 A non-pecuniary interest was declared by Cllrs Kinder and Webb in respect of Bradwell Village Hall.

17/023 NHS

Carol Anderson explained that the CCG commissions services that can be described as “high cost/low volume” but does not include the commissioning of GPs, pharmacists or dentists. The CCG does work closely with GPs and NHS England who formally request services.

The following topics were discussed:

- Referring to comments in the Parish Plan, Dr Davey explained an initiative taking place with other GPs in the Braintree area looking for new ways of working and what services can be delivered by other clinical staff such as nurse practitioners, practice nurses and healthcare assistants
- Access to primary care remains paramount
- Quality of services in the area and across Mid-Essex recognised by the Care Quality Commission as very good or excellent
- Difficult to recruit GPs in the Essex area
- Some of the main issues facing delivery of services include: aging population, increasing demand for health services, insufficient investment into general practice, workforce not wanting to come to work in Essex due to housing costs rising and incomes falling
- Most GP practices are private businesses with a contract to provide medical services and most have a patient participatory group (which patients are encouraged to join)

Specific questions raised included:

- Considering the long wait for appointments now, how the effects of increased housing in the district (30/40,000 people by 2033) will be addressed
Ms Anderson explained how the smaller developments are more difficult to address as the larger developments usually provide financial means under S.106 to provide services. The CCG working closely with District Councils to understand future needs and how they will be met. GPs are also looking at how they can work more collaboratively across surgeries in an area.
- BDC looking at how health and social care can be delivered to support an increasingly older and frailer population.
- CCG investigating how consultations could be delivered electronically.
- Hospital services – following re-designation of areas by government, Braintree area now falls within the Mid and South Essex footprint, these may be provided by Broomfield, Basildon and Southend Hospitals. Public consultation to be held May/June 2017. A&E services will remain at all sites. Colchester hospitals now come within the Suffolk and North-Essex district.
- Availability of GP services at weekends – to provide weekend appointments would reduce available appointments during weekdays. Majority of surgeries now offer a late evening or early morning surgery for those who work or commute. A trial a few years ago of opening on a Saturday was not successful.

The Chairman thanks Ms Anderson and Dr Davey for attending the meeting and invited them to come again to update the Parish Council on developments as they happen.

17/024 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Nothing was raised at this stage.

17/025 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS TO ADDRESS THE MEMBERS

Cllr Abbott provided the following report:

- Local Highways Panel approved a speed warning sign at Pattiswick, but no scheduled date for installation.
- A 7-day survey through the village of HGV movements showed only 0.6% of vehicles travelled southbound, and only 0.3% northbound were HGVs. The Local Highways Panel did not support the implementation of a weight restriction through the village. Average speed was 22mph (speed limit 30mph).
- Disappointed to learn that the pipe repair outside Tippets Wade had not been done and will chase
- IWMMF – Gent Fairhead intend to submit another application for higher stack. It was noted that a smaller site at Ipswich has a stack height of 82m. The Environment Agency will look at permit request on the assumption that planning permission has been granted. EA aware that Honace have stated their intention to discharge water back into the river, but no application submitted yet.
Water levels in the quarry lagoons are low. JA has queried why the Quarry and the IWMMF are being treated as two separate sites
- A120 – JA has attended many of the consultation events. All have been well-attended. Feelings are that there is an implicit link between the location of new garden villages in relation to the new road.
- ECC budget due to be finalised 14th February with a council tax increase of 3% specifically for social care.

17/026 PREVIOUS MEETING

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2017 were a correct record and should be signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

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

17/027 A120

- Consultation event 30th January exit survey – the Chairman explained the analysis of the survey. 37% of parish residents attended this first event. Rivenhall Parish Council held a public meeting, at which about 40 residents attended, all of whom were in favour of Route A
- The draft response to the consultation on behalf of Bradwell with Pattiswick Parish Council was discussed and agreed with one amendment. **It was agreed** to instruct the Clerk to submit the response as amended.

Proposed: Cllr Lockey, **Seconded:** Cllr Pritchard, All in favour
Action: Clerk to complete

17/028 OTHER ROADS

Refer to minute 17/025 above.

17/029 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- The Chairman confirmed Highway England (HE) would be attending the next meeting to discuss road safety
- A120 manholes – the Chairman advised of two letters received from Openreach and read his response. A S.81 Notice is being raised to rectify noisy manhole covers. A copy of the correspondence has been given to HE who will be contacting Openreach.
- The Chairman is studying the detail of HE roadworks along the A120 as the drawings indicate BT has only two ducts across Blackwater Bridge, These will carry Local Network cables – there are footway boxes on both sides of the bridge. Four big carriageway boxes would seem excessive, when they use less than two duct bores, so he will be querying the purpose of these manholes..
- Planter at edge of village – waiting for Highways to respond with information.
- Orchard – one of the new trees has been chewed by deer.
- Gym equipment – work will commence end February.
- Playing field event – meeting with Village Hall Committee to plan joint event to launch the new equipment. Once costs identified, will apply for grant up to £400.
- Twin Oaks – see minute 17/031 below.

17/030 INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY

The draft response to the proposed modifications was discuss and agreed.

Action: Clerk to submit

17/031 PLANNING MATTERS

- a. **Twin Oaks** – the costs of the works at the entrance to the site have been funded by BDC using “Growth Area Funding” from central government to invest in infrastructure and housing in the district.
The draft letter to MPs James Cleverly and Priti Patel was discussed. **It was agreed** this should be sent.

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

Action: Clerk to submit

Concern was raised by councillors that the number of caravans on the site far exceeded the permitted number. It was also noted that some of the residents were not travellers and were living at the site whilst working locally.

Action: Clerk to contact BDC Enforcement Officer to check

17/032 VILLAGE HALL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Following the non-availability of heating in the hall for this meeting due to blown fuses, Cllr Webb reported that the Village Hall Management Committee will need to consider purchasing a new boiler. Cllr Lockey noted that he felt it was an electrical issue rather than the boiler itself.

Action: Cllr Webb

17/033 BRADWELL ENVIRONMENT

a. Holy Trinity Church Pond –£500 community grant received. Confusion over specification for second quote now sorted and new quote awaited. To prevent further delay, councillors were asked to agree that Cllrs Dunn and Lockey together with the Clerk should have delegated power to accept one of two quotes once received. **IT WAS RESOLVED** that delegated powers should be given.

Proposed: Cllr Kinder, **Seconded:** Cllr Pritchard, All in favour

b. Churchyard and common land management plan was agreed. A more accurate and detailed site plan is needed.

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

c. Clearance of weeds – it was agreed to delay full clearance until the grass grows and any wildflowers can be identified. Grass maintenance team to be asked to hand weed thistles, nettles, etc., instead of cutting the grass.

Action: Clerk to arrange

d. Flooding – following the training attended by Cllrs Dunn and Kinder, **it was agreed** to pursue funding that may be available to assist in clearing ditches and water courses.

Action: Clerk to arrange for ECC to attend PC meeting to discuss

e. Flooding to Rectory Meadow – refer to minute 17/025 above.

f. Watery Lane – following discussion it was agreed to put on hold the proposal to improve the footpath. Enquiries to be made for a sign to be erected on the common land along Cut Hedge Lane warning that anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated and that details of vehicles waiting at the entrance will be referred to Essex Police. Consideration to be given to register as a community asset.

Action: Clerk to follow up

17/034 PLAYING FIELD

Inspection report for January awaited – Cllr Bedford absent.

17/035 BROADBAND

The requirements of Superfast Essex in relation to checking service in parish postcodes is unclear. The Chairman to follow up regarding any action required.

Action: Chairman to follow up

17/036 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's Report was noted.

17/037 YOUTH GROUP

Cllr Kinder advised this will not meet again until the new gym equipment is installed. The group had been referred to as a “youth club” on Facebook, which is incorrect. This has now been corrected but it indicates a lack of understanding in the community of the purpose of the group. **It was agreed** Cllr Kinder and the Clerk to re-visit the Terms of Reference and how the group works with the Parish Council.

Action: *Cllr Kinder and the Clerk*

17/038 ACTION PLAN

a. The action plan was reviewed and updated. The Clerk has requested a list of actions and projects for the coming year to update the councillors’ pledges/manifesto.

Action: *All Councillors*

b. Neighbourhood Plan: The Chairman confirmed he is drafting the outline plan for discussion at the next meeting.

Action: *Chairman to distribute*

Action: *Clerk to add to March agenda*

17/039 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

a. Braintree, Halstead & Witham Citizen’s Advice – request for donation. **It was agreed** to donate £50 under S.137 powers.

Action: *Clerk to action*

b. Letters of thanks regarding orchard competition were noted.

17/040 INVITATIONS RECEIVED

Local Plan Sub-Committee meetings 9th March and 19th May – Chairman will attend the meeting on 9th march.

17/041 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. Financial statement to 31st January 2017 was agreed. There were no queries.

b. Cheques were approved and signed by the Chairman and Cllr Lockey as follows:

Invoice date	Payee	Amount	Cheque no
31/01/2017	HMRC	64.00	101070
31/01/2017	C A Marshall (salary and expenses	350.25	101071
Total:		414.25	

c. Clerk to enquire whether there is a cost saving if street lighting is changed to LED.

Action: *Clerk to action*

17/042 Next meeting

Confirmed for Monday 13th March 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Church Road, Bradwell.

Action: *Items for inclusion on the Agenda to be sent to the Parish Clerk to be received no later than 12 noon on Monday 6th March 2017.*

The meeting closed at 9.30pm