

Bradwell with Pattiswick Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on 12th January 2015 7:35pm

Present: Councillors Cllr. M.Harden (Chairman)
Cllr. R.Hockley-Byam
Cllr. T.Speakman
Cllr. D.Tyrie
Cllr. B.Coutts
Cllr. M.Keepence

Also in attendance Diane Jacob (Clerk)
Braintree District Councillor James Abbott
Braintree District Councillor Bob Wright
2 Members of Public

15/001 Welcome & Apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed everyone and spoke of the sudden death of Cllr.B.Biggs, and the extremely hard work and dedication he had given to the Parish Council. Tribute E-Mail from Highways Agency read out. The Chairman also spoke about Josie Hill who had previously been Chairman of the Parish Council and was also extremely dedicated. There were no apologies of absence.

15/002 Two Minute Silence

A Two minute silence was held in memory of Cllr.B.Biggs and Josie Hill.

15/003 Declarations of Interest

Received from Cllr. M. Keepence regarding item number 15/009.

15/004 Public Forum

A member of the public thanked the Parish Council for the floral tribute and the kindness expressed towards Josie Hill.

He also brought some notes regarding public footpaths, these were passed to Garreth (Footpaths Officer). Footpath routes will be changing shortly, Cllr.T.Speakman to arrange to get a new definitive map.

ECC have contacted the Parish Council regarding flooding, it was noted that Chapel Rise and Hollies Road have problems with this.

Travellers have been reported to police, who are keeping a record, regarding incidents involving racing cars around fields late at night, there have been 8 burglaries since December, poaching is also a problem.

15/005 District Councillors to address the Members if Present

District Councillor James Abbott paid tribute to Cllr.B.Biggs and Josie Hill.

The Local Plan consultation period will begin from 26th January, the field next to the Playingfield ref 142 and Riverside ref 143 have been put forward as possible sites, no idea of how many houses. Gateway's proposed dev site is from Marks Farm Roundabout almost to Hollies Road. There will be a consultation period of two years for the public to make their comments etc.

New plans for Rivenhall Airfield. Silver End has applied for restrictions on HGV Lorries in Sheepcotes Lane.

15/006 Consideration of Minutes of the last meeting held on 8th December 2014

Minutes were declared as a true record and signed by the Chairman Cllr.M.Harden.

Proposed by Cllr. M.Harden, seconded by Cllr. D.Tyrie, all in favour, resolution passed

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- 15/007 Chairman's Report**
Nothing to report.
- 15/008 Clerks Report**
Received and noted.
- 15/009 Village Hall Representative Report**
Cll.M.Keepence reported that grants totally approx. one hundred and forty five thousand pounds had been raised. Extensions of time on these grants were constantly being requested due to the surrender of the Lease of the Village Hall taking so long. The Parish Council congratulated the Village Hall Committee on obtaining these grants, and instructed the clerk to write another letter to Rev Sams requesting an update on the lease.
Proposed by Cllr.D.Tyrie, seconded by Cllr.M.Harden, all in favour
- 15/010 Grass Cutting 2015**
The clerk reported that a donation total of **£2,160.00** is to be received in two instalments from Blackwater Aggregates to pay for the Grass cutting in the Churchyard and the playing field. £1,160.00 to be made in April 2015 and the second payment of £1,000.00 be made in June 2015. The clerk to send copies of invoices each month to Blackwater Aggregates.
Members of The Parish Council would like to express their sincere thanks to Blackwater Aggregates for this very generous donation.
Strutt and Parker have kindly donated £350.00 towards grass cutting.
- 15/011 Bird Shooting in Bradwell Churchyard**
Cllr. R.Hockley-Byam reported on behalf of a member of the public that Beaters and dogs have been seen in the churchyard. Cllr.T.Speakman confirmed that the Guns do not go in and that they stand on the verges or at the end of the drive. The Parish Council expressed its displeasure of this, as it was very disrespectful. Cllr.T.Speakman is willing to discuss this matter further with the general public, should they wish to contact him direct.
- 15/012 To appoint an internal auditor for 2015**
It was agreed to appoint John Reddington as the Parish Council Internal Auditor for 2015 at a cost of £50.00.
Proposed Cllr.D.Tyrie, seconded Cllr.T.Speakman, all in favour, resolution passed.
- 15/013 The appearance of Bradwell**
Clerk to contact Essex Highways regarding verges, and areas in the Village. Cllr M. Keepence to measure Hedgerow in the playfield and tree line along A120. Proposed to purchase an apple tree to replace the one in the orchard in the playfield. Proposed by Cllr. D.Tyrie, seconded by Cllr.R.Hockley-Byam.
- 15/014 Memorial**
It was proposed to purchase an English Oak Tree with a half circular seat to be situated in Church Road. Clerk to obtain prices.
Proposed by Cllr.D.Tyrie, seconded by Cllr.M.Harden, all in favour
- 15/015 Planning Matters**
None at present
- 15/016 Bradwell Environment**
Item 1. A120-Gateway Consortium – Cllr.R.Hockley-Byam reported that the Council had attended a presentation, and learnt that they are putting a plan to the minister. Suggestion that nothing will happen without further development. Route to join with A12. A letter has

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been sent on behalf of the A120 committee. Highways Agency were not in attendance at the presentation.

Item 2. Other Roads - Flooding in Hollies Road

Item 2. Playingfield - Dog fouling still a problem

Item 4. Footpaths - Footpath 7 still not cleared, Footpath 29 small tree is down, Cllr T.Speakman to remove the small tree

Item 5. Bradwell Pit - Nothing to report

15/017 Financial Matters

Financial Statement for December (Items to be approved for payment and signed as per payment schedule).

Proposed by Cllr.M.Harden, seconded by Cllr.D Tyrie, all in favour, resolution passed.

	Cheque No.	Total
O2 Mobile Phone (For January)	DD	15.38
Diane Jacob (Salary for December)	100926	244.02
Diane Jacob (Expenses for December)	100927	17.23
Essex Pension Fund (for December)	100928	55.61
Richards Edwards Group LLP (Inv.No. 25270)	100929	45.90
R. Hockley-Byam	100930	28.50

Clerk to write to the bank regarding new Mandate.

Proposed to remove Cllr.B. Biggs and add Cllr.R.Hockley-Byam as a signatory.

Proposed by Cllr.M.Harden, seconded by Cllr.M.Keepence, all in favour

15/018 Casual Vacancy

Proposed Option 1. To wait until the Election in May

Proposed by Cllr.R.Hockley-Byam, seconded by Cllr. D.Tyrie, all in favour, resolution passed

15/019 To Exclude the Press and Public

No public to exclude – already left

15/020 2014 – 2016 National Salary Award to Pay Scales

The Parish Council agreed to accept new National Pay Scales as advised by NALC.

Proposed by Cllr.R. Hockley-Byam, seconded by Cllr.D.Tyrie, all in favour resolution passed

15/021 Next Parish Council Meeting 9th February 2015

Meeting Closed at 9.32pm

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