

**Bradwell with Pattiswick Parish Council**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
**Held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015 7:30pm**

**Present:** Councillors Cllr. M.Harden (Chairman)  
Cllr. R.Hockley-Byam  
Cllr. T.Speakman

**Also in attendance** Diane Jacob (Clerk)  
2 Members of Public

**15/022 Welcome & Apologies for absence**

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr.D.Tyrie, Cllr.B.Coutts, Cllr.M.Keepence,  
And District Cllr. James Abbott, and Cllr. Bob Wright

**15/023 Declarations of Interest**

None

**15/024 Public Forum**

A member of the public reported that along Church Road, there is a 30mph sign between two 20mph signs. Clerk to report this to Essex County Council Highways Department. Grass verges have been churned up by harvesting sugar beet vehicles, Cllr.T.Speakman to speak to the farmer direct.

**15/025 District Councillors to address the Members if Present**

None present.

**15/026 Consideration of Minutes of the last meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

Minutes were declared as a true record and signed by the Chairman Cllr.M.Harden. Proposed by Cllr.R.Hockley-Byam, seconded by Cllr.T.Speakman, all in favour, resolution passed.

**15/027 Localism Fund Grant**

To deduct the Localism Fund Grant from the precept figure that was agreed in December, therefore making the precept £7,569.00 for 2015/2016 (This is exactly the same figure as for 2014/2015. No increase). Proposed by Cllr.M.Harden, seconded by Cllr.R.Hockley-Byam Chairman and Parish Clerk signed precept form.

**15/028 Chairman's Report**

The Chairman confirmed that a meeting had taken place between himself and the Rev. Ray Sams to discuss the response from the Charity Commission regarding their refusal to consent to the Council surrendering the Lease of the Village Hall. The Chairman reported that he had also attended a meeting with Mr Glen Lockey, Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee to reiterate the Council concerns and to discuss possible options to move forward with the proposed works.

**15/029 Clerks Report**

Received and noted.

**15/030 Village Hall Representative Report**

None present.

**15/031 The appearance of Bradwell**

To be deferred to March.

15/032

**Memorial**

It was agreed to accept the very kind offer of an 8' English Oak Tree from Cllr. James Abbott and subject to Highway approval for it to be planted along Church Road.  
It was agreed to purchase a 1.5m Windsor Teak Bench for £184.99 plus £40.00 delivery plus VAT from Cyan Teak Furniture. Clerk to enquire price of a plaque. It was decided that the bench would be best situated in the Churchyard subject to approval from the Parochial Church Council.  
Proposed by Cllr.R.Hockley-Byam, seconded by Cllr.M.Harden, all in favour

15/033

**Planning Matters**

None at present

15/034

**Bradwell Environment**

**Item 1. A120-Gateway Consortium** – Nothing to report at present

**Item 2. Other Roads** – Nothing to report

**Item 2. Playingfield** - Mole Hills are becoming a problem

**Item 4. Footpaths** - Footpath 7 still not cleared, Footpath 33 (the Essex Way) two trees down by the quarry, Clerk to contact Public Rights of Way.

**Item 5. Bradwell Pit** - Nothing to report

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**Financial Matters**

Financial Statement for January/February (Items to be approved for payment and signed as per payment schedule).  
Proposed by Cllr.M.Harden, seconded by Cllr.R Hockley-Byam, all in favour, resolution passed.

	Cheque No.	Total
E-On Inv No. H10E93DOBE	DD	53.59
O2 Mobile Phone (For February)	DD	15.38
Information Commissioner (Data Protection Reg)	100931	35.00
Diane Jacob (Salary for January)	100932	233.65
Diane Jacob (Expenses for January)	100933	18.79
Essex Pension Fund (for January)	100934	53.29

15/036

**Village Hall Lease**

Chairman reported that the Charity Commission were not going to grant permission to surrender the Lease. The feeling was unanimous that this was extremely disappointing. We had been working towards this for a year and had regularly chased for progress reports. The Chairman presented a report showing the VHMC had received offers of grant funding in excess of the costs of building work including the essential repairs to make good dilapidations. It was also reported that the VHMC needed to start works by the end of February. The Council was keen for the extension and refurbishment works to get underway and they would like to see the project finished but all Councillors present expressed concern about the risk of potential exposure to the Council in the event any grants were not forthcoming or were reclaimed or there were cost overruns. It was explained that Mr Lockey had said the trustees on the Village Hall Management Committee were willing to grant the Council a letter of indemnity to cover these risks. The Chairman agreed to draft a letter of indemnity and to send this to Mr Lockey. It was confirmed that building works could commence if the Council receives a letter of indemnity signed by each of the trustees, also on the proviso that the works are to stay within the budgeted amounts. Cllr.T.Speakman raised a point regarding the appointment of an independent project manager but was told this would not be cost effective.  
Clerk to send letter to the Bank to transfer £9,541.43 from the Reserve fund to the Community Fund. Upon receipt of the signed letter of Indemnity the Clerk also requested

an Itemised Invoice, to be entered onto the next agenda, for consideration of approval, before payment could be made.

Proposed by Cllr.T.Speakman, seconded by Cllr.M. Harden, all in favour, resolution resolved.

**15/037 Integrated Waste Management facility (Rivenhall Airfield)**

The waste could come from anywhere within the country, and can burn anything and everything. Drop in sessions for public consultation will be arranged but dates are to be confirmed. A condition is in place that the company must set up a trust fund of £42,000.00 to be split between the Parishes affected by the development to provide a source of funds for local projects.

**15/038 Neighbourhood Plan for Bradwell**

To consult the Public if they would like a neighbourhood Plan for Bradwell. Residents would have more of a say regarding development within the village.

Would the Public also like to have the newsletter back in circulation?

To set a date in May after the election. Resolution to hold a Coffee Morning one Saturday to invite all the local residents to gain opinions.

Proposed by Cllr. R.Hockley-Byam, seconded by Cllr.M.Harden, all in favour resolution passed.

**15/039 Next Parish Council Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

Meeting Closed at 9.27pm