#### **Bradwell with Pattiswick Parish Council**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2014 7:30pm

**Present: Councillors** 

Cllr. M. Harden (Chairman) Cllr R. Hockley-Byam

Cllr. H. Biggs Cllr. M. Keepence Cllr. B. Coutts

Also in attendance Diane Jacob (Clerk)

Two District Councillors

Rev Ray Sams

# 191 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr. D.Tyrie, and Cllr. T.Speakman

# 192 Standing Orders

To consider adoption of amended Standing Orders in accordance with NALC (Item 3(I) as advised. Adoption agreed.

Proposed by Cllr. M.Harden, seconded by Cllr. H.Biggs, all in favour, resolution passed.

#### 193 Declarations of Interest

Received from Cllr. M. Keepence regarding Village Hall

#### 194 Public Forum

A member of the public had sent a positive e-mail thanking the Council for the extra signs displayed in the playing field regarding the dog fouling issue.

The Council have received and e-mail which was read out by the Chairman, covering the following points.

Grass cutting, the amount of money being spent. The Chairman responded that the total amount from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 8<sup>th</sup> September is £1,761.60 Including VAT. It should be noted that it is Not the responsibly of the Parish Council to cut grass in the Churchyard or any of the areas, is at the discretion of the Parish Council which areas it decides to have cut. Invitations to tender for grass cutting in 2015 to be sent out

Trees in The Orchard – The Parish Council are due to have a meeting with BDC regarding improving Bardwell this will be dealt with then.

Play Equipment in the Playing field – The Chairman pointed out that the play equipment is outside and open to the elements.

Litter on the Playing field – Chairman responded that this is the responsibly of the individual, it is an ongoing problem but litter is picked up and placed in the bins provided when noticed.

#### 195 District Councillors to address the Members if Present

Cllr James Abbott reported that the Boundary Reviews have been underway Bradwell, will be with Coggeshall and Sisted Ward and that new District Councillors will be in place next May.

Bradwell Quarry sites A3 and A4 have been started before planning permission approval. Cllr Abbott has requested a stop notice.

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Waste Site for Rivenhall – Cllr. Abbott has written to County, for new transport assessments, concerns with the bridges and a new ECO assessment.

Bradwell to comment on this planning application, to object, proposed by Cllr.M. Harden, seconded by Cllr.H.Biggs, all in favour

Highways have a new contact Cllr. Johnson regarding Local maintenance and Pot Holes.

# 196 Consideration of Minutes of the last meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

Minutes were declared as a true record and signed by the Chairman Cllr.M.Harden. Proposed by Cllr. H.Biggs, seconded by Cllr. M. Keepence, all in favour, resolution passed.

### 197 Chairman's Report

Chairman has sent an e-mail to David Tucker at Essex County Council regarding item 203 on the agenda, concerned that the Parish Council cannot adopt a policy that it does not understand.

Received an e-mail from a member of the public, thinking of purchasing a house in Bradwell, asking if there are any plans of development within the area.

Received a complaint regarding the Pit. Chairman also reported that he had attended the Dog show, it was well organised and with high attendance.

### 198 Clerks Report

Received and noted.

### 199 Village Hall Representative Report

**199.1** Rev Ray Sams reported that a letter had been sent from Solicitors to the Charity Commission and awaiting a reply. It is working its way through the legal system. Legal fees total cost of £1,400.00 Plus VAT and disbursements to surrender the lease. Plus the cost of a new lease.

### 200 Planning – None

#### (Item1) Application No. 14/00891/FUL

Twin Oaks Caravan Park Coggeshall Road Stisted Essex

Continued use of land for a gypsy/traveller site, including the formation of 21 pitches, associated buildings and works, vehicle parking and improvement to the existing vehicle and pedestrian access to the A120 trunk road.

To Object – proposed by Cllr. M. Keepence. Seconded Cllr.H.Biggs, all in favour.

#### (Item 2) Application No. 14/00933/FUL

Potash Farm Potash Farm Road Bradwell Essex CM77 8BD

Creation of domestic equestrian menage with a muck clamp and access track

No Objection – proposed by Cllr. R. Hockley-Byam, seconded by Cllr H.Biggs, all in favour.

### (Item 3) Application No: ESS/24/14/BTE

Bradwell Quarry, Church Road, Bradwell, CM77 8EP, and land south of Cut Hedge Lane Extraction of an estimated reserve of 3 million tonnes of sand and gravel (from Sites A3 and A4 as identified in the Pre-Submission Draft Replacement Minerals Local Plan) and retention of existing access onto the A120,

To Object – proposed by Cllr. R. Hockley-Byam, seconded by Cllr H. Biggs, all in favour.

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### 201 Bradwell Environment

- A120 Committee Cllr. H.Biggs reported on the article in the paper, meeting scheduled to take place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September with the surveyor, blocked, noisy drains. Extensive maintenance plans for the Blackwater bridge, Cllr.R.Hockley-Byam had a meeting, plans of stripping the bridge, cleaning underneath and repointing it. Work to take place at night. Cllr. R. Hockley-Byam pointed out that work would need to be carried out in the winter months due to the ECO environment.
- 201.2 **Other Roads** Pot Holes in Hollies Road, and un-named road Clerk to report to Highways.
- 201.3 Playing-field A large amount of Rubbish bags have been left in the playing-filed near the bench, after the Dog Show Clerk to arrange for them to be removed.
- Footpaths The footpath along the River Blackwater, at the bottom of the playing field is overgrown, and Willow tree still has not been cleared. The small wooden bridge in the playing field is also overgrown. Clerk to arrange for these to be cleared.
- 201.5 **Bradwell Pit** Nothing to discuss

#### 202 Finance

Financial Statement for July/August/September (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

	Cheque No.	Total
02 Mobile Phone (For August)	DD	14.37
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MD Landscapes (Anglia) Ltd Inv. No 2721	Chq 100906	528.00
EALC Invoice No. 4617	Chq 100907	22.50
Diane Jacob (Salary for August)	Chq 100908	228.76
Diane Jacob (Expenses for August)	Chq 100909	23.56
Essex Pension Fund (for August)	Chq 100910	52.20
Colne Skips Ltd Inv 97810	Chq 100911	318.00
MD Landscapes (Anglia) Ltd Inv. No. 2762	Chq 100912	288.00

# 203 Pension Policy Statement

No action – await reply from Essex County Council – to be on the agenda for October.

#### 204 Parish Council/Community Emergency Plan

Cllr. M.Keepence to be the Emergency coordinator, proposed by Cllr. M.Harden, seconded by Cllr. R.Hockley-Byam, all in favour. To be on the agenda in October for adoption of the Community Emergency Plan.

# 205 Appearance of the Village Working Group

To be on the agenda for October.

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### 206 Grass Cutting

Council decided that after complaints to keep the areas tidy, two cuts per month would be required, but obviously this will be more expense. Invitations for tender grass cutting in 2015 to be sent out, closing date 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014. To be on the agenda for November.

# 207 Street Lighting

Invitations to tender for the Maintenance of Street Lighting for 2015 to be sent out, closing date 31st October 2014. To be on the agenda for November.

#### 208 To Exclude the Press and Public

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

'That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Item 209 and 210 on the ground that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business subject to the public bodies admission to meetings Act 1960 Section 1 Sub-section 2.

No members of the public were present, to exclude.

# 209 To consider Legal Cost of surrendering the Lease

**Item A**. To consider paying half the Legal costs with the Village Hall Management Committee for the transfer of the Village Hall Lease.

Agreed to meet half the legal costs up to £1,000.00 Plus VAT and reasonable disbursements

Proposed by Cllr.M.Harden, seconded by Cllr.H.Biggs, all in favour

**Item B**. To consider where the money will come from within the Parish Council budget. Agreed to take the money from Reserves

Proposed by Cllr.M.Harden, seconded by Cllr.H.Biggs, all in favour

# 210 Standing Orders

To consider changing (Previous Resolutions shall not be reversed for 6 months – to consider changing it to 4 years). Agreed to change Standing Orders to 4 years binding decisions. Clerk to amend Standing Orders.

Proposed by Cllr. R.Hockley-Byam, seconded by Cllr.H.Biggs, all in favour To be on the Agenda in October for Adoption.

# 211 Closure and Date of Next Meeting

Meeting Closed at 9.24pm Next Parish Council meeting 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 7.30pm

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