

# BRADWELL-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Bradwell-on-Sea Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16 December 2024 at 7.30pm at Bradwell Village Hall.

**PRESENT:** Cllr M Neall (Chairperson) Cllr P Davidson Cllr J Noble  
Cllr M Martin Cllr J Meehan Cllr H Baker  
Cllr D Allen

Members of the public: Two

**CHAIRPERSON:** Cllr M Neall

### **23-24/335 WELCOME to the Bradwell-on-Sea Village Council Meeting of 16 December 2024.**

The chairperson reminded everyone in attendance and who will be participating in the meeting that they may be filmed, recorded, photographed, or otherwise reported about. Bradwell on Sea Parish Council did not record this meeting.

### **23-24/336 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

### **23-24/337 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None.

### **23-24/338 DISPENSATIONS**

To consider members application's for dispensations.

### **23-24/339 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

RESOLVED: To approve as a correct record, the minutes of the meetings held on 21<sup>st</sup> October and 18<sup>th</sup> November. Unanimous decision.

### **23-24/340 PUBLIC FORUM**

Jean Allen, trustee of the Mary Brown Trust, confirmed that she had distributed half of the Mary Brown hampers and that £9.34 was to be refunded to the trust. Jean Allen presented all receipts to the Clerk.

Jean Allen also announced that she wished to step down from the role of Nuclear Free Local Authorities council representative.

Cllr Baker wished to report that there is a large pot hole by the junction of Woodyards Road and the High Street.

Cllr Baker also reported that the footpath between the Village Hall and The Kings Head Public House had deteriorated and was becoming a health and safety risk for children walking to school.

Roger Scurrall raised ongoing issues with the village hall wifi and explained that the wifi is required for village hall hirers and clubs which use the hall. Cllr Neall advised Mr Scurrall that the problem will be reported and will be reviewed in three months time.

### **23-24/341 FINANCE**

- a) RESOLVED: To receive the bank reconciliations as at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024. Unanimous decision.
- b) RESOLVED: To receive the comparison of Actual to Budgeted for 2024/2025. Unanimous decision.
- c) RESOLVED: To approve the payment of Accounts for November 2024 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements. Unanimous decision.

## **23-24/342 PLANNING**

**Applications received from Maldon District Council.**

**To respond as a consultee.**

### **24/00941/OUTM PP-13550306**

Outline planning application with all matters reserved for primary means of access from Scotts Hill, for the development of up to 249 dwellings, public open space, together with associated landscaping, highways, drainage and other infrastructure works.

Land West of David Fisher Way, David Fisher Way, Southminster

RESOLVED: Bradwell on Sea Parish Council did not support this application. Unanimous decision.

### **24/00929/ADV**

Advertisement consent for 1 number welcome sign at Seaway entrance to Bradwell Marina

Bradwell Marina, Waterside Road, Bradwell on Sea

RESOLVED: Bradwell on Sea Parish Council supported this application. Unanimous decision.

## **Appeals**

23/00861/FUL (Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/W/24/3340341)

Demolition of existing structures and construction of a detached bungalow with associated access

Land at 2 East Hall Cottages, East End Road, Bradwell-on-Sea

**APPEAL DISMISSED**

## **Decisions advised by MDC**

*None*

## **23-24/343 HIGHWAYS & PUBLIC FOOTPATHS**

- a) RESOLVED: The defects raised by Cllr Baker, within the public forum will be reported.
- b) Cllr Neall reported that he has not received a response from ECC regarding his defect report.

## **23-24/344 GROUNDSMAN**

- a) RESOLVED:
  - **Village Hall** - Large quantities of leaves have been cleared from the playground and around the hall. Litter, broken roof tiles and twigs have also been removed. The trees have been checked for potential storm damage but nothing serious found. The field is still too wet to mow.
  - **Water Pump & War Memorial** – Both sites have been tidied.
  - **Churchyard** – The front area of the churchyard has been mowed and litter removed. The brambles have been cleared from the boundaries.

## **23-24/345 VILLAGE HALL & PLAY AREA**

- a) Update from the village hall committee.  
RESOLVED: Mr Scurrall enquired if there are sufficient funds to repair the damage caused to the village hall by the leaking roof and rainwater. Cllr Neall advised that the council will investigate the damage caused and any costs to repair.
- b) Update/reports on any findings on Councillors weekly checks of the hall. Any immediate repairs to be decided on. RESOLVED: Cllr Baker will investigate hedge planting initiatives.  
The Clerk will gather some prices of benches to replace the two damaged ones.

## **23-24/346 VILLAGE HALL/PARK CHECKLIST & VILLAGE HALL MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE**

RESOLVED: Cllr Noble provided an update on the routine checklist and maintenance schedule of the village hall.

Cllr Neall will update the maintenance schedule.

Cllr Noble suggested that the weekly checks for the village Hall and play area are changed to fortnightly.

## **23-24/347 NOTICES, MEETINGS AND TRAINING COURSES.**

**Training courses offered by the EALC for councillors can be booked via the Clerk.**

To receive and consider reports on and minutes of meetings attended or information relating to

meetings coming up.

**Dengie Group of Parish Councils (DGPC)** – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 7pm at Tillingham Village Hall  
**Dengie Climate Action Partnership (DCAP)** – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 7pm at Tillingham Village Hall

**23-24/348 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

RESOLVED: The District Councillor, Matthew Neall, advised that there was no news to update.

**23-24/349 VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR**

RESOLVED: Cllr Allen suggested that the council could gather quotations from companies to provide a first aid course which also covers the use of defibrillators.

The Clerk will investigate the cost of purchasing a battery powered defibrillator to be located at the chapel.

**23-24/350 VILLAGE HALL LEASE**

RESOLVED: There was no update regarding the village hall lease.

**23-24/351 CHURCH WALL DAMAGE**

RESOLVED: Cllr Neall updated the councillors regarding the public bus colliding with the church wall and causing extensive damage. David Thorpe has volunteered to be the contact between the church and the insurance company and keep the council updated.

Cllr Baker informed the council that the bus company will fund the repair of the wall through their insurance.

Cllr Baker will also speak with David Thorpe and request that quotations received are forwarded to the council for consideration. Unanimous decision.

**23-24/352 VILLAGE HALL FIELD VANDALISM**

A resident has reported acts of vandalism caused to property on the village recreational field and to the outside of the village hall. RESOLVED: The members of public who caused the damage have been spoken to and the internal damage will be repaired.

**23-24/353 BIO-DIVERSITY DUTY**

RESOLVED: Cllr Neall and Cllr Baker will study the model bio-diversity duty policy and adapt to work with Bradwell on Sea's own climate concerns before consideration at the next available meeting.

**23-24/354 OVERHANGING TREE ON JUNCTION OF TRUSSES ROAD AND WATERSIDE ROAD**

Bradwell on Sea Parish Council have received reports of an overhanging tree dangerously obscuring part of the road on the Trusses Road and Waterside Road junction, making it unsafe for drivers.

RESOLVED: The Clerk reported that she had received confirmation, from Mr A Walker of Magnox Sites, that the tree is not on the power station boundary. Therefore, the overhanging tree on to the highway has been reported to ECC Highways.

**23-24/355 BUDGET FOR BRADWELL ON SEA VILLAGE PRECEPT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2024/2025**

RESOLVED: To set the Bradwell on Sea Parish Council precept for 2025/2026 to £27,900.00. Unanimous decision.

**23-24/356 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7.30pm in the Parish Room of Bradwell Village Hall. However, this may change dependent on planning applications received or other urgent business that may arise.

**23-24/357 NOTICE OF ITEMS TO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING**

If Councillors wish motions to be included on the next Agenda, they need to be sent to the Clerk before Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of February.

**23-24/358 CLOSURE**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.42 pm and the chairperson thanked Jean Allen for her work for the Mary Brown Trust and wished everyone a very happy Christmas.

**Kelly Andrews Clerk to the Council**

**Signed: Chairperson.....Date.....**