

BRADWELL-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Bradwell-on-Sea Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 17 February 2025 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: One

CHAIRPERSON: Cllr M Neall

24-25/359 WELCOME to the Bradwell-on-Sea Village Council Meeting of 17 February 2025.

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.

24-25/360 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Allen

24-25/361 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

24-25/362 DISPENSATIONS

To consider member's applications for dispensations.

24-25/363 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve as a correct record, the minutes of the meetings held on 17th December 2024. Cllr Noble indicated that the park checks, relating to agenda item 23-24/346, were changed to fortnightly.

24-25/364 PUBLIC FORUM

- Cllr Baker will request that the refuse company refrain from dropping broken glass on the roads and pathways, as this is becoming a frequent occurrence.

24-25/365 FINANCE

- a) To receive the bank reconciliations as at 31st January 2025.
- b) To receive the comparison of Actual to Budgeted for 2024/2025
RESOLVED: The Clerk does not currently have access to the bank accounts and therefore could not reconcile the accounts. Actions a) and b) will be carried forward to the March meeting. 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.
- d)

24-25/366 PLANNING

Applications received from Maldon District Council.

To respond as a consultee.

24/00989/HOUSE

Proposed single storey rear extension with fenestration alterations and addition of rooflights.

Naps End, Bacons Chase, Bradwell-on-Sea.

RESOLVED: This application had already been approved at the time of this meeting.

24/01004/OUTM

Outline planning application with all matters reserved except for means of access, for up to 140 number dwellings (use Class C3) including 40% affordable housing; new site access and internal access roads; a new village centre (use Class E(a)); flexible employment space (use Class E); car and

cycle parking; landscaping; sustainable urban drainage systems; public open space and footpaths; community woodlands and allotments; together with associated infrastructure.

Land South of Threeways and 45, The Street, Latchingdon.

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

Appeals

23/01110/OUT

Erection of 9 retirement bungalows with all matters reserved.

Land rear of Ancora, South Street, Bradwell-on-Sea

APPEAL DISMISSED

Decisions advised by MDC

24/00929/ADV

Advertisement consent for 1 number Welcome sign at seaward entrance to Bradwell Marina.

Bradwell marina, Waterside Road, Bradwell-on-Sea.

APPLICATION REFUSED

24/05180/DET

Compliance with conditions 22/01211/HOUSE (Erection of two storey outbuilding to function as a garage on the ground floor and games room on the first.) Condition 5 – Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy.

CONDITIONS DISCHARGED

24/00841/HOUSE

Minor adjustment to the south end of the buildings north roof, recreating the original form of this roof. Amendment to the form and finishes of the previously approved rear (east) roof slopes. Repositioning and reduction in the number of previously approved rooflights. Addition of solar panels to south roof slopes.

1 Forge Cottages High Street Bradwell-On-Sea Southminster Essex CM0 7QW

APPLICATION APPROVED

24-25/367 HIGHWAYS & PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

- a) To report any new highways or public footpath defects and to report any repairs or updates on existing defects.
 - A new pothole has appeared by Down Hall Lodge
 - Despite reporting the Clerk reporting the overhanging trees at the Trusses Road and Waterside Road to ECC Highways, there has been no change, and the poor visibility is becoming increasingly dangerous. The Clerk will telephone ECC Highways on Tuesday 18th February and report as an urgent matter.

24-25/368 GROUNDSMAN

- a) RESOLVED:
 - Village Hall - Because of the continuous rain and cold, groundwork has been limited. However, I finished raking the leaves in the playground and I have kept the area tidy and checked for any storm damage. I have spent some time shaping the young trees and have washed the posts around the carpark. Unfortunately, once again, these are being used as boot scrapers and looked a real mess. I have been in contact with Upsons and they will service the tractor mower when they are in the area.
 - War Memorial - Has been kept tidy and I will prune the roses once the conditions improve.
 - Churchyard - Has been kept tidy and I have removed the ivy from the gravestones.

24-25/369 VILLAGE HALL & PLAY AREA

- a) There was no update from the Village Hall Committee.
- b) Update/reports on any findings on Councillors weekly checks of the hall. Any immediate repairs to be decided on.

24-25/370 VILLAGE HALL/PARK CHECKLIST & VILLAGE HALL MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

RESOLVED: There has been no significant change.

Cllr Meehan will enquire if the Bradwell-on-Sea WI committee would be willing to gift a bench to the

parish.

Cllr Baker has received a quotation of £33.90 plus VAT for the thornless hedging. Cllr Baker will require access to the tap to water in the trees.

24-25/371 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.

Maldon Parish & Town Council Forum – Tuesday 25th March Noon till 1pm - Clerk to attend.

Maldon Parish & Town Council Forum – Tuesday 25th March 1pm till 3pm – For Councillors.

EALC Village Halls Course – Thursday 27th March 10am till 3pm EALC training centre – Clerk to attend.

24-25/372 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

RESOLVED: The District Councillor, Matthew Neall, reported that following the devolution and local government reorganisation, the Essex County Council elections have been cancelled.

Several different options have been suggested for reorganisation and one suggestion is that each council will have approximately half a million residents.

Cllr Neall will provide a further update once he is informed.

24-25/373 VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR

RESOLVED: The clerk will continue to investigate grant funding available for defibrillators and first aid courses available.

24-25/374 VILLAGE HALL LEASE

RESOLVED: Mr Scurrall reported that the electrical inspection highlighted a few concerns and will send a copy of the report to the council. Mr Scurrall is applying for grant funding towards the work required.

24-25/375 CHURCH WALL DAMAGE

RESOLVED: David Thorpe is corresponding with the insurance companies. Mark Jones has inspected the wall and suggests that work to repair the wall could start in April.

Cllr Martin reported that the damaged road sign fixings are protruding from the wall and are dangerous. These will be removed.

24-25/376 BIO-DIVERSITY DUTY

RESOLVED: Cllrs Neall and Baker will adapt the Bio-Diversity Duty Policy and circulate for council agreement.

24-25/377 INCREASE IN HGV's TO QUARRY – BRADWELL ROAD AND MILL END

A resident has contacted the Clerk raising concerns that there has been a vast increase in Heavy Goods Vehicles visiting the quarry in Mill Road and causing damage to roads and verges.

RESOLVED: Cllr Neall advised that the business is operating under licence.

24-25/378 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 17th March 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.

24-25/379 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 7th of March.

24-25/380 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s.1(2), the public and press be excluded from the meeting for agenda items 24-25/380 and 24-25/381 as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. Unanimous decision.

24-25/381 EMPLOYEE SALARIES

RESOLVED: To pay any under payments and holiday pay to the Groundsman for the periods 2023/2024 and 2024/2025. Unanimous decision.

24-25/382 VILLAGE HALL LEASE

RESOLVED: To await correspondence from Mr Scurrell regarding the terms of the latest edition of the Village Hall Lease. Unanimous decision.

24-25/383 CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.13pm.

Kelly Andrews Clerk to the Council

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