

Bradwell on Sea Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 18th. December 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs M. Neall (Chairman), D. Allen, H. Baker, M. Martin, J. Meehan, J. Noble, ECC Cllr W. Stamp and Kevin B. Money Parish Clerk. There were also 7 members of the public present.

23-24/119 Apologies for Absence. None were received

23-24/120 To accept the resignation of Cllr F. Prout with immediate effect. The Council thanked Cllr Prout for his long service on the Council

23-24/121 To ratify the appointment of Mr. Kevin B. Money as Parish Clerk/RFO to Bradwell on Sea Parish Council. All Agreed

23-24/122 Code of Conduct Declaring an Interest/Registration of Councillors' Interests

Councillors will declare an interest in any item on the agenda. In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct (and Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act).

Councillors are reminded that if their interests have changed then they have an obligation to update their form at the District Council within 28 days of that change. **None Declared**

23-24/123 Minutes from the previous meetings held to be agreed and signed.

To agree the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 20th. November 2023. All Agreed

23-24/124 Public Forum

Any members of the public or Councillors wishing to address the Council may do so during this time. Planning application: MDC Cllr M. Neall has called it in with the planning officer. Discussion took place on the application.

ECC Cllr W. Stamp to take up enforcement issue with a bridge across the land. Cllr M. Neall to give Cllr W. Stamp the "What3Words"

Burglaries in the area. The Parish Council cannot physically undertake this issue except to report it to the Police. A new Neighbourhood Watch Scheme to be set up. Cllr M. Neall has contacted the Maldon Chief Inspector to increase patrols in the area.

With police stations being closed the response times have escalated with the limited patrols in the area.

Cllr W. Stamp informed the meeting to pressurise the local Police & Fire Police Commissioner

Notice Board on Mill End. A new post and board require replacing. Cllrs D. Allen and M. Martin to address this problem

School parking is still a problem at the school especially at drop off and pick up times. Rangers to be contacted to assist in this matter.

There are the 12 regular drivers who offend. SEPP should be approached again as the standard school signs are in place.

Mrs. J. Allen, Mary Brown Trust, has prepared 31 hampers @ £33 each of food

a) Asset of Community Value - The Cricketers Public House has been listed as an Asset of Community Value from 30.11.23 and the public list of assets at MDC will be updated shortly.

23-24/125 Churchyard

a) Church Floodlighting – update from Mr. Laurie Main
Spoke to Churchwardens and a PC and PCC meeting to be discussed in January / February '24

23-24/126 Finance

- a. To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 30th. November 2023 Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 30th. November 2023
- b. To receive the comparison of Actual to Budgeted for 2023/24 Councillors noted the comparison of Actual to Budgeted for 2023/24

- c. To approve the payment of Accounts for December 2023 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements. **All Agreed**
- d. To agree changing the CCLA contact details to the new Clerk. This form from CCLA was signed by Mrs. J. Allen and Cllr J. Meehan. **All Agreed**

23-24/127 Budget 2024/2025 - Councillors to finalise the Budget for 2024/2025

Cllr M. Neall proposed the 2024/2025 budget at £28915. Resulting in a Precept demand of £28840. This, using the MDC Tax Base figure of 341.1 resulted in a Band D property of £84.55pa

Cllr D. Allen seconded. All Agreed

The RFO to submit the Precept demand form to MDC by 5th. January 2024

23-24/128 Planning

23/01110/OUT - Land Rear Of Ancora South Street Bradwell-On-Sea Essex

Erection of 9 retirement bungalows with all matters reserved

RESOLVED: Refuse this planning application due to

Scale, bulk and design. Sustainable development. Lack of amenities. Outside village envelope. This application may also be in contrary to MDC policies S1, D1, H1, H4

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (as amended)

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23-24/129 Planning Decisions made by ECC / MDC affecting Bradwell on Sea

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Full decision see link - https://planning.essex.gov.uk/Planning/Display/ESS/98/23/MAL/SO

23-24/130 Appeals affecting Bradwell on Sea

22/00916/LDE (Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/X/22/3313618) - 2 Oak Cottages, Maldon Road, Bradwell-on-Sea Claim for lawful development certificate for existing use of building as independent dwelling. Area: SE Decision Level: Delegated **APPEAL ALLOWED – 17.11.2023**

23-24/131 Highways & public footpaths

a) To report any new highways or public footpath defects & to report any repairs or updates on existing defects. Footpath sign at FP8 where meets no.11 is missing

23-24/132 Groundsman

- a) Update from the Groundsman. The groundsman gave a verbal report on the condition of the War Memorial, playing field and trees
- b) To receive an update on the tree report and agree any work that needs to be completed. Get report from Stephen

23-24/133 Village Hall and play area

- Update from the VH Committee. The Fire Doors are not suitable for purpose and the company states that new doors are required. A meeting with BOSPC and VH Committee should be held on a more regular basis.
 - Update/ reports on any findings on Councillors weekly checks of the hall. Any immediate repairs to be decided on. Cllr J. Noble to supply the Clerk with the weekly list requirements.
- To discuss and agree the process of replacing the basketball net and post following its damage. The Clerk to source a new net post and installation and to ask to people to re-imburse

23-24/134 District & County Councillors report

To receive a report from the District Councillor.

Cllr W. Stamp sends a regular email trail to keep all Parish Councillors informed throughout the month.

LHP is not fit for purpose.

MDC Cllr M. Nell has nothing further to report except for Buglaries and Crime which has been circulated to Councillors

23-24/135 Receive and consider reports and minutes of meetings attended or information relating to meetings coming up

Cllr. J. Noble attended the DHGPC meeting.

Purpose of the group and its reference – To work closer with ECC and MDC

Cost of the meeting was discussed. Other Councils to host every month / 3 month

List of core items to be addresses at the meeting – Traffic flow in Dengie. Bradwell B. Road Safety general.

Community Speedwatch. Dengie Climate Action Group. Public Transport. 2 attendees per Council.

Bus services to be kept in situ in the Dengie area.

Next meeting mid January '24

Climate action group – Setting up arrangements. Solar panel grants for schools etc. Litter picking. Electric charging points. Cutting carbon footprints. To increase peoples awareness.

23-24/136 Ongoing village projects

To note and update as necessary, the ongoing village projects list.

Councillors noted the ongoing village projects list

23-24/137 Date of next meetings Monday 19th. February 2024 at 7.30pm. A Co-Option meeting will start at 7pm on 19.02.24

Councillors to note the meeting dates in 2024

18.03.24: 15.04.24: 13.05.24: 17.06.24: 15.07.24: 16.09.24: 21.10.24: 18.11.24: 16.12.24

23-24/138 Any items for the next agenda

DHGPC item

Climate Action Group

23-24/139 To Close the meeting

To close the Meeting having considered and determined all items of business

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 8.55pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed WNeall 19th. February 2024

M. Neall - Chairman