

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th. May 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs M. Neall (Chairman), H. Baker (Vice-Chair), D. Allen, P. Davidson, M. Martin, J. Meehan, J. Noble and Kevin B. Money Parish Clerk. There were also 2 members of the public present.

23-24/207 Apologies for Absence were received from ECC Cllr W. Stamp

23-24/208 Code of Conduct Declaring an Interest/Registration of Councillors' Interests Councillors to declare an interest in any item on the agenda. **None Declared**

23-24/209 Minutes from the previous meetings held to be agreed and signed.

To agree the minutes from the Parish Council meetings held on Monday 15th. April 2024. All Agreed

23-24/210 Public Forum

Any members of the public or Councillors wishing to address the Council may do so during this time. Rubbish being dumped by the Chapel. This problem to be reported to MDC fly-tipping department. The trees along the main road out of Bradwell, between the garage and the 30mph sign towards the Queens Head - the trees (particularly on the left hand side of the road) are mostly dead. This is a hazard waiting to become an incident. Are the PC able to get the dead ones cut down? (What3words ref ///revolting.inflates.sits) The hedge to Oasis (6 Caidge Row) needs severe trimming - you cannot get a pushchair past it, and even a pedestrian struggles - the hedge covers over 2/3rds of the pavement.

What 3 words ref ///brownish.manhole.sigh

I mentioned before a proposed telegraph pole for "Smart Water Meters) outside 3/4 St. Thomas Row. I wondered what had been going on with this, but it seems to have disappeared from the Planning Website. Anyone know if this is still going ahead, or not ??? What 3 Words ref ///cloak.sampling.quote

23-24/211 PCC & PC meeting update No update to report

23-24/212 Finance

a. To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 30th. April 2024

Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 30th. April 2024

b. To receive the comparison of Actual to Budgeted for 2024/25

Councillors noted the comparison of Actual to Budgeted for 2024/25

c. To approve the payment of Accounts for May 2024 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements. **All Agreed**

23-24/213 Planning Applications. No planning applications had been submitted

23-24/214 Planning Decisions made by ECC / MDC affecting Bradwell on Sea

RES/MAL/24/00212 - Land At The Old Rectory East End Road Bradwell-On-Sea Reserved matters application for the approval of all matters on approved planning application 22/01071/OUT (Outline planning application (with all matters of detail reserved) for a detached self <u>APPROVE</u> subject to conditions

23-24/215 Appeals affecting Bradwell on Sea. No planning appeals had been submitted

23-24/216 Highways & public footpaths

- a) To report any new highways or public footpath defects & to report any repairs or updates on existing defects.
- Blocked drains in the village. Can Highways please inform the Parish Council when any drains are being cleared
- No footpath in the village as overhanging leaves and branches and the pathway is falling into the ditch

23-24/217 Groundsman

a) Update from the Groundsman.

Village Hall. Upsons have done a superb job of servicing the tractor mower and everything is working perfectly. The field has been cut 3 times and is almost back to its usual condition. Strimming and cutting with the small mower has also been done on a regular basis.

War Memorial. Roses growing well since pruning and it still looks like being an early season.

Water pump. The path has already been strimmed twice this year and everything seems fine

b) Clearance of Churchyard. The grass is growing fast and has required regular cutting. Litter is a worse problem this year

c) Cutting of Field. The play area has been cut.

23-24/218 Village Hall and play area

- Update from the VH Committee. No report was given
- Update/ reports on any findings on Councillors weekly checks of the hall. Any immediate repairs to be decided on. Cllr J. Nobel circulate the up-to-date Village Hall & Park check

23-24/219 Village Hall/Park Check List & Village Hall Maintenance Schedule

a) Cllr J. Noble informed the meeting of the various issues at the village hall and car park.

They are

Village Hall

The paint on the black false windows and original front door is peeling, showing bare wood and will require repainting again soon – JA/JM/JN /17:4:23

Park side (south facing) roof:

Some tiles have moved, and few are broken. One to watch, it is not worth getting the roofer out yet – JN/17:4:23 & 26:4:24

There are a number of tiles that are either damaged, slipped or just not there. This should be looked at by a professional that can advise if work is required - MN/20:4:24

COMPLETED JN, PD, Roger Scurrell/7:5:24

Note: All of the yellow Anti-Slip strips have been removed to facilitate the replacement of the decking and addition of preservative. These will be replaced after the second coat of preservative.

Sections of the handrail will require replacing and/or mastic added. Some of the wood is showing signs of rotting – JN /17:4:23 & 26:4:24

Underneath the decking requires clearing of twigs, leaves, branches, weeds and wood – JN/17:4:23 & 24:4:24Car park side (north facing) roof: Some tiles have moved, and few are broken. One to watch, it is not worth getting the roofer out yet – MN/21:11:22 & JN/26:4:24

There are a number of tiles that are either damaged, slipped or just not there. This should be looked at by a professional that can advise if work is required - MN/20:4:24

Boiler House: There is damage to the corrugated roof; it is turned up along one side – MN/21:11:22 Boiler House: The rendering on the wall is slightly blown and has a hole in it. Requires addressing – MN/7:3:23 Village Hall: The rendering on the south wall is slightly blown (pebble dashing/stones missing). Requires addressing – JN/16:3:23

CCTV: I have got 3 of the 5 running.

The one pointing from the front across the car park will require a manual reset.

COMPLETED JN, PD/7:5:24

The ones that we have working are at the Car Park Entrance and, Rear Car Park (which covers the majority of car park) and Play area

Remove redundant CCTV cameras - JN/26:4:24

Leaves and weeds at the front of the Village Hall require removing. Looks untidy – JN/26:4:24

Weeds at the car park (north) side of the Village Hall require removing. Looks untidy - JN/26:4:24

Window sill Park side (south facing) is damaged. Roger aware - JN/26:4:24

Ladies toilet window is broken/damaged and required fixing or replacing. Roger aware – JN/ 26;4;24 Front kitchen drain cover damaged (external) where the waste wipe enters the gulley – JN/26:4:24 Window sill Car park side (north facing), between the security door and the top kitchen entrance is damaged. Roger aware – JN/26:4:24

Garage

There is facia missing from the rear of the garage roof – JN/17:4;23

The ends of front fascia on the garage are beginning to rot and will require replacing soon – JN/17:4:23 A section of the corrugated iron roof on the front of garage is bent upwards - Roger is aware – JN/17:4:23. Park

Red Notice Board in Park: There are a number of old items in the notice board that require updating. Does anyone know who has the key? – MN/20:4:24

The missing/damaged bushes at the road (east) end, by Blossoms require replacing. Potential safety hazard and an eyesore – JN/26:4:24

Field

The new game tabletop is damaged. Not to be replaced at present - PC decision.

Picnic Shelter: The bottom of the roof has become delaminated and will require repair/replacing – MN/7:3:23 The roof needs to be cleaned and the concrete base requires pressure washing as it's fairly green – MN/20:4:24

Field Access - There is a chain with padlock to stop people accessing the field. The end that is secured to the post is held on by link that screws into itself. This is very loose and can be removed by hand; therefore the padlock might as well not be on there as you can open the chain without needing a key. A more secure locking process needs to be looked at - MN/20:4:24

. Dead Tree: There is a dead tree on the far side of the park that needs to be removed. This may have to be done when the hedge dies back in the winter – MN/20:4:24

Bench near hedge in field:: The first bar of the bench has been broken and should be repaired - MN/20:4:24 Broken Post by Car Park: We now have 2 broken posts on the access to the field that could be an issue as, potentially; you could drive a small car through the gap - MN/20:4:24

Bench at car park entrance on the pavement has one wooden slat that requires replacing. Not unsafe – JN/26:4:24

Basket Ball Hoop. Decision/progress - JN/26:4:24

23-24/220 Receive and consider reports and minutes of meetings attended or information relating to meetings coming up

- 1) DHGPC update from Cllr J. Noble. No update given
- 2) Climate Action Update from Cllr H. Baker. No update given

23-24/221 2023/2024 Annual Return

1) To Receive the Internal Auditors report for 2023/2024 Councillors noted the Internal Auditors report for 2023/2024

To Receive and, if agreed, sign Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement of AGAR 2023/2024
Cllr proposed signing Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement of AGAR 2023/2024. Cllr seconded.
All Agreed. The Chair and Clerk then signed Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement of AGAR 2023/2024

To Receive and, if agreed, sign Section 2 - Accounting Statement of AGAR 2023/2024
Cllr proposed signing Section 2 - Accounting Statement of AGAR 2023/2024. Cllr seconded.
All Agreed. The Chair and RFO then signed Section 2 - Accounting Statement of AGAR 2023/2024

23-24/222 Ongoing village projects

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

23-24/223 Date of next meetings Monday 17th. June 2024 at 7.30pm Councillors to note the meeting dates in 2024 - 15.07.24: 16.09.24: 21.10.24: 18.11.24: 16.12.24

23-24/224 Any items for the next agenda

23-24/225 To Close the meeting

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

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 8.50pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

MNeall

17th. June 2024

Matthew Neall Chairman