

**BRADWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Friday**  
**22nd March 2024 in The Collacott Room, Memorial Hall,**  
**Bradworthy**

**Present:**

Chairman: Cllr S Lander. Cllrs, M Coles, V Chapman, G Greatorex, S Payne, S Wright, J Morrish, S Harding  
Chris Summerfield (Clerk)

Notice given by Cllr Lander that the meeting is being recorded

Cllr V Stevens arrived 19.03

Cllr S-A Andrews arrived 19.33

**1. Apologies for Absence:**

Cllr L Holloway, R Boughton, A Dart

**2. Public Comment Sessions:**

None

**3. Councillors Declarations of Interests:**

None

**4. Minutes:**

- (i) **to receive, confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024**

**Resolved: That the minutes are a true and accurate record and should be signed by the Chairman.**

Proposed GG Seconded SW

- (ii) **progress report on Action Points from the minutes (not already included on the agenda**

- (iii) **matters arising from the minutes not already covered on the agenda**

Apologies from Cllr S Harding A Dart (had a puncture) J Morrish all emails sent but not seen in time for the last meeting.

Included in the email was a report from Cllr Morrish:-

Devolution is very likely to happen for Devon County and Torbay. This will result in more money and powers will come to Devon instead of being decided in Westminster.

The budget has been set at DCC and will be a 4.99% increase.

Just 7 contacts from Bradworthy folk on issues such as Children services, Hunting on common land and roads

**5. Chairman's Report:**

To start with I would like to send all our condolences to Cllr Boughton and his family for the death of his son George. Our thoughts are with them all.

Two weeks ago, I attended a webinar concerning the end of year audits. It was very interesting and helpful.

Signed.....Date.....

On 8<sup>th</sup> March Cllr Payne and myself attended a Planning Workshop by CPRE. Again, we found it to be interesting and useful. Sadly, CPRE are in need of funds to continue their sterling work. Therefore, although as a parish council we are members, it would be helpful if individual members joined.

I received an email to let me know, the abandoned grey Honda in the Square has been reported to Torridge and to the DVLA as the road tax has now expired. I did reply to thank him and let him know that I had reported it last month to the police in case it was stolen.

I have reported lamp post No 5 opposite St John's Drive as the light is on all day.

## 6. Clerks report

I have a number of items to give you an update on as they did not need to be on the agenda for discussion this month.

We have received thank you messages regarding the grants – Richard re Churchyard, Bradworthy Memorial Hall and Holsworthy Rural Transport.

Bradworthy Hall have responded regarding the BT Internet agreeing if there are any problems they will cover the cost.

SW Water will be submitting a planning application regarding improvements to the sewerage treatment works

A complaint has been received regarding the dog mess on the Moor – this is on the agenda

Response received from Allison Homes to say that there will not be a fence around the attenuation pond, I am still waiting to hear back about the life preserver. They are happy to take the Hornbeam to plant on the site.

Highways have emailed to inform us of road works

From 16<sup>th</sup> April Bradworthy to Sutcombe and Sutcombe to Holsworthy Beacon

From 10<sup>th</sup> June to 19<sup>th</sup> July Three Lane End to Horse Hill Cross

Payment of honorarium for wing the Church clock is now due £52

The dog bin post by Wades has been reported and will be repaired in the next few weeks.

Email has been sent to Allison Homes as they have put up a sign regarding ownership of land in a position that makes it difficult to read – update the sign has been moved.

Thank you, cards have been, sent to everyone who helped with the Christmas Tree and lights around the Square.

RNLI cheque has been sent

Enforcement Officer has confirmed attendance to Corey's Farm

Tom Cox from TDC has confirmed he will chase up the re-painting of the road markings outside the school – update it should be done in the next couple of months

Signed.....Date.....

Barry Radford has confirmed that things are moving forward regarding the school building work and the fence will be coming down.

Parish Council letters in response to 1/1242 and 1/1215 were sent to TDC within the timescale agreed but for some reason were not seen by TDC, they have now been uploaded to the TDC website but were not seen before a decision was made on 1/1242. I have spoken to TDC and they confirmed that they had received the emails with these letters.

I spoke to DCC Highways regarding potholes, the Parish Council are not able to do anything about reporting potholes any more than an individual person. They asked if before reporting a pothole the website is checked and if the pothole has already been reported there is no need to report it again. They were aware of the road problems to Dinworthy, whilst on the phone I personally reported the road past the Moor and the road from Mill Farm to Stowford Cross. The potholes need to be a certain criteria please check their website for details.

**Late planning information received since the agenda issued:**

**Appeal 1/0813/2023/Ful Enlargement and conversion of agriculture structure to Holiday let at Dowland.**

**7. District Councillors Report**

**Cllr Harding** reported he had attended a number of meetings – Devolution meeting not a lot to be done but might bring more money down to SW. External scrutiny discussed the changes to the library building in Bideford. Lendology only in SW to help home owners who don't get any help elsewhere – heating etc. There are a lot of grants around

**8. County Councillors Report**

**Cllr Morrish** discussed potholes – priority has been given to A and B roads by the Council. Leader and Chief Executive met a number of businesses on Holsworthy Industrial Estate, went to Shebbear to look at the river and how it is effecting land and the road. They drove around the areas seeing the problems with the roads £6.3million given by the Government recently. Part of the problem is the roads not built for the traffic. There are 2 teams out re Devolution – bringing money and a bit of power to County Hall Plymouth were originally part of the deal but they have decided to go on their own. 7 communications 1 on ambulance availability and 1 on domestic violence.

Budget 4.99 County Council. £61 million ring fenced for adult and children services £31 million unreserved

Cllr Andrews entered the meeting 19.33

Deer Park – told 3 weeks ago about the problems County Council has a responsibility for patients and staff company now in receivership 14 patients left.

Visited 10 Parish Councils in 7 days represents 32 Parish Councils some larger than others. Cllr Morrish thanked the Parish Council

The 2 teams doing the road repairs one from Cornwall the other from Bristol more cost effective to be done this way. Email Stuart Hughes if needed.

£11K available for the new year

**9. Devon & Cornwall Police Report:**

Nothing

**10. Planning Matters (including any received after the issue of the agenda)**

Applications;

- (i) 1/0064/2024/FUL | Demolition of barn and erection of 1no. dwelling in lieu of Class Q approval 1/0954/2022/AGMB | Agricultural Building At New Loatmead Farm - letter sent 27.2.24
- (ii) 1/0122/2024/FUL Provision of No 4 Self Contained Holiday Let Units over existing approved shower block. – letter to be sent
- (iii) 1/0230/2024/FUL Proposal: Removal of condition 4 of outline planning permission 1/1875/80 (agricultural occupancy) Broomfield, Bradworthy – letter to be sent
- (iv) 1/0231/2024/FUL Removal of condition 1 of planning permission 1/0535/1981 (agricultural occupancy) Location: Broomfield, Bradworthy, Holsworthy, Devon – letter to be sent
- (v) 1/0229/2024/CPE Certificate of proposed lawful use of Broomfield as a private(residential dwelling) – letter to be sent

Cllrs Harding and Morrish left the meeting 19.52

Cllr Payne discussed 106 letter – loss of affordable housing which will also be a loss to the school

Decisions

- 1. 1/1101/2023/FUL Your Ref : Conversion of stables into 1no. dwelling Location: Barn At Grid Reference 232413 114069, North Road, Bradworthy, Devon – refused
- 2. 1/1242/2023/FUL Part Conversion of redundant rural building to form dwelling and adjoining stables – granted
- 3. 1/1272/2023/FUL Erection of 2no self-contained holiday glamping pods – refused

Late information received

Appeal 1/0813/2023/Ful Enlargement and conversion of agriculture structure to Holiday let at Dowland. Subcommittee to meet response needed by 26.4.24

**11. Finance:**

- (i) Invoices for payment: to consider and approve the schedule of payments:

Signed.....Date.....

**Resolved: That all the payments listed on the schedule of payments received by Cllrs at the meeting be approved as well as the invoices just received. Reported a late invoice received regarding maintenance**

**Proposed GG Seconded Cllr SW all agreed**

**Cllr Lander advised the Parish Council that Paul had handed in his notice and so an advert will be posted for the vacancy of maintenance person**

**12. Urban Grass cutting**

Agreed to continue the agreement with DCC £331 – all agreed

**13. Pledge for Nature**

Cllr Payne will have a table at the open morning with the bird boxes and aim to put the boxes up during the summer

**14. Community Award**

This idea was discussed in detail by the Council and as there re so many volunteers it would be difficult to choose, was the consensus, but this was not unanimous.

**15. Football Turf reclaim money**

Email to be sent to Builders responsible for the damage

**16. Forestmoor Grant Criteria**

Review to be done and when approved it will be posted on to the website

**17. Parish Council Open Morning – 13th April 10.00 – 12.00**

Invitations are being sent out to local charities and groups

**18. Landing Lights for Air Ambulance**

It was agreed to book MAT Electrics to service the lights

**19. Dog fouling signs for the Moor**

The situation was discussed and it was decided that some plastic signs would be put up requesting the owners of dogs to clear up after them

**20. Plaque for the seat under the tree re Queen's Jubilee**

Quote received from Jag signs all agreed to order the sign

**21. Standing orders**

Copy had been emailed to all Cllrs – proposed VS seconded MC all agreed

**22. Financial Regulations**

Copy had been emailed to all Cllrs – proposed GG Seconded SW all agreed

**23. Risk Assessment**

Copy had been emailed to all Cllrs – proposed SW Seconded MC all agreed  
Defibs checked and reported – SL to organise defib training

**24. Footpaths:**

P3 form has been completed and sent no money asked for a some still left from last time.

**25. Grant**

Discussed and decision was made re Putford FC receiving Forestmoor grant. All agreed to £500

**26. Trees for Berridon Road**

Chris had looked into prices of Beech trees – Woodland trust sell them for £10.95 each. Cllrs asked Chris to email Cllr Harding for advice about planting all agreed to order 8

**27. Trees for the area in front of the Football Clubhouse**

Chris confirmed that a cherry and plum tree had been purchased for £12 and Paul has planted them

**28. Land Registry**

Cllr Lander to look into this further

**29. Matters for consideration and matters to be noted at the Chairman's discretion**

Signed.....Date.....

**Cllr V Stevens**- nothing

**Cllr S Wright**

Bradworthy Memorial Hall meeting was held 12.3.24.

A sub-committee has been formed to carry forward the new kitchen project, met and a new application will now be made to The National Lottery for grant funding.

Events coming up

23<sup>rd</sup> March – Hall Committee Race Night

29<sup>th</sup> March – Toddlers Easter Egg Hunt

29<sup>th</sup> March Carnival Committee Easter Bingo

30<sup>th</sup> March – Football Club Coffee Morning

12<sup>th</sup> April – Netball Club Bingo

20<sup>th</sup> April – Food & Craft Market and Hall's Cinema Night

21<sup>st</sup> April – Cream Tea with The Hummingbirds

Asked if there was a road sweeper

21.05 Cllr Andrews left the meeting

**Cllr G Greatorex**

Nothing

**Cllr V Chapman**

Nothing

**Cllr Payne**

Potholes but has already been discussed

**Cllr Lander** nothing

**Cllr Coles** nothing

Meeting ended 21.10

Next meeting **26<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7pm** in the Collacott Room This will be the Annual meeting of the Council followed by the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the monthly Parish Council meeting

Signed.....Date.....