

**BRADWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Friday**  
**26<sup>th</sup> January 2024 in The Collacott Room, Memorial Hall,**  
**Bradworthy**

**Present:**

Chairman: Cllr S Lander. Cllrs, M Coles, R Boughton, G Greatorex, L Holloway, S Payne, V Chapman, S Wright.

Cllr S Andrews

Cllr J Morrish (entered the meeting 19.02)

Cllr S Harding (entered the meeting 19.14)

Cllr V Stevens (entered the meeting 19.18)

Chris Summerfield (Clerk)

**1. Apologies for Absence:**

None

**2. Public Comment Sessions:**

None

**3. Councillors Declarations of Interests:**

Cllr G Greatorex Planning application 1/1101/2023/FUL

Cllrs S Lander and S Payne History Society Grant application

Cllr R Boughton Bradworthy Churchyard grant application

Cllr L Holloway Bradworthy FC grant application

**4. Minutes:**

- (i) **to receive, confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

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

Proposed SW Seconded GG.

- (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**

None

**5. Chairman's Report:**

First of all, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

We had a good Christmas and the village looked so pretty with all the Christmas lights and on the Christmas tree. For this we should thank Simon Mills as he fought the elements to get the lights in the trees. The shops and businesses also joined in the Christmas spirit with decorations and lights as well as the homes around the village.

We should also thank Peter Wade for providing the electric, Richard Boughton and Paul Shotton for putting up the tree, which everyone thought was a good size. A big thank you to the councillors who helped site the tree.

We were lucky with the weather for 'Switching on the Lights' which was well attended and a big thank you to the village Singing Group and to Hoof and Block who stayed open

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to sell hot drinks and food.

Carols around the tree was also very well attended considering how cold it was that night. I gave Bradworthy Inn the annual Chairman's allowance to pay for the mulled wine and mince pies that they provided after the event.

I have sent all the signatures that Sir Geoffrey Cox KC requested for the roads petition.

I have had several phone calls from parishioners who have complained about dog owners not picking up after their dogs. Dogs have also been seen on the playing field and on the green at Tuckers Park where dogs mess has been a particular problem. Some of the homes there pay extra rent for the cutting of the verges and the green, but have said if there is dog mess on there, they will refuse to cut the grass for health and safety reasons. I suggest we remind people about clearing up after their dogs on Face Book and our web site.

We now have a new defibrillator outside the Memorial Hall and many thanks to Ian Downing for setting it up.

## 6. Clerks report

An email was received regarding New Landscape Character Assessment – this was sent on to all Councillors.

The Parish Council have been invited by Allison Homes to a pre-launch event on 13.2.24

Sign for the playing field to remind that, dogs not allowed on the playing field is now on order.

I have received an email from Bradworthy School to say "Thank You" for the books the Council donated to re The Coronation of King Charles.

A complaint was received regarding the work on the footpath and road opposite Allison Homes site – it has been looked into and it appears to be as the plans show.

It was brought to our attention that Allison Homes have been working beyond the terms of the Construction Management Plan – I have emailed Allison Homes and they will look into this.

Fallen Tree and branch obstructing footpath by Seiche has been removed.

A request for an update has been sent to Enforcement Officer regarding Coreys Fam – no response yet.

A cheque for Clovelly Lifeboats £250.00 will be written and sent at next Finance meeting as previously agreed.

An email was sent to Barry Radford regarding an update on the school building work. His reply was that they building work is complete but Staceys can't hand over and remove fences as there has been a problem connecting the electrics due to a wayleave issue. Devon County Council inform the school that this issue has now been resolved and work installing power should commence 19.2.24.

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We have received 2 messages via facebook

#### Road Safety

Concern with the widening of the lane South side of Broadhill (The Green) that there is an issue with joining the traffic already on St Peters well Lane.

#### Outdoor Gym Equipment

Member of the public asked if Parish Council had ever considered Outdoor Gym Equipment the response from the Council is that yes it had been looked at before but there is nowhere safe to site it.

A quad bike has been stolen locally.

### 7. District Councillors Report

**Cllr Anna Dart** attended Community and Resources meeting as well as the Full Council Meeting. TDC have decided that charitable events on the Quay car park in Bideford will be charged 50% of the maximum charge, they also discussed the use of water fountains to refill water bottles.

She reported that the Sustainability and Climate Officer reported that efforts should be made to lower carbon footprint and to seek out decarbonisation options i.e hydrogen buses and trucks but this maybe cost prohibitive.

Cllr Dart also attended a presentation from NHS regarding a new hospital in Barnstaple but they need to provide houses for workers and then they will build the new hospital bit by bit due to costs

South West Water presentation showed alarming discharge and due to time constraints they will come back to the meeting again in February.

Cllr Dart reports that the Council voted 100% council tax on empty 2<sup>nd</sup> homes, The Council are awaiting legislation to implement it.

**Cllr Andrews** queried how this will be implemented.

**Cllr Harding** also attended Full Council meeting. Attended National Landscape meeting, where Andrew Wonnacott from Christie Estates gave an update on what they are doing on the burrows, the grass increased due to the Army not on there as much and less rabbits, the water table has dropped this is being looked into. The White Flag Wind Farm was also discussed. Hartland Nature are doing a lot of research.

### 8. County Councillors Report

Cllr Morrish stated it is challenging times. Regarding roads he stated that there are 4 teams out in Devon of which one is in Torridge every week, they are about half way through what needs to be done, the Government have sent £6 million but this is to be spent in all districts other than ours. Our MP is trying to secure money for Torridge and Tavistock. However, there are 4 major projects in the top 12 therefore would expect to see things moving forward.

Attended Pension and Investment meeting in Bristol, it is a balancing act keeping everyone happy.

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County Council Farms – there is no talk of farms being sold as they are an important stepping stone for farmers.

Finance – there will be some huge cuts. We have been without Neighbourhood Highways Officer since Kieran Stanbury moved to a different department, Thomas Cox has taken his place along with Tristran Allen.

Cllr Morrish thanked the Parish Council for everything they do.

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

None

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

**Applications;**

- (i) **GE-0905-2023 National Grid Pole to be erected – Decision by 31.12.23 - Noted**
- (ii) **1/1184/2023/FUL change of use of land from Agricultural to equine and the erection of stables – Decision by 25.12.23 – Noted**
- (iii) **1/1136/2023/FUL Erection of 1 Dwelling variation of condition 2 planning application 1/1082/2022/FUL – response letter sent 12.12.23**
- (iv) **1/1222/2023/FUL Erection of Garage decision by 5.1.24 – Noted**
- (v) **1/1215/2023/FUL Retrospective application for reconstruction of existing barn – decision extension until 29.1.24 letter to be sent to planning officer**
- (vi) **1/1242/2023/FUL Part conversion of redundant rural building to form dwelling and adjoining stables letter to be sent to planning officer**
- (vii) **1/1276/2023/FUL Roof over agricultural yard in connection with Countryside Stewardship Mid-Tier agreement – Noted**
- (viii) **1/1101/2023/FUL Conversion of Stables into 1 dwelling Cllr Greatorex declared interest – letter to be sent to planning officer**
- (ix) **1/1272/2023/FUL Erection of 2 Self Contained Glamping Pods letter to be sent to planning officer**

**Decisions**

**1/0923/2023/FUL – application for reserved matters pursuant to permission  
1/0771/2017/OUT – Granted**

**1/1222/2023/FUL Erection of garage - Granted**

**11. Finance:**

- (i) **Invoices for payment: to consider and approve the schedule of payments:  
Resolved: That all the payments listed on the schedule of payments**

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**received by Cllrs at the meeting be approved as well as the invoices just received.**

All Cllrs agreed

Cllr Dart left the meeting 20.14

**12. Play Area:**

Agreed to use the same inspectors as last year but during the next financial year to look for quotes from other companies – all Cllrs agreed

**13. Forestmoor Invoice**

Invoice for £3000.00 to be sent All Cllrs agreed

**14. Auditors**

Appoint Aalgaard Renshaw as Auditors **£200.00 +VAT last year was £170.00 + VAT** All Cllrs agreed

**15. Bradworthy Parish Council Internet line in the Hall**

To email Bradworthy Memorial Hall asking them to put in writing that they will repair or pay for any repairs needed regarding the internet **CS**

**Cllrs J Morrish and S Harding left the meeting 20.17**

**16. Pledge for Nature**

Cllr Payne reported that Ken is looking at where to put the boxes and might need help putting them up. It was thought that it is unlikely these boxes will be used this year for nesting.

**17. Road Warden/Snow Warden**

Download all information from DCC Warden to be trained and Insurance covered by DCC details will be posted on website

**18. Replacement of the village/advertiser's map:**

Ready for collection, invoices to be raised to those advertising **CS**

**19. Footpaths:** update P3 form received needs to be returned by 15.3.24

Footpaths need to be walked and reported on, several Cllrs volunteered to walk them. FP10 gatepost and walkers gate has been done FP7 – need to get permission to finish walking new bridge has been put in. FP16 need to contact Sutcombe Parish Clerk again.

Cllr Greatorex reported a hole under the gate on the path from Cross Park to the Moor **VC**

**20. Laptop replacement for Parish Clerk:**

waiting to order

**21. Noticeboard:**

On Order

**22.Speedwatch**

Volunteers needed Cllr Lander will speak to those who have said they would like to be involved. Police would like to set up a meeting. **SL**

**23. Damage to Pump House**

Details for the Insurance Claim have been emailed to Insurance Company, no quotes received from builders yet. We do have a witness statement.

**24. Building developments in Parish**

Cllr Chapman reported that Allison Homes had been using a road sweeper onsite but had not used it on the highway. The site had been left insecure again and workforce having been parking in Langdon Road and not onsite – email to be sent to Allison Homes **CS**

**25. Tree Protection orders:**

Cllr Payne had found information regarding TPOs on trees at Berridon 1958. Tree on the green to identified waiting for leaves

**26. Parish Council response re BT Memorial Hall**

Already dealt with see Agenda 15

**27. Trees for Berridon Road:**

TPO details found

**28. Free Landmark Tree from Devon Wildlife Trust for your Parish**

Hornbeam tree has arrived Cllrs to look at where to plant it as it can grow up to 100 ft

**29. Trees for the area in front of the Football Clubhouse:**

Purchase in Spring

**30. Precept**

Cllr Greatorex confirmed this has been set and sent off

**31. Welcome to Bradworthy Signs**

Quote from Jag Signs to be requested **CS**

**32. Complaint**

Vehicles effecting the Sutcombe and Holsworthy roads junction CS to email Cllr Harding to see if any update re business use. Email Police and Highways **CS**

**33. School Pick up safety:**

When we get email from James Morrish regarding details of Kieran Stanbury's replacement regarding getting lines on road repainted.

**34. Parish Website:**

Waiting for new laptop

**35. Land Registry**

Cllr Lander to deal with change of address **SL**

**36. Grants**

The following have requested grants	
North Devon Record Office	granted £100
Citizens Advice	granted £200
Woolsery Scouts	granted £100
Bradworthy History Society	granted £500
Upkeep of the Cemetery	granted £500
Bradworthy Cemetery	granted £300

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Bradworthy Football granted £500  
subject to finance details being reviewed

Putford AFC  
Advised to apply to Forestmoor instead email to advise  
**CS**

All Cllrs agreed to these grants

Bradworthy Memorial Hall applied for grant from Forestmoor – this will be looked at during February PC Meeting

**Cllr Andrews left the meeting 21.01**

**37.Matters for consideration and matters to be noted at the Chairman’s discretion**

Cllrs V Stevens, S Wright, R Boughton, G Greatorex, V Chapman – nothing further to report

**Cllr Payne** would like to add to the next meeting’s Agenda  
Community Award  
Review Forestmoor Criteria  
Parish Council Open Morning – to arrange date in April  
Plaque for the seat under the tree re Queen’s Jubilee  
List of Standing orders

**Cllr Lander**

Suggested having a list of things that might need discussing sometimes but not every time so not needed on the agenda every time.

**Cllr Coles**

Discussed the matter that there are only 9 Cllrs – to be reviewed.  
Allison Homes development has been officially named Primrose Meadows it was thought to be named Clevedon Close. Send email to TDC to query **CS**

**Cllr Holloway**

Just wanted to say that he felt Chris is doing a superb job as Clerk, Cllr Lander agreed and wanted it in the minutes the other Cllrs agreed.

Meeting ended 21.14.

Next meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 at 7pm in the Collacott Room

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