

**BRADWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Friday**  
**31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 in The Collacott Room, Memorial Hall,**  
**Bradworthy**

**Present:**

Chairman: Cllr S Lander. Cllrs S Payne, M Coles, R Boughton, S Wright, G Greatorex, L Holloway, Cllr Andrews, and Cllr Morrish  
Chris Summerfield (Clerk)

Meeting started 19.02

Happy New Year, Cllr Lander reminded everyone that the meeting is being recorded.

**Apologies for Absence:**

Cllr V Stevens, Cllr V Chapman, Cllr Dart – report has been emailed to Cllrs this evening, Cllr Harding.

**1. Public Comment Sessions:**

None

**2. Councillors Declarations of Interests:**

None

Chris Parish Clerk stated that the late application 1/0050/2025/Ful is the property next to mine and therefore I do not want to deal with the response going in and I have spoken to TDC Planning and they have agreed that Bradworthy Parish Chair Sue Lander will email the response, instead of me entering the response through the website

**3. Minutes:**

- (i) **to receive, confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Bradworthy Parish Council held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

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

Minutes proposed by Cllr SW seconded Cllr MC all agreed

- (ii) **progress report on Action Points from the minutes (not already included on the agenda** prices have been found for the repair of the bench on the Holsworthy side of the village a quote has been received and the handyman had priced up the repairs – it was agreed that it should be **added to the February agenda**

The other item that was discussed last meeting was the flower box on the main road by Manor Park – agreed to **add to February agenda and get some measurements**

- (iii) **matters arising from the minutes not already covered on the agenda –**  
nothing

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

#### 4. Chairman's Report:

I hope everyone had a good Christmas and hoping we all have a good new year.

I would like to thank everyone who helped put up the Christmas tree. It looked very festive and so an extra thanks to Richard Boughton, Simon Mills, Peter Wade and all the Summerfield family and the councillors who turned up to help. Allison Homes very kindly paid for mulled wine and mince pies for the evening we turned on the lights and for carols around the tree. The Square looked splendid with all the lights on which stayed on despite the gales and rain.

On Saturday December 8th we cancelled turning on the lights due to weather warnings for that weekend. It was a good decision as the parish along with most of the southwest lost power and phone signals. It lasted for most of us between 2-3 days. We will discuss this later in the meeting.

On 10th December Cllr Coles and I attended the Holsworthy Area Advisory Meeting.

We heard from Victoria Grimberg from Devon Communities together which is an independent charity that enables communities to tackle rural insecurities and inequalities.

We then had an update on the new strategic plan. TDCs vision is looking at the local economy, communities health and housing, our environment.

This will be underpinned by equality and diversity, sustainability and inclusion. I have the minutes of the meeting and so I can send a copy to anyone who would like to read them.

There was a discussion about poor transport links specifically in rural areas. It was pointed out that bus timetables aren't suitable for travelling to work and most of the transport tended not be during the day for shoppers. It was agreed that it would be followed up with Devon County following the meeting.

On February 7th I am attending the Torridge and Collaborative Group for Chairs when the speaker will be Sir Geoffrey Cox. Please let me know if you have any questions for him.

Some residents of Tuckers Park complained that signs have been placed on the green stating 'no bicycles, scooters and no ball games. I responded on Facebook as this is where most of the concerns were expressed. I also contacted Westward Housing for clarification and explained that most complaints was dog fouling in the

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

greens. Residents pay extra for Westward Housing to cut the grass but if they discover dog mess on the grass they refuse to cut. The signs have now been removed.

## 5. Clerks report

Hopefully you have all seen the Fire Service Consent email Q&A

We have received an email from the new neighbourhood highways officer from DCC Sandra Brown, she has asked that all communication is done through the Parish Clerk – Cllr Morrish advised that even though this has been requested all Cllrs are able to go direct if they wish.

Cllr Payne has reported the damage to the bridge at Littleford.

I have been approached by Parishioner/s regarding repairing and fixing the directional sign posts that are missing or broken. Cllr Morrish stated that DCC are no longer repairing fingerposts as a priority; it was discussed by the Parish Council and it was generally agreed that providing any repairs undertaken are like for like there should be no issues with general maintenance being done to improve signs within the Parish.

I have reported the lights again that are not working in Manor Park as requested by Cllr Coles.

Allison Homes - I have had a response from them which we will discuss later in the agenda and I have been arranging for an invoice from Bradworthy Inn for Allison Homes re mince pies and mulled wine for the 2 Christmas events that they kindly offered to pay for.

Received an email from Westward Housing re the signs on Tuckers Park which Sue responded to as you have heard in her report.

We have received a letter from the applicant of planning application **1/1070/2024/AGMB** regarding his planning application this was received after the Parish Council planning subcommittee had sent to all Cllrs their proposal for discussion at the meeting 31.1.25

The letter from applicant has been emailed to all Cllrs

Phone message received from Helen Mason regarding an enforcement notice that was still outstanding I have left her several messages but haven't yet spoken to her. It appears it was the caravan taken onto the site behind Elizabeth Lea Close, which I will be able to confirm to her that the caravan has now been removed from the village.

We have had a late application for 1/0050/2025/Ful Beechwood Bradworthy and late decision for 1/1018/2024/FUL Loatmead Bradworthy which was withdrawn both of these can be discussed later in the agenda but they came in after the agenda had been issued.

## 6. District Councillors Report

Cllr Andrews reported that Torridge District Council had voted against Devon County Council objecting to them cancelling the May elections.

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

Cllr Andrews reported that she had spoken to Adrian Avery regarding the S106 money and has explained that the Council need clarification of the use of the money, it was agreed for an email to be sent to Adrian stating the use will be for "Recreation" and will be ring fenced for this.

**CS**

**Report emailed by Cllr Dart this afternoon – this was emailed to all Cllrs just before the meeting it is available upon request.**

## **7. County Councillors Report**

Cllr Morrish talked about the governments white paper for devolution and unitary. It means passing down more powers from the Government to local areas and it will come to DCC and Torbay Council as we know it now, who will join together, they will decide where that money is spent. TDC and other district councils will have a seat around the table but will not be taking part in the final decision.

Unitary is where DCC, Mid Devon, Torridge etc will go and you will have one council. There will be 3 or maybe 4 requests to be unitary. All councillors have a vested interest. To be unitary authorities need 500,000 people or more. Plymouth have approx. 240,000 people and will need to have another 260,000 therefore they might need a bit of West Devon, Kingsbridge, Dartmouth. South Hams need a bit of West Devon. Exeter will also want to be unitary but they will only have 190,000 so will need another 310,000, they will take Cullompton, Tiverton, Crediton, the Cranbrook area down to Topsham. The last one would involve Torridge, N Devon, Axminster, Newton Abbot, Teignbridge. Cllr Morrish went on to say that although it is a beautiful area it has poor economic output. Holsworthy is the most progressive in this area because of the industrial estate and cattle market. It will be a challenge, but it will happen. The government will decide on Monday as to whether the elections will go ahead.

On top of that the Government want a mayor to run Devon and Cornwall but Cornwall have objected to that. Cllr Morrish feels that we should have elections this May but he described why DCC want to cancel the election. He said their plan for 2025 is to keep experienced councillors instead of inexperienced new councillors.

Current members will stay where they are until 2026 and then there will be an election for a shadow board for the Unitary which will be as a sculpture for the new council. This will not start until 2027. Districts will stand down and will cease to operate and all will be in one party. Cllr Morrish thinks Exeter and Plymouth will get it. It was suggested at the TDC meeting that all money should be spent before districts disappear but he feels 106 money will be safe.

Elections cost £1.2 million four years ago but nevertheless Cllr Morrish felt democracy was more important and that we should still have elections. He described what the new council would look like. He said there are 270 elected members of district and county council. He thinks there will only be 50. He said that parish councils will still have responsibility. There will still be satellite offices so it's likely Torridge offices will remain as planning will still have to be decided within the district.

Cllr Lander asked if parish council will still be involved in planning. Cllr Morrish felt the Parish Council would have a bigger say,

4 communications from the Parish – 1 housing 2 planning -I must give credit to the District Councillors for dealing with anything passed to them. The last one was mental health/rural isolation – I can safely pass them on to the right people.

There will be a big change, I really think it will happen.

**Cllr Morrish left the meeting 19.53**

## **8. Devon & Cornwall Police Report:**

Nothing reported

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

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

**10. Applications;**

i. **1/1070/2024/AGMB** Barn at grid reference 230808 114333 Bradworthy. Prior notification for the change of use of agricultural building to 4 no. dwellinghouses and associated building operations under class Q

**All agreed that the letter from the applicant did not change their response and the TPO on the trees runs along the site                      letter to be sent proposed LH seconded SW all agreed**

ii. **1/1050/2024/FUL** Horton Cross, Bradworthy Retrospective application for change of use of workshop to holiday accommodation **letter to be sent proposed LH seconded SW**

iii. **1/0034/2025/FUL** Slurry Store East Ash (variation of condition 2 of planning 1/0760/2022/FUL **Noted proposed SW seconded MC all agreed**

iv. **1/0869/2024/FUL** Coach House, Bradworthy amendment to application **letter to be sent all agreed**

v. **1/0702/2024/FUL** The Granary Lower Hele Farm amendment to application **Noted proposed SW seconded MC all agreed**

**Late application**

**1/0050/2025/FUL** Beechwood Bradworthy request extension until 4.3.25 chair to send response

**BPC only received notification 30.1.25 – CS to request extension + document**

**Appeal 1/0635/2024/AGMB APP/W1145/W/24/3357169** Barn at grid reference 230995 112453 appeal has been lodged re permission for the development : prior notification for the change of use of agricultural building to 1 no. dwellinghouse and associated building operations underclass Q Jenns **SP to email response letter for approval from Cllrs then CS to send once approved**

**Decisions received after agenda issued**

iii. **1/1018/2024/FUL** Erection of 2 no. replacement dwellings barn adjacent to New Loatmead Farm, Bradworthy **withdrawn**

**11. Decisions**

**1/1000/2024/AGMB** Proposal: Prior notification for the change of use of agricultural building to 1 no. dwellinghouse and associated building operations under Class Q Location: Barn At Bradworthy Moor, Bradworthy, Devon, EX22 7SH application was **granted permission.**

**1/1023/2024/FUL** Jasmine Cottage Bradworthy erection of extensions, alterations and replacement workshop **granted permission 1/1000/2024/AGMB granted permission**

**12. Finance:**

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

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

**payments:**

**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.** Invoices over £100 additional invoice received since issuing finance report BT £53.26 + £3.35 post office signed for re VAT Vision Ict approved in principle subject to decision no 26 on agenda

**Proposed Cllr SW seconded Cllr MC all agreed**

**14. Pledge for Nature**

Cllr Payne reported boxes have been put up and a copy of the map with their location has been given to Simon and Steve (Commoners Committee) and a copy in the Council Office.

**15. Footpaths**

The paths have been too wet to walk. It was agreed to put a request on facebook that if anyone walks the paths to report back the condition and any issues before deciding – review at next meeting **SL**

**16. Pump by Wades to get 3 quotes to repair and put on next agenda**

Cllr Payne reported she had looked into the history of the pump and wanted to keep the pump in case it was needed in a drought. It was discussed and agreed that it should be repaired as a relic **request 3 quotes SL/CS**

**17. Grass cutting contract**

**Torridge proposed RB seconded GG all agreed CS to email advertise for tender**

**Grass cutting in the village**

**18. Website enquiry** – requesting support/help to provide a footpath from Bideford Road Lew Barn area into the village Allison Homes responded but this had been looked at previously and it is not possible – Parishioner has been advised

**19. Facebook enquiry regarding metal detecting on Bradworthy Moor** – Commoners Committee confirmed that due to the agreement they have with Natural England for the Moor they are unable to allow metal detecting. CS has responded to the person who enquired.

**20. Apple Trees**

**Ring Philip to ask about types of apple trees CS**

**21. Emergency Plan**

Cllr Greateorex discussed the need for a plan and generator after the issues from the power cut during storm Darrah Cllr SP suggested a sub group. It was agreed and needs to be advertised at the coffee morning on social media and in March Bradworthy News

**22. S106** as previously discussed by Cllr Andrews – **send email to Adrian Avery CS**

**23. Lighting from the Memorial Hall path onto the square**

Memorial Hall have approved this subject to suitable location **email to ask for quote before work starts CS**

**24. Phone Box – damp issues**

Improved but ask RH to check bottom corner for damp

**CS**

**25. Play Area**

RH has reported fence panels down on the edge of the play area – **it was agreed these are the responsibility of the home owners and not the Council**

ROSPA training to be booked for RH

**CS**

**Cllr Andrews left the meeting 20.56**

**26. New Website**

I have had 4 quotes and I have also spoken to some of the clerks that use the websites. The prices vary and there would be a charge for transfer of data. The timescale is tight to change before end of the contract with Vision ICT – I have spoken to Vision ICT today, if we pay the next year's invoice and change host part of the way through the year they will refund the unused

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

period it was agreed to pay the invoice and put on agenda in June **CS to email for this in writing before paying**

**27. Housing Strategy email**

Cllr Payne responded to email

**28. Land Registry**

Nothing to report

**29. TPO**

Re Lime Tree – refused by TDC

**30. BT Contract**

BT say the account name is Bradworthy Memorial Hall/Trading as Bradworthy Inn look for I have not been able to find any other suppliers LH will speak to Sky if no then close BT account and re-open in correct name **proposed SP seconded SW all agreed**

**31. Replacement Tree request re Memory Tree Tuckers Park**

Copy of email received Westward Housing they are in agreement that the tree can be replaced by family **approved by all Cllrs**

**32. Cones**

Cllrs Payne had found some suppliers of cones, it was discussed the need for the cones and agreed to purchase 6 in green **proposed SW seconded LH all agreed**

**33. Roof Guttering over new noticeboard on the Pump House**

**CS to ring Jag signs**

**34. Precept**

As discussed at the previous meeting £21394 **proposed Cllr SW seconded LH all agreed**

**35. Flags and Bunting**

Get prices and add to agenda next month **CS**

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

**Cllr Wright**

Bradworthy Memorial Hall had a meeting 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Still waiting for confirmation on the change of legal structure from charity to community interest organisation for release of kitchen grant.

Surplus money from National Lottery on new roof – has to be spent in the community so ½ price offers in January being given to regular groups e.g. Badminton, pickleball, Pilates, children's dance classes.

Approval given for installation of lighting at bottom of hall driveway – subject to suitable location being found.

**Events booked in the Hall**

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Carnival Committee Wine & Wisdom

Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup> April 19<sup>th</sup> May 17<sup>th</sup> Food & Craft Markets

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – an evening with Johnny Cowling

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Carnival Committee Cider & Pasty

December 12<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party

**Cllr Boughton**

Nothing to report

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

**Cllr Payne**

Nothing to report

**Cllr Greateorex**

Asked about the coffee morning being booked – advised it is booked 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Cllr Payne asked about the shovels for the grit bins it was agreed to purchase 5

**Cllr Holloway**

Had phoned Westward Housing stating the children had not taken the apple tree down and re the wording on the signs “Tuckers Park No bikes No scooters No balls” and confirmed they have now been removed

**Cllr Coles**

**Summary of meeting attended**

Officers provide the knowledge to facilitate but members have to lead and have to do what is needed and what the people want. The local plan gives context to the strategies. The household support fund is available if struggling for money.

**Next meeting** 28<sup>th</sup> February **at 7pm** in the Collacott Room

Meeting closed 21.22

Clerk left the Collacott Room so that closed meeting could start

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