

Bradworthy Parish Council

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Minutes of BRADWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL meeting held in the Collacott Room, Bradworthy Memorial Hall on Friday 26th September 2025 at 7pm

Present:

Vice Chairman: Cllr L Holloway. Cllrs, M Coles, V Stevens, S Wright, G Greatorex, District Cllr S Harding Chris Summerfield (Clerk)

Meeting started 19.00

Cllr Holloway advised the meeting is being recorded

- 1. Apologies for absence Cllr Lander, Cllr Chapman, Cllr Boughton
- 2. Public comment session

No public attending

3. Councillors Declarations of Interests
Nothing

4. Minutes:

- (i) to receive, confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 29th

 August 2025(emailed to all cllrs) proposed VS seconded SW agreed by MC, GG and LH were not at the last meeting (as confirmed by DALC)
- (ii) progress report on 'Action' points from the minutes (not already included on the agenda) email has been received from Sandra Brown Highways Officer regarding the roads and child safety on the roads this was forwarded to all Cllrs. I have also contacted the Primary School to see if they would be able to talk to the children about road safety.
- (iii) matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda Nothing to report

5. Chairmans Report

When we ordered the wooden posts for the swing from Lars laj, they were delivered to my address for convenience.

I then received an invoice from Fedex to pay the VAT £134.21. Christine then informed Lars laj and they agreed it was for them to pay. Two weeks later I received another letter from FedEX requesting the money. Again, Christine contacted Lars laj and they said they were sorting it out. Then on 12th September I received a letter from the debt collectors demanding payment in 10 days for £134.21. I accessed their website and found it had been paid the day before. I'm not sure about the moral of this story but felt it was worth telling.

6. Clerks Report

We received a complaint about the overgrown hedge in the play area Tuckers Park end overhanging someone's property, this has now been cut back and we received an email to say thanks. Whilst in contact with the owner I have asked that they ensure the scaffolding poles have been capped for safety as they stick out through the fence, the owner has contacted the scaffold company and the scaffolding has now been removed.

Apple Trees have been ordered and paid for Report received from Cllr Dart and emailed to all Cllrs Report received from Cllr Lynne Rowsell re Dentist and Chemist Annual rough sleeper estimate email received, to be done 12.11.25

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Into the Breach email received

I have left a further message for Andy Cattermole from Allison Homes but still no response SWAST came to do Defib training on Wednesday but sadly only Cllrs Wright and Payne and myself turned up.

We have had notification that the 2nd precept money will be received shortly

The external audit has just been completed. The auditors report states an "except for" which is regarding the valuation of some of the assets for this year against last year they were previously undervalued ie phone box from £1 increased to £1000 the pump house from £2080 to £10000 but the AGAR 23/24 figures were not restated.

7. District Councillors Report

Cllr SH reported that the Responders will stay as at it has been the fire station will remain. Devolution – DCC are working hard just managed to get it done but, we still need more information, but our bid still stands. Up to now it has cost half a million pounds so far. The road from Three Lane End to Whitely is extremely bad now, 3 potholes have been done only – Chris updated Cllr SH that this is scheduled for repair this financial year we have been informed.

SH - I am on the Internal and External scrutiny committees and Vice Chair for the Internal. We are looking at planning and enforcement officers

TTVS did a talk they are finding core costs have increased we give £10k per year so we are trying to get them more money as they do an incredible job.

Levelling up – lots of talk about Bideford Business Park but no land for sale now. However, we do own the land at Torrington so that will have more Industrial Units.

Part 2 discussion about Kivells Agri Business Hub

I have never attended so many meetings.

Anna has just sent apologies 19.20

MC had looked at the Helaa report and asked SH about how real are the figures. They said they have put it out to businesses. SH to attend a meeting to find out more. If Clovelly and Sutcombe could have grown they may not have lost their schools

Cllr SH left 19.28

8. County Councillors Report

Nothing received

- 9. Devon & Cornwall Police Report including report regarding any 'Teams' meetings No report received from the police. Cllr MC had attended Police advocate meeting and has emailed her report to all Cllrs
- **10. Planning Matters** (including any received after the issue of the agenda)

Applications;

1/0724/2025/OUT Outline planning permission for up to 5no dwellings with all matters reserved except for access land at grid reference 232054 114095 Mill Road Bradworthy extension requested for response

CS

Late application received

1/0745/2025/FUL single storey extension Jasmine Cottage extension requested for response CS

Decisions

Late decision 1/0601/2025 Erection of machinery shed and store refused

Chris informed the Council that a new application had been submitted to remove 4 trees with TPOs on her land due to the health and safety

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cllrs) plus approval by the Council of any Invoices over £100.00 A number of invoices over £100 but most had been pre-approved The Play Inspection £228, 2 x £105 Mike Spencer, Pip & Stone £123.96 and PKF Littlejohns £252 then there were invoices from Richard Heath regarding maintenance work £129.99 and £240.00 Proposed GG seconded VS all agreed

12. Play Area

The toddler swings were discussed an it was agreed to get 3 quotes for 2 seats and chains including fitting

CS

13. Remembrance arrangements

Purchase wreath CS to speak to Rev Mark James regarding arrangements VS to lay the BPC Wreath.

14. Plaque

This has been installed

15. Land adjacent to Allison Homes new housing estate

Still no response from Bromells. Another message left for Allison Homes regarding clearing this area

16. Emergency Plan

No development

17. Maintenance

Hedge at the Tuckers Park end of the play area needs cutting quote from Mike Spencer £95 proposed VS seconded MC all agreed

18. New Website

This was discussed and agreed to put on hold for now until it is clear of the changes for the Council proposed GG seconded MC all agreed

19. Dog Poo Bin

A discussion about the need for more dog bins – the pathway between Langdon Road and North Road and/or the Holsworthy end of St Peters Well Lane CS to contact TDC

20. Noticeboard for office door

Discussed and refused not considered necessary all agreed

21. Grant

Application form has been sent but nothing received back yet

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

VS

Nothing to report

SW

Hall committee meeting:-

New kitchen has been installed and working

An event to launch the new kitchen is being planned

Bushes removed from the end of the drive and light fitted

New audio system being fitted – has been funded by the wind turbine grant

Hall events:-

18th Oct, 15th Nov & 6th Dec – Food & Craft Market

18th Oct - BFG Concert

24th Oct Queen Tribute Band

31st Oct - Psychic charity event

12th Dec – Xmas dinner/dance

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GG

Discussed the importance of the new light on the drive, he had discussed who would pay with one of the Hall committee members and the Hall agreed they would pay

MC

Had spoken to CLT who said once the accounts are done at the end of October the AGM can be held

Explained the need for a proper recreational area

Meeting ended 20.44

Next meeting 31.10.25 at 7pm in the Collacott Room



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