



LAPWING *Vanellus vanellus*
The green Plover or Peewit.
Habit - fields, pasture and moors.
Notes - Peep-wit and long whistling note.
Better known in Bradworthy as the Hornwink.

Bradworthy Parish Council

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Minutes of BRADWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL meeting held in the Collacott Room, Bradworthy Memorial Hall on Friday 23rd January 2026 at 7pm

Present Chair Cllr Lander, Cllrs V Stevens, S Wright, G Greatorex, V Chapman, S Payne, L Holloway, District Cllr S Andrews, Clerk Chris Summerfield and 1 member of the public

Cllr Lander advised that the meeting is being recorded

- 1. Apologies for absence** Cllr R Boughton and M Coles
- 2. Public comment session** member of the public did not want to speak
- 3. Councillors Declarations of Interests** Cllr V Chapman declared interest in planning application 1/0972/2025 and therefore would abstain from the response

4. Minutes:

- (i) to receive, confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28th November 2025**(emailed to all cllrs) proposed GG seconded SW all agreed
- (ii) progress report on 'Action' points from the minutes** (not already included on the agenda) Nothing
- (iii) matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda**
Chris reported that the Head of Bradworthy Primary Academy had asked if a meeting could be arranged with Cllrs and TDC Highways Officer regarding the situation/danger outside the school gate this had been discussed at a previous meeting – Cllrs agreed to this – **CS to try to arrange**

5. Chairmans Report

I would like to thank everyone who helped brighten the village for Christmas. The lights around the Square looked lovely as did the tree. I would like to thank Cllr Richard Boughton for putting up and taking down the tree and everyone that helped him.

Switching the lights went well as did the Carols around the tree. I gave Bradworthy Inn the Chairman's £100 for the mulled wine and mince pies.

Sir Geoffrey Cox has written to all local parishes to hold a meeting with representatives from the parishes to raise our concerns about poor or non-existent phone signals and difficulties with digital broadband. We have asked residents from Bradworthy via Facebook to let us know if they have problems to enable face to face conversations with the organisations concerns. I will attend the meeting on 30th January.

6. Clerks Report

I have emailed Adrian Avery TDC to advise him that we had replaced the swings using S106 money also discussed VAT refunds this will be transferred into S106 account

We have been contacted by a food van regarding coming to the village I have advised them to check with DCC

Defib training has been booked 9.9.26

Holsworthy Motor Club have written to the Council to advise us that the Classic Trial will be coming through the village 22.2.26

Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Risk management Plan engagement survey received poster has been put up

Forestmoor Invoice has been raised

The Annual clock maintenance this year will be £240.00

I have emailed Vision ICT to see how to update the website

Vat return is being done £1058.44 there has been a problem uploading

I have transferred the £948.00 from the S106 account to the current account regarding the payment made to Piran

I have spoken to DCC regarding the flower box on the Bideford as they are taking on the cutting of this grass verge – to ensure the flower box remains

The apple trees have been planted thanks to Mick and Sarah

North Devon & Torridge Settlement Services & Facilities Survey received and will be submitted

Stop Beacon Solar have asked to attend our meeting, 27.2.26 **ask them if they would like to also attend the coffee morning to meet the public**

7. District Councillors Report

Cllr Andrews reported TDC can make comments and suggestions but have nothing to do with the decision on the Solar planning, had also heard that there is no more capacity to put this into the grid.

Attended Audit & Governance meeting TDC still solvent

8. County Councillors Report

Nothing reported

9. Devon & Cornwall Police Report including report regarding any 'Teams' meetings

Nothing reported

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

Applications;

1/1002/2025/AGMB Prior notification for the change of use of agricultural building to 1 no. dwellinghouse and associated building operations under Class Q
Location: North View, Bradworthy, Holsworthy, Devon draft response that had been emailed to all cllrs was proposed SW seconded VC all agreed

1/0724/2025/OUT Outline planning permission for up to 3 dwellings with all matters reserved except for access **Location: Land At Grid Reference 232054 114095, Mill Road, Bradworthy, Devon O.S. Map Reference : (E) 232054 (N) 114095** response due 12.2.26 draft response that had been emailed to all cllrs was proposed GG seconded SW all agreed

1/0972/2025/FUL Part-retrospective application for track and two stables plus new small PV battery store shed **Location: Stables At Grid Reference 232778 114744, Bradworthy, Devon, O.S. Map Reference :(E) 232778 (N) 114744**
draft response that had been emailed to all cllrs was proposed GG seconded LH all agreed except VC who abstained from this application

1/0968/2025/FUL Prior notification for the change of use from commercial, business and service (Class E) to a mixed use including 1no. dwelling (Class C3) (Schedule 2, Part 3, Class G) Location: Martin & Co., The Square, Bradworthy, Holsworthy O.S. Map Reference : (E) 232369 (N) 113969
draft response that had been emailed to all cllrs was proposed VS seconded SW all agreed

1/0854/2025/FUL Erection of 1no. dwelling (self-build) Location: Land At Grid Reference 232523 113717, Bradworthy, Devon, O.S. Map Reference :(E) 232523 (N) 113718

draft response that had been emailed to all cllrs was proposed SW seconded VC all agreed

Decisions

1/0858/2025/FUL Erection of 4 bungalows with new access and associated works
(Variation of condition 2 of planning approval 1/0858/2020/FUL) Location: Land Off
Elizabeth Lea Close & North Road, Bradworthy, **Granted**

1/0887/2025/FUL Rear and side extensions to dwelling (Affecting a public right of way)
Location: West Stowford, Bradworthy, Holsworthy, Devon **Granted**

1/0801/2025/FUL Erection of side extension and internal alterations Location: Homeland,
North Road, Bradworthy, Holsworthy **Granted**

1/0715/2025/FUL Part retrospective application for the widening of an access, hard
standing and a building to store equipment associated with cattle trimming and
agriculture (Sui Generis) Location: Land At Grid Reference 231806 114694, Bradworthy,
Granted

11. Finance

Invoices for payment: to consider and approve the schedule of payments (emailed to all
cllrs) plus approval by the Council of any Invoices over £100.00 only 1 invoice over £100 which is
Vision ICT £246.07 proposed VS seconded VC all agreed

12. Budget

Cllr GG explained how the budget had been reviewed as emailed to all Cllrs £24300 and
proposed it LH seconded all agreed

13. Precept

Cllr GG explained how the precept figure £22600 was calculated using the budget information
as emailed to all Cllrs proposed GG seconded SW all agreed SL signed the Precept form

14. Play Area

Some areas are more damaged than previous months, Cllr SP feels there needs to be a sub
group so that jobs are being done. Piran to take on the checking every 3 months, does it need to
be checked in between. CS to check with Piran re costs and for them to be doing repairs after
approval. Maintenance person to check in between.

15. Emergency Plan

Meeting held 21.1.26

Discussed how to publicise – FB + noticeboard

Feel a response team needed SL to contact Young Farmers

Whatsapp group set up

GG suggested applying for grants – for emergency torches, flasks, camping gas stoves etc

16. Footpath P3 due to be submitted March

Apply for this grant by March **VS/SL**

17. Grant

No applications have been received yet but the deadline is February

Cllr GG explained that there is a need to update the event lighting for a new system this will cost
approximately £3000 and so it was discussed if BPC should apply for a grant from Forestmoor. A
discussion was held about the Forestmoor money in the account, we receive £3000 a year at
the moment. If the 2025 £3000 receipt hasn't been transferred into the Forestmoor account

from the current account this will give a total of £24k CS to check and transfer if needed. Cllr SP explained that the Parish Council are able to use Forestmoor funds for purchases like this if it is to benefit the Parish in general, it was felt by most that the event lighting did benefit the Parish. Suggested that Parishioners should be asked at the coffee morning for ideas.

Then a further discussion from these suggestions should be had.

Cllr LH commented that this money would not continue long term and once someone has applied once for money they feel they can't apply again

18. Flowerbeds/Boxes

The issues with plants not growing well under the trees in the square was discussed, it was agreed that further research into what plants might be able to survive MC had previously spoken to someone who might be able to help with this. Cllr Lander thanked all those who had looked after the flower boxes.

Chris suggested that we should ask District Cllrs for any grants available for plants this year District Cllr Andrews said she would be happy to offer £200 subject to putting in a formal application and she would ask Cllr Dart.

19. Bench on the Green

Cllr SP suggested that this need replacing with a bench similar to the one in the play area but will need anchoring down **CS to find prices**

20. Newsletter

SP was keen to have a newsletter it was discussed but decided that Bradworthy News/FB/Noticeboard would be better way forward

21. Village Clean up 18.4.26 suggested 10.00 – 12.00 CS to contact Bradworthy Young Farmers

22. Grass Cutting Contract – DCC

£351.00 proposed GG seconded VS all agreed CS to send contract back

23. Advertise for grass cutting tenders- village

Advertise for tenders for this year's grass cutting and strimming this will include the strimming duties previously done by the maintenance person

GG proposed that the maintenance duties should also be put out for tender each year seconded VC all agreed (the duties to be confirmed – changes to the play area checks as Piran will be asked to do the official checks so that we don't need to ROSPA train someone each time there is a change of maintenance person)

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

VS

Nothing to report

SW

£835 had been raised at the launch of the new Memorial Hall Kitchen this will go to Children's Hospice

Events in the Hall

29th 30th 31st January is the Pantomime

21st February is Wine & Wisdom

GG

Nothing to report

VC

Requested that Sandra Brown TDC is contacted regarding the line painting still not done, road conditions Moor Road

Allison Homes still haven't cleared the site or put lifebuoy up can we contact someone higher up

The Forest on the left on the way to Bideford there is a building that can be seen, can this be investigated

The other one is the Bothy Dinworthy which looks very developed – ask enforcement officer to look into these, It is thought they are living in the Bothy

SP

A member of the public had highlighted a rat problem in Tuckers Park and felt Environmental Health had not done a good job sorting – it is thought that the problem has been resolved now

LH

Nothing to report

Asked if temporary storage needed planning

Meeting ended 21.00 Next meeting 27th February 2026

Signed

Date 27th February 2026

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