



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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## Draft minutes for the meeting of BRADWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Collacott Room, Bradworthy Memorial Hall on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7pm

Attending: Cllr S Iander, S Wright, G Greatorex, S Payne, V Chapman, L Holloway, M Coles, Chris Summerfield

Chair advised that meeting will be recorded

1. **Apologies for absence** Cllr V Stevens, District Cllr S Harding, S Andrews
2. **Public comment session** no members of the public attending
3. **Councillors Declarations of Interests** - Cllr S Payne declared – grant application for the History Society
4. **Minutes:**
  - (i) **to receive, confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026**(emailed to all cllrs) Proposed GG Seconded MC 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**  
bench now installed

### 5. **Chairmans Report**

As you are all aware we have had problems with the emails as Vision ICT. We could not access our emails for 4 days. Apparently, Vision ICT were changing over to a different email provider which caused this mayhem.

I watched an online training session from DALC regarding the Community Hubs and yesterday, I attended a Resilience Day Spring Forum at Christow. I had completed the online questionnaire and so I was able to receive the Community Hub box which contains badges, a first aid book and a poster.

The Community Hub has nothing to do with Emergency planning; it is a central point for people to go to for information e.g. a major power cut. The first people to arrive can get an update from the National Grid. The Community Hub is not a place for shelter it's a place where everyone knows where to get information. However, if people do need shelter, then the hall would be an ideal place for people to get a hot cup of tea and be somewhere warm.

19.06 Cllr A Dart arrived

On my behalf, Cllr Wright asked permission for us to use the Hall for this purpose at the Hall meeting last Tuesday and it was agreed.

This morning, I received a letter from Sir Geoffrey Cox giving an update after the Connectivity Forum held in Holsworthy in January. He is continuing to press the relevant organisations regarding broadband provision across the constituency.

He has also raised concerns regarding the analogue to digital switchover which is taking place in many areas.

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I noted that yesterday and today, Bradworthy was awash with Airband vans.

I also spoke to Devon County Council about Road Wardens. They seemed genuinely surprised that we all think it's about pot holes. Apparently, its about keeping roads clear from weeds, cleaning signs, managing verges for wildlife. Potholes is only a small part of it. We also discussed Snow wardens. That is an on-line video training course and once the training is completed we are entitled to 5tonnes of salt free of charge.

Anyway, they will send me posters which I will use for the Emergency Plan table.

#### **6. Clerks Report**

VAT £1058.44 refund

£3000 received re Forestmoor

CPRE membership renewed

VAT element re Lars and Piran invoices has now been transferred back into the S106 account as previously agreed now that we have received the refund.

Adrian Avery has been updated.

I have contacted Bradworthy Young Farmers re helping with the Village Clean up

Sandra Brown has been emailed re the road line painting

Bench delivered as VC has already said

A message came in through the website re fly tipping near the green – soil has also been dumped in ditches this could cause flooding if blocked – wait and see

#### **7. District Councillors Report**

Cllr A Dart reported she has taken on the Chair for Hartland PC

Hartland PC have looked into the Road Warden Scheme – it is a difficult one re storage of materials and you need your own Insurance

Report from S Harding read out – TDC estate manager reported Internal scrutiny meeting the goundworks now being done inhouse and going well, the glass house in the park using it to grow plants and enabled them to employ 2 more staff and an apprentice. Attended meeting with biosphere they will be testing in rivers and streams and will recruit champions to do the testing so data can be recorded on pollution.

Attended briefing on local Gov reorganisation 451 proposal has been submitted.

SH and I attended SW Water zoom meeting there was a lot of blame on agriculture, they have to plan 25 years in advance and update every 5 years in terms of that a new reservoir to be built at Cheddar this will help to circulate the water differently. I asked about the spreading of human waste, they explained they get it treated but other companies may not and this is a concern.

It has just come to mine and Steve's attention about permitted development changes in agriculture. There are no site notices Parish Councils and District Cllrs do not need to be notified and decisions need to be within 28 days, applications are either permitted development or class Q they can't do both. I have asked for planning to inform us. It is a real concern that we do not know about these.

#### **8. County Councillors Report** nothing received

AD reported SW Ambulance Service Trust are trying to take away the responders Robin Julians said County have scrutinised again SW Ambulance Service Trust and are aware they are trying to make it look like there is less of a need, Mark Nesbit reported on Facebook GG stated that 2 incidents had been dealt with by the responders

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**9. Devon & Cornwall Police Report** including report regarding any 'Teams' meetings MC stated that a newsletter is produced

SP got in touch with the police re PCSOs for this area, a PCSO from Torrington responded but was not aware of any coming to our area

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

**Applications;**

**1/0152/2026/FUL Part-retrospective application for a replacement dwelling, car port and ground mounted solar panels (self-build) Location: Agricultural Building At Grid Reference 230323 17548, Bradworthy, Devon,O.S. Map Reference :( E ) 230324 ( N ) 117549** draft response letter had been emailed to all Cllrs prior to the meeting this was discussed no amendments requested - Proposed MC Seconded SW all agreed

**Decisions**

**1/0038/2026/OUT Outline application for the erection of 1 no. dwelling and garage with all matters reserved Location: Land At Grid Reference 232492 114300, Long Park Drive, Bradworthy, Devon O.S. Map Reference :( E ) 232492 ( N ) 114300** granted

**Decision received after Agenda set**

**1/0007/2026 Change of use of land and siting of 2 Shepherd Huts for holiday use - withdrawn**

**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 Vision ICT £240.00 Proposed LH seconded GG all agreed

7.42 AD left the meeting

and since setting agenda we have received the yearly rent invoice for the PC office £750.00 Proposed VC seconded MC all agreed

Due to the fact that we received more than £25k this year we will have to have an external audit as well as the internal audit.

**12. Play Area**

Piran will start 15.4.26 doing monthly checks, SP has drafted a check list for Cllrs during peak season weekly in between Piran – we need 3 Cllrs to help cover these checks if there is anything wrong to let Piran know immediately and they will check and amend if needed. SP and MC will do this but need one more Cllr. Holsworthy Hamlets reported that the Rospa inspection is the one that covers them.

CS to speak to other clerks regarding the way they check.

SP has a flyer looking for volunteers to help keep the play area clean the school would be a good place to hand out the flyer.

CS asked for a decision on the repair to the mushroom seat – Proposed VC seconded MC all agreed

SP to show Piran draft form

**13. BT contract**

Haven't managed to get hold of them yet but if similar cost are you happy for me to proceed – all agreed

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#### 14. Emergency Plan

We are having another meeting in April.

Whilst at the Resilience meeting yesterday. I spoke to a company who provide two-way radios. There were quite a selection and a variety of costs. The type suggested, if we needed one would be a Motorola costing £200. This was the second cheapest. I'm not sure we really need it and obviously we would need two. I can see the necessity if you're in a flood area, but we are not. Grants are still available though. £250 for a start-up which means it would go towards leaflets, stationary etc. Up to £1,500 for plans in place for equipment.

#### 15. Grants

All applications were discussed

History Society	£300	Proposed GG seconded VC SP declared interest so abstained all other Cllrs agreed
Bradworthy PTA	£200	all the other grants proposed GG seconded VC all agreed
Bradworthy Carnival	£300	
Holsworthy Rural Transport	£300	
North Devon Record Office	£100	
Bradworthy Churchyard	£300	
Crimestoppers	declined	
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Total	£1500	all agreed
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#### 16. Website

We have had a number of issues with emails and the website does not comply so we have looked at 3 other companies, details have been emailed to Cllrs prior to the meeting

Aubergine  
Parish Online  
Town and Parish Councils

Woolsery have just changed their website £1279 just to compare  
We need a larger company to ensure support there when needed  
Easy to use  
Will still be relevant in years to come

Suggested to ring Aubergine to go through the costs CS/SL on Thursday  
Because our website does not comply with assertion 10, we have provisionally booked MOT with Vision ICT but this will cost £145 – this was discussed and Cllrs decided that this should be cancelled as we will be changing the website to something that is compliant.  
SP asked why Vision ICT didn't update the website  
Proposed to change website GG seconded VC all agreed

**17. Village Clean-up 18.4.26** SP to do Poster CS to book Collacott Room for refreshments

**18. Open morning 9.5.26** CS to invite grant applicants

**19. Standing Orders – emailed to Councillors prior to meeting** Proposed GG seconded MC all agreed

**20. Financial Regulations– emailed to Councillors prior to meeting** Proposed SW Seconded GG all agreed

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**21. Review Grant Procedure – emailed to Councillors prior to meeting** Proposed GG Seconded LH all agreed

**22. Assets – emailed to Councillors prior to meeting** which has only increased by the History Society £569 in 2025 Event Display Board – Welcome to Devon Signs now down to 2 so amend Assets report Proposed GG Seconded LH all agreed

**23. Risk Assessments – emailed to Councillors prior to meeting** Proposed LH Seconded SW all agreed

**24. Assertion 10 Documents and policies – emailed to Councillors prior to meeting – need to add to next Agenda to discuss further**

**25. Flowerbeds – Edwin has offered to look after the 2 tubs by the War Memorial as well as the flowerbox on North Road and has asked if he can purchase some of the plants now to bring on in the greenhouse – all agreed and the tubs need to be moved out to stop people parking there. LH to move them**

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

#### **SW**

Attended the Hall Committee meeting 24.3.26

The final payment of the National Lottery Grant towards the new kitchen has now been received.

The Hall hire charges were reviewed and following significant increases in costs it was agreed to keep existing prices throughout the year.

Arrangements are to be made for resealing/varnishing the hall floor – this will include the stage area which hasn’t previously been done. This may mean closing the hall for a few days to allow surfaces to dry and for new badminton/pickleball lines to be laid.

Events booked in the next 2 months

- Bradworthy Gymnastics Club end of season event.
- Toddlers Easter Egg Hunt
- Carnival Committee Easter Bingo (evening)
- History Society Open Morning
- 18<sup>th</sup> April and 16<sup>th</sup> May Food & Craft Markets
- 18<sup>th</sup> April Village Clean up
- Scott Stonebridge Psychic evening
- 9<sup>th</sup> May Parish Council Coffee Morning

The Committee agreed to a request from the Parish Council Emergency planning group to authorize use of the Hall in case of emergencies such as long-term power outages. It had previously been agreed that the Hall would be prepared to store a generator in the boiler room – to be regularly serviced/checked over. As this doesn’t seem to have progressed, Ken to get advice from Nick Brooker on type of generator required and for grants to be requested from possibly Forrest Moor or East Youlstone wind turbine funds, Query if Parish Council or Hall to make application when prices are known.

The Hall AGM – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm – All invited to attend

**GG** – nothing to report

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**SP** – Youth Club will be starting up by the Vicar 4-8 Friday nights

There are concerns about holding the Council meetings if the Youth Club will be downstairs due to noise or will it be in the room at the back of the Social Club  
Woolery minutes says the Bradworthy Road is down to be done  
Holsworthy Hamlets have slides from the meeting Sue had attended

**VC** – The lifebuoy was supposed to be on a post but still isn't

The car park at the front of Allison Homes Estate was supposed to be taken up but is still there

The broken SW Water signs are still on the edge of the road

What is happening with the CLT? Still no AGM date yet. MC to speak to Keith and explain

Parish Council are concerned that there hasn't been an AGM

**LH** - I was going to bring up about the fly tipping

Apologies for absence for the next meeting

**MC** – Nothing to report

Next meeting 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Meeting ended 21.16

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