

DRAFT – SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

BRADFORD ON TONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 JULY 2018

PRESENT

Mr D Venn (Chairman), Mr A Brodie, Mr P Haines, Mrs K Herdman, Mr R Pearse, Mrs L Sidhu

Mr R Habgood (District Councillor)

Two members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Mr C Ellis, PCSO Sharon Baker

2. CASUAL VACANCY

Three applications had been received to fill the vacancy. The two applicants who attended were asked to wait outside. Following discussions, with Mrs Herdman declaring an interest, and a majority vote, it was resolved that Mr Andrew Brodie fill the vacancy. Mr Brodie completed the form of acceptance and took his place on the Council. The Clerk would contact the two unsuccessful applicants.

3. INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Mr Venn – minute 6.5

Mrs Herdman – minute 2

4. CRIME UPDATE

PCSO Sharon Baker's report for June indicated 234 calls to the police for the Wellington rural area, of which 13 were for the Bradford on Tone area. Sheep worrying and straying from public footpaths had again been an issue and advice leaflets had been given out.

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23 MAY 2018

The minutes, having been circulated were taken as read and signed as correct. The proposer was Mrs Herdman, seconded by Mrs Sidhu.

6. UPDATE ON ITEMS IN MINUTES

6.1 Land outside Threeways, Bradford on Tone

Further to previous minutes the Clerk had been told that the matter was still being considered by Somerset County Council's Legal Department.

6.2 Parish Magazine Costs

Further to previous minutes, discussion again took place, including Mrs Ellis's report to the Parish Council meeting on 23 May 2018. In addition, the results from four other parish councils was considered. Two of these made no contributions and two a nominal sum.

On the proposal of Mr Haines, seconded by Mr Pearse, it was resolved not to contribute towards the costs of printing or distribution of News from the Villages in the parish of Bradford on Tone.

6.3 Flooding at Tone Green, Bradford on Tone

Somerset Highways had agreed to change three manhole covers in Tone Green to 600 x 600 mm gully covers, and the order had been placed with Skanska.

With regards to provision of a large wheelie bin in Tone Green the Clerk had approached Somerset Waste Partnership, Somerset County Council and Taunton Deane Borough Council, but no one was able to help.

6.4 Play area and outdoor recreation area for Bradford on Tone

Mrs Sidhu and Mrs Herdman said there was little to report at present but they would be making enquiries of two possible new sites.

6.5 Footpath behind White Horse Inn/Dalgren Bridge, Bradford on Tone

Following Somerset County Council's Rights of Way Service Manager Mr Hobley's attendance at the May meeting Councillors agreed to request the County Council to revisit a minimal diversion scheme as soon as possible. Therefore, the Parish Council would be looking at the installation of a new footbridge nearby (possibly without landowner consent), with a diversion to facilitate this.

Mr Venn had held a useful meeting with representatives of Nynhead Parish Council, who were also concerned at the ten-year delay in reopening this important public footpath. The Clerk would liaise with Mr Hobley.

7. HIGHWAY AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

7.1 Hedge cutting – Worlds End A38 into village

Somerset Highways had carried out a light trim. However, Councillors agreed that Fox's Farm Services should be asked to carry out a further cut, similar to that of last year, and also to clear the hedge cuttings from the footway.

7.2 Ditch in Hele

Mr Venn said that a length of ditch between White Steading and The Haven, Hele was deteriorating badly and had partially collapsed due to the movement of heavy vehicles. The road through Hele was narrow and not suitable for heavy vehicles.

This point had been brought to the attention of Taunton Deane Borough Council in relation to a recent planning application at Hele Manor Farm. The Clerk was asked to contact Somerset Highways to see if it would consider piping the collapsed ditch and install a passing place.

8. PLANNING

8.1a Minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 2018

The minutes, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed as correct. The proposer was Mr Haines, seconded by Mrs Sidhu.

8.1b Notes of the meeting held on 23 June 2018

(See 8.2.2 below)

The Parish Council's site meeting was inquorate. However, there was no objection from the two Councillors who attended nor from the other Councillors who did not.

8.2 Applications

8.2.1 07/18/0009 – erection of extension to commercial properties, erection of detached storage unit and changes of use, Hele Manor Farm, Hele, Bradford on Tone – no objection.

8.2.2 07/18/0011 - erection of timber framed garage at The Old Nursery, Back Lane, Bradford on Tone –no objection

8.3 Decisions

8.3.1 07/18/0001 – erection of two dwellings with associated works in the garden of Russets, Lower Stoford Lane, Bradford on Tone – permission refused 25 May 2018

9. FINANCE

9.1	To consider approval of the following accounts for payment	£
9.1.1	Clerk's salary June/July	832.83
9.1.2	Clerk's salary increase backdated for April/May	226.51
9.1.3	Clerk's working from home allowance 2018/2019	200.00
9.1.4	Clerk's expenses June/July	42.68
9.1.5	Information Commission – Data Information registration of Parish Council 21.6.18 – 20.6.19 (already paid by Clerk)	40.00
9.1.6	AR Computing – black toner cartridges	50.95 (inc VAT £8.49)
9.1.7	Somerset Playing Fields Association – membership 2018/19	15.00
9.1.8	Bradford on Tone Village Hall – hire of Chant Room 23.5.18	16.00
9.1.9	SALC – Clerk's attendance at Data Protection Regulations Seminar at Somerton 22.5.18	25.00
9.1.10	Mr B Howe – internal audit of accounts 2017/2018	121.20

On the proposal of Mr Pearse, seconded by Mrs Herdman, it was unanimously agreed to approve these accounts for payment.

9.2 Income

9.2.1	VAT repayment for 2017/2018	432.91
9.2.2	Bank interest May/June	0.10

9.3 Bank balance and annual reconciliation statement

After the above transactions had been taken into account the Parish Council's bank balance totalled £11,386.72.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 Northern Ring Road, Taunton

The Parish Council had supported a proposal by Staplegrove Parish Council for an extra 500 metre length of Staplegrove spine road. The Chairman of Staplegrove Parish Council had expressed their Council's appreciation for Bradford on Tone's support.

10.2 Local Government Boundary Commission – Somerset West and Taunton Council

In May 2018 the Government agreed to set up a new local authority called Somerset West and Taunton Council. The independent Local Government Boundary Commission for England was now asking for views on proposed new electoral arrangements for the new council. The closing date for consultation was 27 August 2018.

Among the proposals was to place the parishes of Nynehead and Langford Budville with Milverton, Bradford on Tone with West Buckland and Oake with Cotford St Luke. Oake Parish Council had asked for comments from Bradford on Tone Parish Council. Councillors unanimously agreed that Oake would be better suited to remain with Bradford on Tone. There was a feeling that the A38 and B3227 form natural boundaries and that links such as a shared school, same police beats, shared village magazine and the geographical location were all relevant.

10.3 Somerset's Iconic Fingerposts

Somerset County Council were looking for sponsors to ensure that the iconic metal fingerposts around the county were refurbished and protected for years to come. Exmoor National Park were carrying out a programme of repainting all the metal fingerposts in their area. They had appointed a part-time officer to oversee the work. Funding had come from Exmoor National Park with help from Somerset County Council, who would be preparing a press release.

11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE CIRCULATION OF AGENDA

None

12. ITEMS OF CONCERN

None

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 19 September 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Chant Room, Village Hall, Bradford on Tone.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

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