

# BRADMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the  
Community Hall at 7:30 pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018

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Present: Councillor R Colwill (Chair and Footpath Warden)  
Councillor F Cattell (Snow Warden)  
Councillor M Curran  
Councillor R Adair (Vice Chair)  
Councillor J Aspin  
Councillor J Nathanson  
Councillor S Maxwell  
The Clerk  
Rebecca Hague also in attendance.

- 1 APOLOGIES: None
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Personal and Prejudicial): None
- 3 OPEN SESSION: No attendees
- 4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING  
The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017 were approved and will be signed at the next meeting with the addition of Cllr Aspin's declaration of interest in planning application ref 17/02373/FUL
- 5 RESIGNATION OF CLERK/RFO  
The Clerk has tendered her resignation with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018. Cllr Colwill welcomed the new Clerk, Rebecca Hague, who will take up the new post with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018. Cllr Cattell would draw up the Conditions of Employment.
- 6 FINANCE  
Council approved the following payments and the transfer of £550 from the Reserve Account to the Community Account leaving balances of £6,731.06 (Reserve) and £1243.18 (Community).

10/01/2018	Bradmore Meth Church (Rm hire 10/01/2018)	22.00
10/01/2018	M Mills (Clerk's Remuneration (Oct-Nov-Dec 2017)	360.83
10/01/2018	M Mills (Clerk's expenses)	54.02
10/01/2018	HMRC (PAYE) (Oct-Nov-Dec 2017)	90.20
10/01/2018	NALC Annual Membership (2018/2019)	81.16

The draft Budget for 2018/2019 was approved, together with the Precept for 2018/2019 of £3,022 (no increase). The Clerk would submit the Precept application.

Under the Transparency Code Funding for 2018, an application would be made to purchase a laptop and Microsoft Package for the new Clerk.

The Clerk reported that with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018, annual external audits for Councils with a Precept of less than £25,000 would no longer be required. Under the Smaller Authorities Auditor Appointments Ltd (SAAA), External Auditors, PKF Littlejohn LLP, had been appointed and would be available to parishioners wishing to raise questions regarding the annual finances.

7 ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS

Cllr Colwill referred to his report of 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017. Cllr Colwill would draft a flyer to be delivered to all residents within the next two weeks. A "Residents meeting" would be held at 7pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018 in the Spire Room (on a date separate from the Annual Council meeting). Soft drinks, wine and nibbles would be available. The Clerk was asked to confirm this date with the Speaker from the Nottinghamshire Materials Recovery Facility, Mansfield.

8 RESERVES POLICY

Cllr Colwill's memo was noted. It was agreed that a plan be drawn up to earmark the use of the reserves for example, "possible village capital projects". One suggestion was a "Heritage Trail" within the village. Parishioners would be asked for their suggestions in the flyer for the Residents' Meeting (see 7 above) and the 'Best of 3' would then be discussed at the Residents' Meeting on 10 May 2018. It was suggested that the level of reserves held by the Council should be used to reduce the precept in future years if there were no suggestions for viable / suitable capital projects forthcoming. It was also agreed that a standing item - 'reserves policy' - should be added to future agendas so it can be regularly discussed with other finance related matters.

9 CORRESPONDENCE

NCC

- Are proposing to reduce the number of verge cuts to one per year on selected rural highways where the speed limit was 50mph or above to give a positive impact upon the environment. The Clerk was asked to write to NCC requesting the upkeep of the footpath between Bradmore and Ruddington.
- An application to the Local Improvement Scheme would not be submitted this year.
- NCC are offering small grants (up to £300) to villages to commemorate the Great War. It would appear that none of the eligible activities would be suitable for a village the size of Bradmore.

An independent transport consultant working on a project to improve bus services in south Nottinghamshire has contacted Parish Councils. The Parish Council declined to comment as the consultant is not affiliated with the Borough or County Council.

10 PLANNING MATTERS

17/03012/FUL Mr N Taggart No Objection (PC)  
 Single storey rear extn, single storey front extn, first floor front extn (revised scheme)  
 40 Farmer Street, Bradmore.

17/01890/FUL Mrs D Beardsley Grant Permission (RBC)  
 Proposed farm building and hardstanding – revised proposals  
 OS Field 4445, Farmer Street, Bradmore

17/02085/FUL Mr & Mrs R Wilby Grant Permission (RBC)  
 Two storey side extension, pitched roof over existing garage, front canopy at  
 44 Farmer Street, Bradmore

17/02809/AGRIC John A Wells Ltd  
 Application for determination of whether prior approval is required for the deposit of material to form extension of farmyard at Barn Farm, Flawforth Lane, Ruddington.

No Objection (PC) with the following comments:

*The Parish Council would like to reaffirm their comments submitted on previous applications: An indication of the final size of the development must surely have been known when original planning was submitted and should have been declared so that appropriate decisions could be made at that time.*

*Considering the continuing successive developments, there is no hope of the site being successfully screened. Enforcement of the planting needs to be monitored. Development of this site has destroyed the visual open aspect to the north of the village and further development will only make the matter worse."*

17/02845/OHLUG Western Power Distribution No Objection (PC)  
Free standing pole mounted transformer at Cherry Lane Garden Centre Pendock Lane Bradmore

11 Christmas / New Year Events

- The Carol Singing had raised £367.82 for the Salvation Army. Refreshments donated by residents and hosted by Mr and Mrs Garner.
- The weather held up for an enjoyable but muddy NYD Walk led by Mr and Mrs R Wilby, followed by donations of refreshments in the Spire Room. The event was thought to be a record with over 40 walkers participating.
- A good number of residents turned out for the annual recital by the Rhr Corp of Drums on Remembrance Sunday, followed by refreshments in the Community Hall. A collection raised £120 which will go towards the purchase of new instruments for the Cadets.

12 NEW RESIDENTS

Cllr Maxwell, assisted by her husband, Terry, produced a "Welcome Letter" to replace the current Welcome Pack given to new residents. Following the retirement of the Clerk on 31<sup>st</sup> March, Cllr Colwill would take on the responsibility of delivering the Welcome Letter to new residents. Mr A Fairbrother would assist Cllr Maxwell with updating the website.

13 AMENITIES

Village Tidy Up – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Meet 10am outside the Community Hall.

The salt bin on the corner of Main/Farmer Street would be emptied in the Spring and filled with fresh salt. Cllr Cattell would present a plan at the next meeting regarding arrangements for the spreading of salt on the roads during bad weather.

Water continues to seep from the ground and across the road at the bottom of Far Street. Water emerges on left hand side next to back gate belonging to Rufford Lodge when looking up from Farmer St and is particularly bad after heavy rainfall. This could create a hazard, particularly in icy conditions. This does not appear to be related to the village drains, since the drains were checked by Severn Trent last year and their recommendations acted up (ie NCC flushed the main drains down the right side of Far Street and the drainage channel at the side of Beardsley's' field was cleared of debris near the outflow pipe). It was agreed that NCC should be contacted with a request for them to check the possibility of an underground spring and suggest what needs to be done (and by whom) to stop the leak.

Spring bulbs would be planted in the Autumn.

14 FOOTPATH WARDEN

Cllr Colwill's report circulated prior to the meeting. The gate which was damaged at the entrance to the footpath leading from Littlemoor Lane to the Rushcliffe Country Park needs to be removed. This will allow for easier passage for walkers.

15 DRAFT AGENDA (March)

16 NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Meeting closed at 9:18 pm

Signed:

Dated: