

BRADMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Residents held in the
Spire Room at 7:00 pm on Thursday 10th May 2018

Present: Councillor R Colwill (Chair)
Councillor J Aspin
Councillor S Maxwell
Councillor J Nathanson
Judith Speed (Bradmore Events Committee)
R Hague (Clerk)
31 Members of the Public

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor F Cattell, Councillor M Curran, Councillor R Adair, Lesley Taylor - Veolia

2 CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION AND REPORT

Cllr R Colwill welcomed residents to the meeting. Cllr R Colwill reported that he had taken over as Chair last May from Cllr R Adair. This year saw the retirement of M Mills as Clerk/RFO and R Hague commence the role of Clerk/RFO. The General Data Protection Regulations will require residents to opt in to email communication, the Clerk will be emailing all current subscribers during May. The Annual Residents Meeting format has changed and feedback is welcomed following this meeting.

3 RECYCLING IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE – LESLEY TAYLOR FROM VEOLIA

Apologies were received as L Taylor was no longer able to attend the meeting.

4 EVENTS IN BRADMORE – JUDITH SPEED

Bradmore Events Group started at the Diamond Jubilee and has morphed over a number of years. The Committee has arranged a number of small and large events. The last big event was in 2013 with a large marquee and live music and dancing. Other successful events have included fish and chip quizzes, walks, picnics and cheese and wine evenings. Forthcoming events this year include Afternoon Tea on 30th June, a walk and meal in Bunny and a Fish and Chips Quiz on 17th November.

The Committee have raised £3000 and intend to hold a future event for the benefit of the village, as yet no decision has been made on what/when.

Judith thanked the current Committee members Monica, Christine, David, Terry, Jaqui, Helen and Dawn and welcomes any new members. Residents are kept informed of events via the website, leaflet drops and the email group. The Committee will be sending out an email with a privacy notice and requesting permission to hold and use the personal data.

5 INTRODUCTION TO PROJECTS DISCUSSION

Cllr R Colwill gave an overview as to why the Parish Council had funds available. The Parish Council always had around 16 months in reserves but had decided in line with the Reserves Policy to retain 9 months of reserves. Cllr R Colwill informed the residents that if no project commanded their approval they would look at returning the money through a reduction in the precept over a number of years, the Parish Council component of the council tax bill accounts for approximately £18 on a band D property so residents would only see a reduction of a few pounds.

Cllr R Colwill gave an overview of the criteria used for shortlisting the projects which had been suggested by residents.

6 DISCUSSION OF PROJECTS

Bus Stop Improvements

The improvements would be for the Parish Council owned bus shelter on the A60 going to Loughborough. The proposed improvements would be adding seating and sides. Safety concerns regarding the visibility for neighbouring residents exiting their properties would need to be considered.

History Trail Sign

This would be similar to the Labyrinth sign in a brass engraved style not laminated plastic. It would contain historical information about properties in the village and would form part of a trail which could be downloaded from the website.

Bench

A bench would be an affordable option but consideration would need to be given to a suitable location and whose permission would need to be obtained.

The Chair accepted questions and comments from the public. The public were in favour of pursuing both the bench and bus shelter improvements but the view was to try to seek funding from Nottinghamshire County Council to improve the bus shelter in the first instance.

Full questions/answers, comments and presentation slides will be available on the website.

7 DECISION ON PROJECT(S)

The Parish Council will further investigate bus shelter improvements and a bench.

8 MINUTES FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 10th MAY 2017

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true representation of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr S Maxwell and seconded by Cllr J Aspin.

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Council Meeting - 7.00pm 4th July 2018 in the Community Hall

Meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Signed:

Dated:

Annual Residents Meeting Q&A and Comments

Will enough money be saved in reserve for if an election is called?

Yes, there will be £2500 saved in reserve.

Will there be enough money if there is a legal case against the Parish Council?

This is covered as part of the insurance.

How much money is available for the project/projects?

£2,500

Does the Parish Council have costs for all three projects?

If the Parish Council used reclaimed seats the costs for seating in the bus shelter would be approximately £400-£500. For the history trail sign the lectern would cost approximately £1200 + artwork, delivery and installation. For a high quality bench it would cost approximately £1000 plus a concrete plinth.

Why has Nottinghamshire County Council only put a bus shelter on the Nottingham side? Have they been asked if they would adopt this shelter? Would they fund an updated one?

It is unlikely Nottinghamshire County Council would fund a new shelter whilst this one is operational. They have not been approached to adopt this shelter as this is currently one of the Parish Council's main assets but this could be considered.

The bin is always full by the bus shelter on the Nottingham side, could a bin be put on the Loughborough side too?

This could be considered as part of the improvements.

Where would the proposed location be for the bench?

Suggested locations include the top of the bridleway/end of the lane or just into the field on the route to Rushcliffe Country Park.

Wooden benches require painting, maintenance and cleaning and rot in time. Has the Parish Council considered using recycled plastic as in Rushcliffe Country Park which is vandal resistant, rot proof and maintenance free?

The Parish Council hasn't considered this but would be happy to consider it if this project is progressed further.