

BRADMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the
Community Hall at 7:00 pm on Wednesday 6th March 2019

Present: Councillor R Colwill (Chair and Footpath Warden) Councillor R Adair (Vice Chair)
Councillor J Nathanson Councillor J Aspin
Councillor S Maxwell Councillor M Curran
R Hague (Clerk)
4 Members of the Public Present

1 APOLOGIES: Cllr Cattell

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Personal and Prejudicial)
None

3 OPEN SESSION:

A resident stated notifying residents about the elections by email, website and the noticeboards was not sufficient and that paper copies should be circulated around the houses in the village as some Councillors were standing down and there is the likelihood of several vacancies.

A resident said the Dolphin Morris Men dancing in the village was a key event which draws a lot of people and alongside the New Years' Day Walk and Remembrance Day Commemorations should be a village affair.

A resident suggested taking photos of where gaps were in the bulbs to enable these to be replanted in the correct places in the autumn. This was something the Parish Council had already decided to do.

A resident felt the role of the Parish Council was not just political/administrative but should be social, as the Parish Council is the natural focus of the village and it therefore should not just be an observer of events. There was the view that the PC should not become too remote from the village.

Due to Cllr Colwill standing down from the Parish Council and as Footpath Warden a resident offered to help with keeping the footpaths tidy. The Parish Council were thankful for the support offered.

4 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9TH JANUARY 2019

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9th January 2019 were approved and signed by Cllr Colwill as a true account of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Adair, seconded by Cllr Maxwell.

5 ELECTIONS

Parish Council elections are to take place on 2nd May 2019. The Clerk distributed the nomination packs for Councillors to complete. The deadline to return these to Rushcliffe Borough Council is 3rd April 2019. Councillors needed to return the completed forms to Cllr Nathanson by 24th March if they would like the Clerk to collect and return the forms on their behalf. The Clerk had received interest from one resident about joining the Parish Council.

Resolution: It was agreed the Parish Council would not distribute flyers around the village, instead another email would be sent to residents and Councillors would speak with anyone they thought may be interested.

6 PC ROLE IN CERTAIN VILLAGE EVENTS

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated a paper prepared by Cllr Curran and Cllr Maxwell for discussion on the Parish Council's role in certain village events. Cllr Colwill reminded Councillors to not speak over one another as it is likely Councillors would have mixed views.

Cllr Adair noted firstly he didn't agree with using the precept which was taken from all taxpayers to fund events which are only of an advantage to the few who attend. Secondly, he stated he joined the Parish Council to be a Councillor and not part of an events committee.

Cllr Curran commented that the purpose of the paper was to address what the Parish Council is currently doing. It acknowledges that the Parish Council has limited resources and has to rely on the support of villagers not just for events but also for maintaining the flower bed and decorating the Christmas tree. Going forward the Parish Council needed to decide what it was practical for it to do and not, and then be clear about who was doing what. Cllr Curran also noted that she would feel uncomfortable using funds from the precept to buy alcohol.

Cllr Maxwell stated she was uncomfortable with the Parish Council being responsible for an event not funded and relying on donations of food and drink from residents.

Cllr Colwill was sympathetic to the idea that some events bring the community together.

The Councillors went on to review each event individually and agreed on the following resolutions.

New Year's Day Walk

Cllr Nathanson on behalf of Bradmore Events Group said the Events Group were happy to take on the New Year's Day Walk. Cllr Curran said that in her view this was a helpful offer and good solution. Cllr Aspin suggested the Parish Council could make a donation to the Events Group. This would be reviewed when the Council knew if there would be a surplus in the budget if an election was not required.

Resolution: The Parish Council accepted the Events Group's offer to take over the organisation and running of the New Year's Day Walk going forward

Village Litter Pick

Cllr Adair commented that generally some Councillors and just a few residents attend this.

Resolution: This would remain something the Parish Council would organise to tie in with the 3Cs coffee morning. Cllr Curran would continue to liaise with the 3Cs group to check they were happy for people to come in for refreshments afterwards. The event would be advertised on the noticeboard, website and to residents by email.

Flower Bed

Resolution: Check in March that the volunteers are happy to continue to maintain the flower bed and set a budget for any plants which may be required.

Village Christmas Tree

Resolution: The Parish Council would continue to purchase the Christmas tree each year and ask Mark Oldham if he is happy to continue to decorate/dismantle and dispose it.

Remembrance Day

Resolution: The Parish Council's involvement will be limited to booking the band (if they are available) and informing the Methodist Church (so they can factor this into the arrangements for the church service and refreshments thereafter) and advertising the band's visit via the noticeboard, website and by email.

Dolphin Morris Men

Resolution: The role of the Parish Council will be to advertise the date of their visit and arrange for bollards to be placed on Farmer Street to stop cars parking where the dancers will be dancing.

7 COMMUNICATIONS/MANAGEMENT OF NOTICEBOARDS

Notices placed on the noticeboard should be related to the village specifically and not other parishes, with the exception of some items from Bunny, in this instance a hard copy should be provided to the Clerk. It was noted that there was an open noticeboard in the bus shelter the public could use.

The current noticeboard key holders were the Clerk, Mike Peregrine on behalf of the Church and Gwenda Ackroyd on behalf of the WI.

Resolution: The Clerk would order two noticeboard keys, one of which would be issued to the Events Group, and the other retained by the Clerk as a spare.

8 RESIDENTS MEETING

The only Parish Council involvement at the meeting will be the Chair's Report and signing of the minutes. The Clerk will liaise with Mike Nathanson re the agenda and email this to residents. The Events Group have offered to arrange the refreshments (tea/coffee and biscuits). Cllr Colwill and Mike Nathanson will arrange and distribute the flyers.

9 PLANNING

There have been no new applications.

10 BUDGET

The Clerk circulated the provisional budget from January prior to the meeting. It was agreed to keep it the same and any surplus if an election was not required could be redistributed after April. Proposed by Cllr Curran, seconded by Cllr Adair.

11 FINANCE

The Clerk had circulated the bank reconciliation and payments for approval prior to the meeting. The balance in the Community Account is £330.73 and £4,558.10 in the BMM Account.

Resolution: Clerk to transfer £450.00 and make the payment as below.

Date	Payee	Reason	Amount
29.03.2019	R Hague	Quarter 4 Salary	£424.50

Audit Arrangements – The Councillors agreed to keep David Dixon as the Internal Auditor.

Bank Account Holders/Signatories – As Cllr Colwill is the main account holder and was standing down after the meeting a new account signatory is needed.

Resolution: To confirm by email which Councillor would take on the role as main account holder/signatory.

12 ASSETS REGISTER

The Clerk had circulated a revised Assets Register with the Bus Shelter removed.

Resolution: The Council adopted the new Assets Register.

13 POLICIES – PUBLICATION SCHEME

The Clerk had circulated a draft Publication Scheme to be approved by the Council and added to the website.

Resolution: The Council adopted the Publication Scheme.

14 NEW RESIDENTS

One new resident who had already received a New Resident Letter from Cllr Maxwell.

15 CRIME

Cllr Maxwell had uploaded the new stats to the website. There was only one incident of a bag theft from Cherry Lane Garden Centre. From May another Councillor would need to be nominated to be responsible for Crime and attending the Rushcliffe Safer Villages Meetings.

16 CORRESPONDENCE

- Dolphin Morris Men – An email had been received from the Dolphin Morris Men requesting to dance in the village on the evening of 30th May 2019.

17 FOOTPATHS

The footpaths are in a very dry and very good condition. Cllr Colwill will leave the formal role of Footpath Warden after the meeting but will continue to help out with strimming. A new Footpath Warden needs to be appointed in May.

18 AMENITIES

- Bulbs – Cllr Colwill to take pictures of where the gaps are in the bulbs and circulate around the Councillors so the gaps can be filled in the autumn.
- Village Clean Up – The date is confirmed as Saturday 6th April, meeting outside the Community Hall at 10.00am. Cllr Colwill to pass on the litter pickers, high vis jackets and bin bags to Cllr Curran. The Clerk has arranged for Streetwise to collect the rubbish on Monday 8th April at a cost of £1 per bag. Refreshments will be available in the Community Hall from 10.30am courtesy of the 3Cs. Cllr Curran to contact the 3Cs Group.
- Clerk to report the surface water on Far Street again to NCC.

19 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

As Cllr Colwill is standing down at this meeting Cllr Curran was elected as acting Chair until the new Council is formed in May, proposed by Cllr Adair and seconded by Cllr Maxwell. A Declaration of Acceptance of Office form was completed by Cllr Curran.

20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND DRAFT AGENDA (MAY AND RESIDENTS MEETING)

Residents Meeting – Thursday 11th April 2019 – 7.00pm

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council – Wednesday 8th May – 7.00pm

May meeting to include Dolphin Morris Men

Meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed:

Dated: