

BRADMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the
Spire Room at 7:00 pm on Wednesday 8th January 2020

Present: Councillor M Curran (Chair)
Councillor F Cattell
Borough and County Councillor R Adair
1 Member of the Public Present

Councillor J Aspin
Councillor S Shipman
R Hague (Clerk)

1 APOLOGIES: Cllr P Gibbs, Cllr J Nathanson and Cllr J Callan

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Personal and Prejudicial)
None

3 OPEN SESSION

A resident acknowledged on item 5 it is difficult to get residents to come forwards to join the Parish Council, and on item 11 planning application 19/02783/FUL mature trees are needed to screen the buildings on the top of the hill. Cllr Adair reported he had objected to previous applications for this site but he had been unable to get them overturned through the Rushcliffe Borough Council chambers.

4 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2019

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6th November 2019 were approved and signed by Cllr Curran as a true account of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Aspin, seconded by Cllr Cattell.

Further to the minutes of the last meeting Cllr Curran extended her thanks on behalf of the Parish Council to the cadet band for playing on Remembrance Sunday and the Methodist Church for providing the refreshments. Cllr Curran also expressed her thanks to the residents who had erected, decorated and disposed of the village Christmas tree and arranged the carol singing evening.

5 PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY/CO-OPTION

Steve Shipman had expressed an interest to join the Parish Council. The Councillors agreed to fill the vacancy by co-option, proposed by Cllr Curran, seconded by Cllr Aspin, all in favour. The appropriate forms were completed by Cllr Shipman and countersigned by the Clerk.

6 BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

Nottinghamshire County Council has been focusing recent efforts on the flooding in the county and there has been little activity within Rushcliffe Borough Council since the last meeting. Cllr Adair had met with Cllr Curran, Cllr Nathanson and a representative from Highways to look at the traffic and road issues within the village. Cllr Adair has funding available, Clerk to request £200 towards the community VE Day Commemorations.

11 PLANNING

Cllr Curran moved item 11 to next on the agenda to discuss whilst Cllr Adair was present.

19/02783/FUL- Barn Farm, Flawforth Lane - Erection of single span grain store

Councillors agreed to submit an objection to this application after concerns were expressed regarding the extent of the expansion of the site and the lack of suitable screening. Deciduous saplings had been planted in 2016 but did little to screen the current buildings. It was felt that evergreen planting is required round the whole site. Clerk to upload objections to the planning portal and send them to the Planning Officer directly by email as well.

19/02944/FUL - Dovecote Barn, Farmer Street - Single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling, with external alterations. The Parish Council has no objections to this application.

19/02909/REM - Land East of Loughborough Road Ruddington - Application for approval of matters reserved under application ref 19/00535/OUT relating to appearance, landscaping, layout and scale.

The Parish Council had been consulted as a neighbouring parish It was agreed not to submit a response as access/traffic implications were the main aspects affecting Bradmore and this had been approved under the

previous application (to which the Parish Council had submitted comments). It was understood that there would be further opportunity to comment on the access/traffic implications of the development.

Several residents had contacted the Parish Council about the removal of the temporary wooden fence at Parkyns, 27 Farmer Street. The Clerk had contacted the Planning Enforcement Officer at Rushcliffe Borough Council but had not had a response. Clerk to contact again and cc Cllr Adair.

7 VE DAY COMMEMORATIONS

Cllr Curran read out an update from Cllr Gibbs on the plans for VE Day. Preparations are well underway for a free village tea and presentation taking place in the afternoon, followed by a ticket only evening event with marquee, fish and chip van and licensed bar. Councillors agreed to match Cllr Adair's donation of £200 for the afternoon events for the community, proposed by Cllr Curran, seconded by Cllr Aspin, all in favour.

8 ANNUAL RESIDENTS' MEETING

It was agreed to hold the Annual Residents'/ Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on the same evening of Wednesday 13th May in the Community Hall. Clerk to contact Nottinghamshire Fire Service to enquire if they would be willing to give a presentation on home safety following the recent housefire in the village. Agendas and timings to be discussed and finalised at the March meeting.

9 REVIEW OF CLERK'S JOB DESCRIPTION AND WORKING HOURS

The Clerk had prepared an up to date job description which had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. The content was accepted; however, the Clerk would add timescales to make it measurable.

A breakdown of hours worked by the Clerk since April had been presented to the Council, Councillors agreed to calculate an overtime payment at the end of February before the accountant processes the payroll at the start of March, this would be agreed electronically between meetings. The number of hours the Clerk is contracted to work from the next financial year would be revisited at the next meeting.

10 FINANCE

- Payments for Approval

The payments below were accepted by the Council. Clerk to transfer £750 from the BMM Account to Community Account to cover the payments.

Date	Payee	Reason	Amount
29.11.2019	Six Acre Nursery	Christmas Tree	£109.99
08.01.2020	R Hague	Q3 Salary	£435.54
01.02.2020	NALC	NALC Membership	£83.50
01.02.2020	Bradmore Events Committee	VE Day Commemorations	£200.00

- Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

- Draft Budget

A draft budget was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting to assist with setting the precept. The final version will be approved at the next meeting.

- Precept

The Council agreed to increasing the precept by £100 to £3122, this represented a 2.7% increase on a band D property, proposed by Cllr Curran, seconded by Cllr Cattell, all in favour. Clerk to submit the precept request form to Rushcliffe Borough Council.

12 NEW RESIDENTS

The Parish Council are not aware of any new residents in the village.

13 CRIME

The Parish Council are not aware of any incidents in the village since the last meeting.

14 WEBSITE

The issue of old news articles containing personal information on the website still needs to be addressed.

The Clerk had looked into the potential of adding an accessibility widget to the current website but did not have access to the coding to do so. It was agreed the Clerk would contact the website provider to see if they could assist the Parish Council in meeting the upcoming legal obligations. If this was not possible it was agreed to look into the possibility of having a separate Parish Council website.

15 CORRESPONDENCE

The Morris Men would be dancing in the village on 28th May 2020.

Funding applications for up to £30,000 from the Local Improvement Scheme are now being accepted from community organisations. More information is available at: <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/finance-and-budget/local-improvement-scheme/capital-fund>

A letter had been received from a resident about the possibility of having lamp post poppies in the village this year. It had been agreed at the last meeting to discuss this next July, however it was noted that there are few suitable lamp posts within the actual village and a better option may be on the railings outside the Methodist Church and Spire Room (subject to permission being given by the churches). The poppies can only be displayed in areas with a speed limit up to 30mph so could not be used on Loughborough Road. To be discussed further at the July meeting.

An email regarding the road verge management was read out by the Clerk, no action needed.

16 FOOTPATHS

All footpaths are passable. Clerk to report the grass creep along the pavement to Bunny which is now very narrow.

17 AMENITIES

Five bags of winter salt had been delivered to Cllr Curran. Cllr Gibbs and Cllr Callan had previously agreed to store two of these, Cllr Shipman to take two for use at the bottom of Far Street as necessary. Residents are reminded they can use the salt in the village grit bin if needed during periods of snow or ice.

Cllr Curran, Cllr Nathanson and Cllr Adair had met with a Highways representative in November to discuss the traffic issues. Councillors put forward a number of suggestions but none were deemed to be suitable. It was felt parking restrictions would only move the issue to other parts of the village and would prove difficult to enforce, a one-way system around the village would be likely to speed up vehicles and the speed limit on Loughborough Road was still considered appropriate for the road. Cllr Curran took the opportunity of showing the Highways representative the surface water problem on Far Street.

On Farmer Street coring work had been carried out recently by Tarmac who would report back to Nottinghamshire County Council/Via who are considering a redress/resurface within the next 2 years.

Clerk to contact residents who manage the village flower bed to see if any plants are required before the end of the financial year.

18 DRAFT AGENDA (MARCH)

Agenda to include: Budget, Annual Residents' Meeting, Clerk's Working Hours, VE Day Commemorations, Village Litter Pick and Website

19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND MEETING DATES FOR 2020/21

Wednesday 4th March 2020 – 7.00pm in the Methodist Church

Provisional meeting dates for 2020/21 are as follows:

Wednesday 13th May 2020 – Community Hall

Wednesday 1st July 2020 – Spire Room

Wednesday 2nd September 2020 – Methodist Church

Wednesday 4th November 2020 – Spire Room

Wednesday 6th January 2021 – Methodist Church

Wednesday 3rd March 2021 – Spire Room

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed:

Dated: