

## BRADMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held virtually at 7:00 pm on Wednesday 2nd September 2020

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Present: Cllr M Curran (Chair) Cllr F Cattell  
 Cllr J Nathanson (Vice Chair) Cllr S Shipman  
 Cllr P Gibbs Cllr J Callan  
 R Hague (Clerk)  
 One member of the public joined part way through the meeting

### 1 APOLOGIES

Councillor Aspin and Borough and County Councillor R Adair were not present.

### 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Personal and Prejudicial)

None

### 3 OPEN SESSION

No public present, Cllr Curran stated if anyone joined later then she would allow them to speak before the end of the meeting.

### 4 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JULY 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 were approved and signed by Cllr Curran as a true account of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Shipman, seconded by Cllr Nathanson.

Cllr Curran noted there had been no further progress on the flooding which had occurred last winter on Loughborough Road which was discussed under amenities at the last meeting. Nottinghamshire County Council were in touch with the landowners about reinstating the drainage/ditch.

The two problems with signs along the public rights of way had been reported and were on the list for future work.

### 5 BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

Cllr Adair not present.

Cllr Curran had spoken with Cllr Adair about the resurfacing of Farmer Street, the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan, the proposed 30mph speed limit along Loughborough Road and the email received from a resident regarding campaigning for a cycle lane. All of these matters are being discussed as later agenda items.

### 6 COVID-19

Current guidance still states that parish council meetings should be held remotely as a meeting could theoretically have more than 30 attendees, this would constitute an illegal gathering. Legally meetings can be held virtually until May 2021; therefore, it is the intention of the parish council to continue to hold virtual meetings for the foreseeable future. Cllr Shipman noted the community hall remains shut at present as it is hard for larger groups to maintain social distancing.

### 7 VILLAGE LITTER PICK

Cllr Curran expressed thanks on behalf of the parish council to the resident who had recently litter picked around the village. It was acknowledged by councillors that since traffic through the village had reduced, so too had the volume of litter. Councillors agreed that due to COVID-19 restrictions a formal litter pick would not take place this autumn but residents were actively encouraged to clear outside their own frontages and councillors would informally clear other parts of the village, Cllr Curran has litter pickers available for councillors or residents to use.

### 8 REMEMBRANCE DAY

Guidance on Remembrance Day commemorations is expected from the Royal British Legion in early autumn. It was agreed that it would be difficult to limit numbers to less than thirty for any event in the village; therefore, it was agreed not to approach the cadets this year. Cllr Gibbs to explore the feasibility of playing

music and a reading over a speaker system and residents standing outside their houses for a two-minute silence as this would be in line with social distancing guidelines.

## 9 WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY

The current website is not compliant with website accessibility regulations which come into force on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September, the parish council must have a plan of action as to how the website will become compliant and publish an accessibility statement by 23<sup>rd</sup> September. A draft statement had been circulated prior to the meeting and was approved by councillors. Cllr Curran had been liaising with the individual who had led with setting up the original website who also offered to help transfer the current website to a new provider if it becomes necessary. Councillors agreed it would be preferable not to split the parish council and village website if it could be avoided. Clerk to contact GroupBuzz again to attempt to find out if they would be upgrading their sites in the near future. If no solution can be found and the parish council have to create a separate website Cllr Gibbs offered to consult with the events group, to see if they would be willing to take over responsibility for the village website.

## 10 CLERK'S ANNUAL APPRAISAL

Cllr Curran and Cllr Nathanson had completed the clerk's annual appraisal. The appraisal document and job description with timeframes would be circulated to councillors with the draft minutes.

## 11 FINANCE

### a) Payments for Approval

The payment below was accepted by the council. It was agreed to transfer £500 from the BMM Account to the Community Account. NALC had issued the pay rates for 2020/21 which equated to a 2.75% increase and would be back dated to April, this will be adjusted for the Q3 salary payment.

Date	Payee	Reason	Amount
30.09.2020	R Hague	Q2 Salary	£559.98

### b) Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation had been circulated prior to the meeting and was accepted by councillors.

### c) Six Month Report

A provisional six month report had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. A final version would be circulated once the HSBC bank interest had been received.

## 12 PLANNING

Two items to note, the application for the extension to 118 Loughborough Road had been approved and the application for a totem sign at Cherry Lane Garden Centre had been refused.

## 13 CORRESPONDENCE

### a) Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan Consultation

The proposals were essentially how growth and housing needs up to 2038 could be met across the county, the deadline for responding is 14<sup>th</sup> September. Several residents had responded to the parish council expressing concern and strongly opposing the proposals for the Ruddington extension, which could see Ruddington join up with Bradmore, Clifton and West Bridgford. Cllr Curran had been preparing a draft response for 12 of the key questions for councillors to comment on. Cllr Gibbs expressed concern about how the traffic situation which already queues back to Bunny at peak times would be managed and what investment there would be in the local transport infrastructure. It was noted the proposed site would be within 100m of the conservation area but with screening, as seen with other developments in the area it would take years to effectively screen the site. Ruddington Parish Council are putting a video together about the consultation which Cllr Curran is going to contribute to. Cllr Curran to circulate draft response to councillors for comment by Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

### b) Cycle Route and Footpath Upgrade

An email had been received from a resident requesting that the parish council consider putting forward the case to improve cycle routes through the village along the A60. Cllr Curran had spoken with Cllr Adair and the county council have no funding available at present. The parish council does not want to raise expectations which cannot be met. The resident had also asked for improvements for walking to Cherry Lane Garden Centre. The parish council had approached Nottinghamshire County Council on several occasions to request a footpath however the costs were prohibitive. The parish council agreed to write to

Nottinghamshire County Council to request regular cuts to the verge so pedestrians can walk along the verge instead of the road and review the situation again at a later date.

c) Rushcliffe Borough Council's Free Tree Scheme

Residents have until 30<sup>th</sup> September to apply for two free trees from Rushcliffe Borough Council. Applications can be made via: [https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Tree\\_Scheme\\_2020](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Tree_Scheme_2020)

d) Winter Salt

Clerk to order five bags of salt to be delivered to Cllr Gibbs and Cllr Callan for use in the village over winter. Cllr Cattell to check the grit bin and break up the salt as necessary as it appears to have gone hard.

e) Speed Reduction on Loughborough Road

Several residents had responded about the proposals to reduce the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph, residents and councillors were in support of the proposals but would question how it is going to be enforced. It had been noticed that HGVs in particular have been going faster and the safety of the bollards/refuges in the centre of the road was questioned. One resident asked if the parish council would be having lamp post poppies if the speed limit was reduced to 30mph, councillors agreed to discuss this at a later date if/when the speed reduction had been implemented. Clerk to submit a response.

f) Resurfacing Work on Farmer Street

Resurfacing work is due to take place on Farmer Street on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and will include all adopted sections. Councillors were concerned residents needed to be made aware so cars were not left parked on Farmer Street during the resurfacing, clerk to follow up with Nottinghamshire County Council.

g) Town and Parish Forum

The next Town and Parish Forum is due to take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, the clerk will circulate the agenda when it is available.

Several councillors had received fake emails purporting to be from Cllr Curran, the parish council would urge residents to be vigilant and check the authenticity of the sender before responding to emails.

14 AMENITIES

Cllr Curran expressed her thanks on behalf of the parish council to all the residents who had worked on the village flower bed and carried out mowing around The Ramper this year.

The hedge which backs onto the noticeboard and bus shelter on Loughborough Road is very overgrown and now growing through the noticeboard and over the bus shelter roof, clerk to contact Nottinghamshire County Council.

15 DRAFT AGENDA (NOVEMBER)

November meeting to be held virtually, to include: Website, Covid-19 and Remembrance Day.

16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020 – 7.00pm

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed:

Dated: