

BRADMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held virtually at 7:00 pm on Wednesday 4th November 2020

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

Apologies were received from Councillor Aspin and Borough and County Councillor R Adair.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Personal and Prejudicial)

Cllr Callan and Cllr Gibbs declared an interest in the planning application to be considered under item 13. Cllr Aspin had also declared an interest in this application by email prior to the meeting.

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 2nd SEPTEMBER 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2nd September 2020 were approved and signed by Cllr Curran as a true account of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Shipman, seconded by Cllr Callan.

Cllr Curran noted the comments on the Greater Nottinghamshire Strategic Plan had been submitted, the system was showing half the responses as accepted and half as awaiting processing. Copies had also been sent to other relevant parties.

There had been no further updates on the speed reduction along Loughborough Road. The resurfacing work had been completed on Farmer Street, councillors agreed the finish was not very good. There is a lip on the road between Far Street and Farmer Street which is causing the surface water to be diverted into the adjacent garden. The white line painting is due to take place within the next 8 weeks. Cllr Shipman to take photos of the poorly completed areas for the clerk to send to NCC.

10 WEBSITE

A resident who is leading with the project to create a compliant website for Bradmore joined the meeting. The current website does not meet accessibility requirements and has become unfit for purpose. The Parish Council has also become dissatisfied with the service provided by current website provider (GroupBuzz) who have not responded to the Council's messages asking for help and support to make the website compliant. The resident had assessed a number of alternative providers and submitted a proposal for the parish council to consider. The proposed provider www.myparishcouncil.co.uk offers a solution which purely meets the needs of parish councils and will evolve to maintain compliance going forward, whilst still offering a template with a level of flexibility. The costs are comparable to the current provider at £10p/m. The package would also include dedicated email addresses and 5 or 6 individuals could be set as administrators to be able to upload content. All personal data held on the current website will be deleted at the point of cancelling the contract. Invoicing with the current provider (GroupBuzz) has just been moved to quarterly from annual, and the first quarterly invoice is expected soon. Councillors agreed to wait before paying the first quarter invoice to GroupBuzz with the intention of the content being transferred to the new provider and cancelling the contract with GroupBuzz. Proposed by Cllr Curran, seconded by Cllr Cattell, all in favour. Cllr Curran thanked the resident for attending the meeting.

5 BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

Cllr Adair not present.

6 COVID-19

As the country prepares to enter another national lockdown, residents in Bradmore can access support through the WhatsApp community support group. Councillors discussed the possibility of another leaflet to remind residents of the available support. Cllr Curran agreed to send out a reminder on the WhatsApp group

that there may be vulnerable and isolated individuals in the village, particularly with winter approaching, and to ask the group to reach out to people not on the group to check they are ok. The church has also set up a pastoral service to support residents.

Councillors discussed an email from a resident about whether domestic cleaners were allowed during lockdown. Cllr Curran agreed to call the resident to see if she needed anything from the support group.

Cllr Shipman read out a message from a resident expressing concern that they believed a councillor had broken the current covid-19 rules and was in breach of the Council's Code of Conduct. Clerk to send the formal procedure for making a Code of Conduct complaint to Cllr Shipman to pass on to the resident. Councillors are reminded that they must comply with Bradmore Parish Council's adopted Code of Conduct.

7 REMEMBRANCE DAY

A flyer has been circulated electronically to residents and posted through letterboxes with the plans for Remembrance Sunday which will be taking a different format due to the covid-19 restrictions.

8 VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE

Cllr Curran had contacted the resident who usually decorates the village tree, he is happy to continue this year but has asked the parish council purchase a smaller tree as covid-19 restrictions will likely mean this has to be put up by one individual. Councillors agreed to order a 250-300cm Norway Spruce from Six Acre Nurseries at a cost of £90. Clerk to liaise with the resident over a suitable delivery date.

9 CAROL SINGING

It is unlikely due to the current covid-19 restrictions that the usual carol singing and Christmas tree lighting event will take place this year.

11 PROPOSALS TO CREATE A UNITARY AUTHORITY IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Cllr Curran attended a Zoom session held by an external research company who were obtaining views on behalf of Notts CC from various interested parties. Many respondents questioned the point of a unitary authority if it didn't include the city council. For Parish Councils such as Bradmore it would likely involve more responsibility but no extra money. There would be cost savings from eradicating duplicated work across the various borough councils in Nottinghamshire, but by removing Rushcliffe Borough Council it would also remove local knowledge. Cllr Curran reported that the unitary authority could get access to more government funding but some people on the call felt that it seemed to be politically driven by Nottinghamshire County Council.

12 FINANCE

a) Payments for Approval

There were no formal payments to be approved at the meeting, however payment for the Christmas tree and website were agreed at the meeting. The clerk would notify councillors by email when the invoices had been received. It was agreed to transfer £150 to the community account to cover these payments.

b) Bank Reconciliation

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

13 PLANNING

(a) 20/02470/FUL – 26 Far Street, Bradmore - Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey extension – No objections raised by the parish council.

14 CORRESPONDENCE

a) Standard Matters 2: Public Consultation – It was agreed not to submit a comment to this consultation.

15 AMENITIES

Cllr Cattell to loosen the compacted salt in the grit bin. The new bags of winter salt have been ordered and will be delivered to Cllr Gibbs and Cllr Callan later this month.

Cllr Curran noted that the bench on Loughborough Road was in need of restoration work and suggested the clerk enquire as to whether Cllr Adair has any funding available. To be discussed further at the next meeting. Cllr Shipman also added that Syd's bench was also in need of a repaint and had some loose slats.

- 16 DRAFT AGENDA (JANUARY)
January meeting to be held virtually, to include: Website, Covid-19, Draft Budget and Precept.
- 17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 6th January 2021 – 7.00pm
Meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Signed:

Dated: