

## BRADMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held virtually at 7:00 pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

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Present: Cllr M Curran (Chair) Cllr F Cattell  
 Cllr J Nathanson (Vice Chair) Cllr S Shipman  
 Cllr J Aspin  
 R Hague (Clerk) and Borough and County Cllr Reg Adair  
 One member of the public

### 1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Gibbs and Cllr Callan.

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

None

### 3 OPEN SESSION

The resident present had nothing to raise at this point. Cllr Curran stated if they wanted to speak later in the meeting she would allow this.

### 4 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021 were approved and signed by Cllr Curran as a true account of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Cattell, seconded by Cllr Aspin.

### 5 BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

Cllr Adair gave a summary of Borough and County Council matters. The parish is set to receive £200 funding for the refurbishment of the bench along the A60 from Cllr Adair's Community Fund. Council tax bills are set to increase by between 3-3.5% from April and local authority elections are still set to take place in May.

A 30mph speed limit along Loughborough Road is set to be implemented, along with the installation of a mini roundabout at the junction with Pendock Lane. Work will be carried out as a condition of the Bunny Lane housing development in Keyworth and it is likely to be many months before it is implemented. Cllr Adair also reported that Bunny Lane would be shut for six weeks during March and access to Keyworth would be via Plumtree Lane.

Far Street Surface Water – Exploratory work was carried out on 9 February 2021, the Via/NCC team are investigating what can be done to resolve the situation. Officers from the County Council have been supporting the covid response so there have been delays addressing highways issues. Cllr Adair added that he was aware this had been a problem for the last 20 years but the situation had been made worse by increased rainfall and a rise in the water table level over the last two years.

Bench on The Ramper – Cllr Adair acknowledged the latest response from Highways regarding the possible siting of a bench on The Ramper.

Road Surface on Farmer Street – Cllr Curran relayed the concerned of the Parish Council that the resurfacing of Farmer Street was very poor. The new surface was coming away and the old surface is now visible again in parts, there is a significant amount of loose grit despite being swept twice, the ironwork (manhole cover) in one part has been left lower, a big hole has appeared on The Ramper and there is a lip along much of the road where it has not been resurfaced to the edges, resulting in water and mud building up. The clerk has previously written to Via/NCC. Cllr Adair advised to write again and he will arrange for an officer to visit.

Footpath along the A60 – Cllr Adair noted the situation with the overgrown footpaths and advised NCC are looking to invest in kit which is being developed to clear the whole section at a time rather than it being completed manually with a spade.

In the absence of a formal litter pick this year Cllr Adair offered to pick up some of the litter, Cllr Curran to arrange for Cllr Adair to borrow one of the Parish Council's litter pickers. It was noted that two other residents had already borrowed pickers recently.

#### 6 COVID-19

Cllr Curran had posted in the WhatsApp group that vaccine appointments were now available for the over 60s.

#### 7 MEETING DATES 2021/2022

As legislation only permits meetings to be held virtually until 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021 it was agreed to bring forward the May meetings to Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May. The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council would take place first at 7.00pm followed by the Annual Residents' Meeting at 8.00pm. The subsequent meetings would be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of July, September, November, January and March. This may need to be revised subject to any ongoing covid-19 restrictions.

Following the retirement of the gentleman looking after the Spire Room bookings needed to be made through the churchwardens in Bunny. Councillors agreed the Spire Room was not a covid safe location as it was not possible to distance sufficiently, therefore meetings would likely need to be held in the Community Hall for the foreseeable future.

#### 8 WEBSITE

The migration of the website to the new provider should be completed by the next meeting. An email with links to training for the clerk and councillors had been received by the clerk and would be circulated to all councillors.

#### 9 FINANCE

##### a) Payments for Approval

The following payments were accepted by councillors. It was agreed to transfer £750 to the community account to cover these payments.

Date	Payee	Reason	Amount
21.01.2021	TEEC Limited	Website Provider	£151.19
03.03.2021	NALC	NALC Membership	£87.12
03.03.2021	R Hague	Printing Consumables	£34.25
31.03.2021	R Hague	Q4 Salary	£575.10

##### b) Bank Reconciliation

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

##### c) Final Budget

The final budget had been circulated and was accepted by councillors subject to an amendment where £200 community funding for the bench refurbishment would fall into the financial year 2020/2021 but the expenditure for this would be in the financial year 2021/2022. Clerk to circulate with year end accounts.

#### 10 PLANNING

No new applications to discuss.

#### 11 CORRESPONDENCE

a) Road Surface Farmer Street – A complaint had been received about the new surface from a resident, this had been discussed under item 5 and the clerk would report the problems highlighted to Via/NCC again.

b) Footpath to Ruddington Country Park – A resident had written with concerns about how muddy and slippery the path to Ruddington Country Park is and asking if matting could be put down. Councillors agreed to refer the matter to the Rights of Way Officer at NCC.

- c) Footpath along A60 – An email had been received from a resident expressing concern about the width of the footpath along the A60 to Ruddington, the clerk had reported this to Via/NCC who already have it on their list for a future scheme. No further action required by the parish council.
- d) A resident on Loughborough Road had written to notify the parish council that her property and the adjacent property had been suffering external flooding, the clerk had referred this matter to Via/NCC. It was also noted the flooding on Loughborough Road near Mill Lane was still being investigated by Via/NCC.
- e) Speed Limit on A60/Loughborough Road – This had been discussed under item 5.
- f) NALC Planning Consultation – Model Design Code – Noted, but agreed no response required.
- g) Rushcliffe Borough Council – Wildflower Seeds – The parish council had put in a request for 1kg for the village flower bed and outside the church and would receive a notification if successful during w/c 15<sup>th</sup> March.
- h) Census 2021 – Census Day is 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021, notices are on the noticeboard and residents will receive information through the post shortly.

## 12 AMENITIES

- a) Surface Water Far Street – This had been covered under item 5.
- b) Litter Pick – Due to the ongoing covid-19 restrictions there would not be a formal litter pick in April although residents were welcome to borrow litter pickers/hi-vis jackets from Cllr Curran.
- c) Bench Refurbishment – Cllr Curran to obtain a quote for the refurbishment of the bench by the bus shelter on Loughborough Road.
- d) Bench on The Ramper – Via/NCC had previously said there was insufficient width to place a bench on The Ramper, however, after measuring the site and submitting photographs Via/NCC agreed to the location provided the bench was placed as close to the hedge as possible. Councillors discussed this in depth and agreed that the practicalities of maintaining the verge and hedge, the cost of purchase and installation, limited demand from village residents, the safety risk from vehicles along this stretch of road, the village already having two benches outside the Community Hall and one by the bus stop and the likely increase in litter outweighed the benefits to having a bench here, therefore it was agreed not to pursue any further. Cllr Curran to inform the resident who raised the initial request.
- e) Winter Salt – The former chair still has 9 bags of winter salt. As the grit bin is virtually empty it was agreed to fill this first and then any remaining bags would be stored by Cllr Curran who no longer has any.

## 13 DRAFT AGENDA (MAY)

May meeting to be held virtually, to include: Election of Officers, Website, Covid-19, Bench Refurbishment, Policy Reviews, End of Year Accounts and Annual Governance and Accountability Return

## 14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – 7.00pm – Annual Meeting of the Parish Council  
 Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – 8.00pm – Annual Residents' Meeting

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Signed:

Dated: