

BRADFORD PEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in the Village Hall on Thursday January 3rd, 2019

Present – C. Cllr Jill Haynes, D. Cllrs Fred Horsington and Tim Yarker, Cllrs S Denning, N Howard, T Buck, Paul Cooper, Paul Meaden and D Verner-Jeffreys. Representative Terry Putnam and clerk J. Adlam.

Democratic Period -

- 1 **Apologies** - Cllr J. Desborough and rep Chris Snow
- 2 **Minutes of Parish Council meeting** held on Thursday Nov 1st, 2018.
The minutes were agreed. Proposed by Cllr P. Meaden, Seconded by Cllr P. Cooper.
- 3 **Matters Arising** - MTB track - further enquiries are awaiting responses.
Hedge cut - contact Sue Cumming to confirm arrangements. Ask if it could be cut a bit lower.
Alternative meeting dates - clerk to contact other parishes to find out when they generally have their meetings.
- 4 **County and District Cllrs Reports** -
C. Cllr Jill Haynes - reported that some new appointees will be starting work soon, in tandem with current post holders till their contracts finish in March, when existing staff will be redeployed to the most appropriate place. There is a lot of work still to do and meeting the savings needed will be a huge challenge. Adult social care in Dorset came first nationally after a consultation with service users. Bed-blocking has been tackled and reduced. 27 top jobs have been reduced to 5.
D. Cllr Fred Horsington - reported that the current Local Plan will carry through until the new council have produced their own new Local Plan in 2024. There will be 3 areas for planning and local offices will still operate with each one dealing with their own planning issues.
D. Cllr Tim Yarker - The Local Authority Trading Company (LATC) "Homes Direct" are looking at their first project to provide new homes, which could involve the re-use of vacated council properties.
- 5 **Correspondence** -
All correspondence has been sent round in browser form or forwarded electronically, although we may have lost some incoming mail with the current computer problem (next item).
- 6 **Parish Council computer** -
Despite various peoples input and assistance the clerk has been unable so far, to re-establish the necessary links to get the dorset-aptc email working again. Daptc to be contacted for further advice.
- 7 **Representative's Reports** -
 - Village Hall Cllr Tess Buck reported that the VH committee, which has recently undergone personnel changes are still awaiting estimates for the repair of the roof. Cllr Verner-Jeffreys suggested that maybe the whole building needs a detailed survey to ascertain its longevity and possibly start fund-raising towards a new one if required.
 - Muckleford Cllr Tess Buck - Awaiting decision on planning application for two holiday homes.
 - Amenity Fields Cllr Paul Cooper - Parts for the repair of the top platform of the slide will be £390 inc delivery and VAT plus £60 for the fitting of said part(s). Clerk to check Insurance excess but repair will go ahead anyway. Proposed by Cllr P.C. Seconded by Cllr DVJ. It was suggested that a PLEASE CLOSE THE GATE sign could be put up. Kevin Kirk will continue with the grass cutting for a further year. New contract to be signed.
 - DAPTC Cllr Cooper - AGM details are on the Website, as are Election details.
- 8 **Officer's Reports** -
Village Maintenance Cllr N Howard reported that the potholes on the bridge have been filled again but due to the shallowness of the surface they start to break up almost immediately.

- Footpaths and Rights of Way Cllr Verner-Jeffries - Nothing to report.
- Publicity - T. Putnam Nothing to report.
- Flood Warden - C. Snow Not present.

9 Planning - WD/D/18/002272 - No decision yet.

10 Finance -

- Precept - A discussion took place and after debate Cllr Buck proposed a 10% increase to cover escalating costs, this was seconded by Cllr Meaden and unanimously agreed. Necessary paperwork completed and signed. It was also decided to circulate a leaflet throughout the village about the Parish Council and the work it does. Tim Collins has agreed to do the delivery. Cllr Denning agreed to draft it out and then seek other councillors views on content and layout before circulation.
- Kevin Kirks (grass-cutting) contract - Kevin contacted the clerk recently and asked if he could be paid monthly to help him with budgeting. As the parish council only meets every other month and is not permitted to sign cheques in advance, the clerk asked if that would be acceptable. Kevin agreed that it would, so Cllr Cooper agreed to amend his contract which is just up for renewal this month.

11 Any Other Business -

- Twinning Association have asked for a grant towards their costs. It was agreed that they should be invited to our next meeting.
- S106 money. Contact Tony Hurley re purchase of new family size picnic bench for the Jubilee Field.

12 Future Meetings Arranged -

- 2019 dates confirmed March 7th, as May 2nd is not available due to elections we will ask for April 25th (to be confirmed), July 4th, September 5th and November 7th.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.