

BRADFORD PEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on the Jubilee Field on Tuesday June 9th, 2020 at 3pm.

Present – Due to the current Coronavirus regulations which stipulate a maximum gathering of 6 people, only Cllrs S Denning, T Buck, P Meaden, J Desborough and N Howard were present with the clerk J. Adlam.

Cllr Paul Meaden had previously agreed to chair this meeting.

Democratic Period -

Nothing raised.

1 Apologies - Cllrs C Bishop and C Hawkins, plus reps T Putnam, C Snow and C Chapman.

2 Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Thursday January 2nd, 2020.
The minutes were agreed. *Proposed by Cllr S. Denning, seconded by Cllr. T Buck*

3 Matters Arising -

a) Grass cutting of Fields. Kevin Kirk has resumed his duties after his year of rehabilitation following his accident last April. The council wanted to record a vote of thanks to Cllr Hawkins for his sterling efforts in keeping the fields cut and tidy in Kevin's absence. It was suggested that we make a further donation of £200 to the Air Ambulance with Cllr Hawkins agreement (or another charity that he may suggest). *Proposed by Cllr N Howard and seconded by Cllr T Buck*

b) Wessex Water access onto Poundbury Lane - Cllr Meaden had drafted a letter to the Duchy detailing our concerns which was sent in February. We received a very negative response informing us that as the land now belonged to Wessex Water it was not the Duchy's responsibility. Cllr Meaden will contact Wessex Water.

c) Ratify the decision taken at our last meeting (Folio 194 item 12) to send a donation of £50 to the Chalk Stream Drivers to help cover their insurance costs. *Proposed by Cllr J Desborough, seconded by Cllr N Howard.*

d) Parish email address. Following the setting up of a gmail account which we have been using for the last few months, our webmaster has advised that as we have BradfordPeverell.info as our domain name we could use parishcouncil@bradfordpeverell.info for our email thus avoiding all the information gathering done by google. Cllr Denning will ask him to set this up.

4 Correspondence -

All correspondence has been sent round in browser form or forwarded electronically. Cllr Howard raised the subject of Trees insurance, having read an article in Clerks and Councils Direct on the problems that can arise. As a first step before further investigation the clerk will check with insurance brokers whether it is necessary to give specific information with regard to trees.

5 Village Hall roof – Cllr Meaden gave a report on progress.

Update - Fundraising has hit its target of £20,000, and with several events having been postponed due to 'lockdown' there is still more to come, plus some of the donations were gift-aided which will also bring in some more funds taking the total to approx. £22,000. The Village Hall Management Committee, having investigated all the options with regard to the replacement of the roof, sought quotations from 5 contractors. After thorough checks it was decided that O'Brien's of Bridport provided the best quotation in terms of price, proposed material to be used and safe disposal of the asbestos material. The VH committee had sought quotations for 3 alternative options for the new roof which were outlined by Cllr Meaden. The PC expressed a preference but the final decision would be guided by the recommendation from the VH Committee. They are currently awaiting a decision from Dorset Council Building Control regarding two of the options. It was confirmed that the contractors would provide a detailed risk assessment for the work, including disposal of the old roof panels, prior to commencement. This would be made available to the owners of adjacent properties.

It was proposed by Cllr Denning that O'Briens would be commissioned to undertake the work (whatever the final decision) and seconded by Cllr Desborough. All present were in favour.

*It was further proposed by Cllr Denning that the clerk should be authorised to sign any contract between the builder and parish council to avoid unnecessary delays whilst meetings, travel etc are still restricted due to the current situation. Seconded by Cllr Buck.
Cllr Meaden will act as our representative in any negotiations.*

6 Officer's Reports -

- **Village Maintenance** - Cllr N Howard reported that the grass had been cut on the A37 central reservation following his reporting to Dorset Council that it was unsafe for motorists turning towards Dorchester. In addition he had reported severe overgrowth on Footpath 4 and Bridleway 8 which had been dealt with and also noticed that one of the slats on the wooden bridge on footpath 4 was rotten. *(Clerk to check with David V-J that he is okay to continue as Footpaths officer)*
Scottish and Southern Electric had repaired a broken box cover on one of the posts on Muckleford Lane.
- **Amenity Fields** – Representative Colin Chapman has asked if anyone living closer would be willing to empty the rubbish bin on Jubilee Field. It can either go in their own bin or the one outside the Bus Shelter which gets emptied by the council. Cllr Desborough will try to remember it as he is nearest.
- **Muckleford** – Cllr Buck reported that the Notice Board was in poor repair and she had asked a local handyman to check it out but he said it was beyond repair. It was proposed that a new one should be purchased and delivered to Cllr Buck and that the gentleman approached would put it up for us. Proposed by Cllr Denning, seconded by Cllr Meaden. *Clerk will order new board.*

7 **Planning** – WD/D/20/001107 and 08 – alterations and construction of greenhouse within walled garden of property. No objections.

8 Finance -

a) <u>Cheques</u> - (done by post)	(Clerks half-year salary (Clerks half-year expenses (New computer Insurance Came & Co DAPTC Online Training	£1016.64) 1 cheque - total - £ 178.31) £1779.90 £ 584.95) £ 444.74 £ 20.00
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Prop Cllr Buck, sec Cllr Denning

b) <u>Accounts 2019-2020</u>	Acceptance of accounts Validation of AGAR	<i>Prop Cllr Desborough Sec Cllr Buck Prop Cllr Denning Sec Cllr Buck</i>
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It was also proposed that a vote of thanks should be given to Mark Stevenson for completing the internal audit so promptly. He also gets an honorarium of £25 which has been posted to him.

Prop Cllr Howard Sec Cllr Desborough

9 Any Other Business -

Cllr Meaden proposed that we should record a vote of thanks to all the villagers who had volunteered during the Covid 19 pandemic to be "Buddies", undertaking duties on behalf of the Parish Council to assist those having to self-isolate or considered to be vulnerable. Thanks especially to Sandra with organisation.

AGM requirements – clerk to check if it is a legal requirement to have an 'open to the public' meeting.

10 **Future Meetings Arranged** - 2020 dates – It was agreed that our next meeting would be September 3rd unless anything urgent crops up in the meantime.
November 12th - (note alternative date).

Meeting closed at 4.45 pm.