

**BRADFORD PEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Held on the Jubilee Field on Tuesday September 15th, 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 Tuesday June 9th, 2020.  
The minutes were agreed. *Proposed by Cllr N Howard and seconded by Cllr. S Denning*

**3 Matters Arising -**

- a) Speed watch initiative – Nicola is going ahead with arrangements for a training meeting and posters for volunteers. The PC support the initiative but have no responsibility for it. Cllr Buck will follow up on her contacts with Highways about reducing the speed limit.
- b) Wessex Water (Poundbury Lane) – The work appears finished but they have not built a fence or sealed the area from Poundbury, which appears to be against what was suggested. Therefore, Cllr Meaden will follow up with Wessex Water.
- c) Website Accessibility – As far as we are aware our website meets the needs of our community and the costs involved in getting an expert to make it more accessible would be totally disproportionate to any improvements. Cllr Denning will draft a statement.
- d) Parish email address. We decided to delay the implementation of parishcouncil@bradfordpeverell.info for our email due to the current situation with Covid 19 as we do not want to miss any important communications because of a change of address. We will continue with the [bpparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:bpparishcouncil@gmail.com) for the time being.
- e) Future meetings – discuss options for the winter months. Only two councillors and the clerk use Zoom, the remainder prefer face to face meetings, which has been manageable through the summer but with winter coming we will be obliged to meet in the village hall which can be set up for socially distanced meetings with limited numbers. Our next one is November 12<sup>th</sup> and this will remain in place at present but may be restricted to only 6 participants depending on current regulations.

**4 Correspondence -**

All correspondence has been sent round in browser form or forwarded electronically.

**5 Village Hall roof** – Cllr Meaden reported that the building control has been passed and he has completed the acceptance of quotation form from O'Briens and raised a few questions about terms and conditions. We should receive their risk assessment in due course and the neighbours will be consulted before work commences (Possibly October). The replacement will happen in sections and it may be necessary to protect some of the in-roof cables from possible damage. Due to delays some of the costs may have increased since the quotes were received.

**6 Officers reports –**

- **Village Maintenance** - Cllr N Howard reported that the grass had been cut on the A37 central reservation but only around the perimeter again. He has telephoned to say that because it is raised and visibility is restricted it is unsafe for motorists turning towards Dorchester as you cannot see small or low vehicles approaching at 50 mph. Hopefully they will return and do a more thorough cut.

- **Village Hall** – Cllr T Buck reported that the village hall had received a government grant of £10,000 and a payment of £1000 from the Dorchester car boot fund. This means that further improvements will be able to be done once the roof work has been completed.
- **Muckleford** – WD/D/20/001107 and 08 – alterations and construction of greenhouse within walled garden of property. Allowed.
- **Amenity Fields** – Representative Colin Chapman reported (by email) that he had been doing regular checks of the fields and the play equipment, but would really like to locate the box of documents about the Amenity Fields. Cllr Desborough had cut back some brambles that were encroaching the play area and said that he would also attack the weeds that were poking up through the bark. He had also noticed the bindweed in the joint hedge that we share with the church. Cllr Desborough proposed that we should get the annual hedge cut done and this was seconded by Cllr Buck. Cllr Desborough will confirm with Sue Cumming that we will share the expense as before. This will probably be arranged for next month.
- **Flood warden** - not able to be present
- **Publicity** - not able to be present

7 **Planning** – See Muckleford above.

8 **Finance -**

a) <u>Cheques</u> -	Building Consultants	£ 240.00	(already done by post)
	(Clerks half-year salary	£1016.64)	1 cheque - total -
	(Clerks half-year expenses	£ 160.82)	£1177.46
Previous cheque lost- so cancelled	Cllr Denning for safety tape	£ 11.04	
New notice board - Muckleford	Greenbarnes	£ 364.32	(invoice will be sent prior to delivery)

*Prop Cllr Desborough, sec Cllr Howard*

b) Accounts 2019-2020 AGAR has been sent to PKF Littlejohn auditors.

9 **Any Other Business -**

Millennium Field - clerk had received an enquiry about returning the field to it's previous use of allotments. This was discussed at some length but the general opinion was that we should not lose recreational space for the sake of a few allotments. There is local availability in Stratton. The current use of the field relies on the age of the children in the village, which goes in phases over the years. The Wrackle - it has been noticed that the leat has run dry, partly due to dry weather and possible use of the hatches to keep water levels in the Frome river up. Clerk to contact Environment Agency for advice as fish have died.

10 **Future Meetings Arranged - 2020 dates –**

November 12th - (note alternative date).

Next years dates -

January 7th, March 4th, April 29th or May 6th (AGM), July 1st, September 2nd and November 4th.  
Meeting closed at 4.25 pm.