

BRADFORD PEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in the garden of Grove House on Thursday December 17th, 2020 at 2pm.

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

Cllr Denning had previously agreed to chair this meeting.

Democratic Period - Nothing raised.

- 1 **Apologies** - Cllrs C Bishop and T Buck, plus reps T Putnam, and C Chapman, clerk J Adlam.
- 2 **Minutes of Parish Council meeting** held on Tuesday September 15th, 2020.
The minutes were agreed. *Proposed by Cllr N Howard and seconded by Cllr. J Desborough.*
- 3 **Matters Arising -**
 - a) Speed watch initiative – (led by Nicola Finley) Paul M reported that this is on hold till January but training and data checks have been carried out.
 - b) Future Meetings - Options were discussed and venues suggested such as BP church, or a farm barn so that we can comply with social distancing measures. Next meeting possible date is March 4th, 2021.
- 4 **Correspondence -**
All correspondence has been sent round in browser form or forwarded electronically.
- 5 **Village Hall roof** – Cllr Meaden reported that the work is now complete, and he would circulate the documentation to council members, including a condition report as prepared by the consulting engineers. Further projects at the hall may take place should funds provide sufficient amounts to cover costs. (see VH report in Item 6)
- 6 **Officers reports –**
 - **Village Maintenance** - Cllr N Howard reported that the village Telephone Box book exchange was now open and in use again following the door hinge replacement. A big thank you to the participants who enabled this to be done. Especially Cllr Hawkins, Jill and Paul N and Sue C for their co-ordinated effort and a lot of work. (Post meeting note - Thanks have also been received from other villagers.) The Cycleway/Footpath adjacent to the A 37 road has at last been cleared of the pipeline and fencing, along with most of the undergrowth that had also been blocking the route.
 - **Village Hall** – Cllr P Meaden was able to expand on the potential projects for the village hall, which include removal of the step by the front entrance to provide a ramped access, improvements to the toilet facilities, kitchen improvements and some resurfacing of the flooring.
 - **Muckleford** – Cllr Buck unable to attend.
 - **Amenity Fields** – Representative Colin Chapman reported (by email) that the roadside hedge bordering the Millennium field contained some growth that could be described as trees and that these needed attention. He suggested a course of action that was agreed with.
 - **Flood warden** - Chris Snow has resigned as flood warden and we are waiting to hear from a potential new representative.
 - **Publicity** - not able to be present .
- 7 **Planning** – Nothing to report at present.

8 Finance -a) Cheques -

D & S Air Ambulance (on behalf of grass cutting volunteer last year)	£ 240.00 - already done		
O'brien Roofing (initial payment)	£14706.07 -	"	"
DC Building regs (2nd payment)	£ 208.08 -	"	"
O'brien Roofing (balance)	£ 5573.04 -	"	"
Kevin Kirk grasscutting (2 quarters)	£ 900.00 -	"	"

All the above previously authorised and completed via post due to Covid-19 regulations

b) VAT Reclaim - Total £4020.42 (of which £3379.85 was for roof work) has been sent.
Treasurers Account balance ££2317.89

c) Precept for 2021-22 - the current precept is set at £6600 and after discussion it was agreed that it should be increased by 2% (£132) to avoid a larger increase sometime in the future.
Proposed by Cllr N Howard and seconded by Cllr J Desborough.

9 Any Other Business -

- i) Cllr P Meaden said that the "Buddy System" as publicised during lockdown which offered help with shopping, appointments etc., can be continued if there is a need for it.
- ii) The hedge adjoining the Jubilee Field and the church yard needs attention. Cllr J Desborough will discuss with Sue Cumming re any action to be taken. He also said he would carry on weeding the play area around the equipment. He was thanked for this.
- iii) The publication and delivery of the Newsletter was applauded and noted that it was particularly useful in the absence of the Chalk Stream magazine.
- iv) Cllr S Denning said that ZOOM type facilities could be used if meetings were not allowed, however, not everyone has the facility for this.
- v) The Chair was warmly thanked for hosting this outdoor meeting with warm sustenance and heating.

10 Future Meetings - (scheduled)

March 4th, April 29th or May 6th (AGM), July 1st, September 2nd and November 4th.
Meeting closed at 3.30pm.