

BRADFORD PEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in the open barn at Giles Cross on Tuesday March 30th, 2021 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, plus clerk J Adlam

Cllr Denning agreed to chair this meeting.

Democratic Period - Nothing raised.

1 Apologies - Rep T Putnam.

2 Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Thursday December 17th, 2020.
The minutes were agreed (as amended). *Proposed by Cllr P Meaden and seconded by Cllr. J Desborough.*

3 Matters Arising -

- a) Website Accessibility - The website now meets accessibility requirements and the statement has been posted on the website. Cllrs were all given a copy. As said at the December meeting it was a much longer task than anticipated and our webmaster would like to claim a fee of £1200 if that is acceptable. *Proposed by Cllr Howard and seconded by Cllr Meaden - all in favour. Will ask him to submit an invoice.*
- b) Speed watch initiative – (led by Nicola Finley) Paul M reported that the training and police checks are all done and they are hoping to resume on April 12th with amended guidance to conform with current restrictions. Cllr Meaden also took part in a "Twenty's Plenty" zoom meeting but there are currently no plans to impose any 20mph speed limits in rural areas.
- c) Phone Box Book Exchange - A Vote of Thanks was given to all those involved in the removal and replacement of the books and the repair of the door hinge. It is now back in use and Cllr Howard is looking into getting the door carpentry repaired.

4 Correspondence -

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

5 Village Hall roof – Cllr Meaden reported that the final cost from PC funds was £1899.26 plus the various consultants fees of £749 making a total of £2648.26. With the excess funds the VH committee are intending to improve the front access which will be done by the same contractor O'briens of Bridport at a cost of £2650 and are looking at refurbishing the floor. Future plans may include new toilets (including a disabled one) and enlarging the kitchen area. The subject of storage was raised and a suggestion was to add a lean-to at the rear of the hall so that things like the pool table could just be pushed out of the way and closed behind doors, similar to the present side storage where chairs and tables are kept.

6 (County) Councillor Link - Cllr David Taylor came to one of our meetings just after his election but we have been disappointed that there has been no contact with him since then. *Clerk to contact DC and enquire about representation. Purbeck Council seem to have very good communication with news bulletins sent directly to village councillors.*

7 Dorset National Park Proposal - There is a proposal to combine all the AONB areas into one unified organisation.

8 Dorset Local Plan Consultation - There is mention of a need for 30,000 more homes to be built over the next 30 years using a tiered system with most towns taking a percentage of the changes. Most villages do not come into the system due to lack of facilities and infrastructure.

9 Overgrown verges in Frome View - Following an enquiry from a resident this was investigated and history checked but it appears that the hedge, trees and grass verges are part of the development of the bungalows and have not been 'adopted' by either DC Highways or the PC. A local farmer has

offered to cut back the hedges when convenient but the grass remains the responsibility of the residents.

10 Councillor Vacancies - It was agreed that all councillors would investigate any potential volunteers.

11 Officers reports -

- **Village Maintenance** - Cllr N Howard reported that the approach road from the A37 will be resurfaced very soon but it will involve a temporary diversion and road closure. The proposed date should be between 19th April and 7th May. Notices will be displayed in the days prior to work starting and local businesses and farms will be notified. The school bus and residents will be allowed access but may experience some delays.
- **Village Hall** – already done (see item 5) Tess Buck has agreed to stay on as the Village Hall representative for the village hall. Many Thanks.
- **Muckleford** - Clerk will ask Cathy Bishop is she is willing to take over this post.
- **Amenity Fields** – Representative Colin Chapman reported that he had met the playgrounds inspector when he visited the village and went through all the options with regard to the main problem which is the lack of depth to the bark chippings under the play equipment, especially the swing. It was decided that a small working party would remove weeds and rake the bark to a more even level and cut back the intrusive brambles. The jointly-owned hedge between field and churchyard is being cut back next week, which should also help. Colin will also investigate the cost of replacing high impact areas with more permanent absorbing surfaces before the purchase of extra bark to top up the levels. The cost to replace the entire area with new bark would be at least £2000. He is undertaking some other more minor maintenance issues himself.
- **Flood warden** - Cllr Hawkins has agreed to take on the role of Flood Warden. *Clerk to notify the Environment Agency.*
- **Publicity** - not able to be present .

12 Planning - P/HOU/2021/00377 Gascoyne Barn, Giles Cross, BP, DT2 9SJ
Conversion and extension to outbuilding to provide ancillary accommodation. Modify existing vehicular and pedestrian access. (Retrospective)
This only came through today so nobody has had a chance to look at it yet - forwarded electronically. Please let me have your comments asap.

13 Finance - since December meeting

a) Cheques -

Wicksteed Inspection and report	£	96.00	- already done
Kevin Kirk (4th payment)	£	450.00	-)
Clerk's half-year salary	£1016.64)		Prop Cllr SD
Clerk's " " expenses	+£135.70))
Flowers, Phone Box hinge + Grit refill	+£128.80)		Sec Cllr JD
(on clerk's credit card due to lock-down)	one cheque	£ 1281.14)

b) VAT Reclaim - Total £4020.42 (£3379.85 was for roof work) has been received from HMRC.
Treasurers Account balance £6242.31.

c) Precept - Amount claimed for 2021-2022 - £6732.00

d) New signatory for Lloyds Bank - Cllr JD is a Lloyds account holder so has agreed to be our third signatory. *Clerk to organise and get CB removed from account.*

9 Any Other Business - None

10 Future Meetings -

End of May - date to be fixed, July 1st, September 2nd and November 4th.
Meeting closed at 3.50pm.