

**BRADFORD PEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Held in the Village Hall on Thursday September 1st, 2022

**Present** – Vice Chairman Cllr S Denning, Cllrs, N Howard, J Harrop, and P Meaden. Representatives Colin Chapman and T Buck, clerk J. Adlam. R Walton, J Morgan and J Collins.

**Democratic Period** – Bob Walton outlined the present situation with the Defibrillator and its management. Namely that it is leased annually from South West Ambulance Service Trust and the defib group of 5 villagers carry out all the checks etc that are necessary for its maintenance. He had prior to the meeting sent all councillors a detailed account of the process. He pointed out that this arrangement has worked well for the last 6 years but that it was an expensive way of keeping one in the village. The group believe that outright purchase is the way forward and he offered two options.

1. Offer to buy the existing machine from SWAST, which has since been declined, or
2. Purchase a new machine with (hopefully) a long guarantee.

The group aim to fund the purchase with funds that are already available with possible top up from fund-raising, their own pockets or donations. They would also purchase spare battery and pads. The whole package and any surplus would be transferred to the PC for 'ownership' and for insurance (either the PC or the VH)

The group would still maintain and check the machine for at least two years and if some younger villagers can join them, maybe for longer. They would also be able to offer free training for that period. The plan would be for it to be included in the PC budget after the two years.

**1 Apologies-** Cllrs J Desborough and C Hawkins representative C Bishop

**2 Minutes** – of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, were read, approved and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr JH and seconded by Cllr NH

**3 Matters Arising -**

- a) The clerk has managed to get the contact details for the dog warden and will ring her about the fouling issues and possible erection of a waste bin.
- b) VH ramp entrance has been swept and all the loose gravel removed by the contractor and the invoice will be paid this evening.
- c) Poundbury Access - Cllr P M is still investigating.
- d) Bus Shelter guttering – JH has done a temporary fix whilst we try and find a local Handyman (look in The Chalk Stream or enquire with friends, neighbours etc)

**4 Correspondence -**

Has all been circulated or forwarded electronically.

**5 Defibrillator –**

The councillors and representatives discussed RW's proposal for the future and it was proposed by Cllr SD that we should accept, this was seconded by Cllr PM and carried unanimously.

*Clerk to confirm to the group.*

**6 Proposed Bicycle path on the A35**

Cllr JH eventually established, with the help of Chris Loder (local MP) that National Highways were responsible for the section of road concerned (Monkeys Jump roundabout to Tilly Whim Lane, by the old radio station) and a site visit is planned for September 21<sup>st</sup>, which they will both attend.

**7 Officers and Representatives Reports –**

- Village maintenance – Cllr NH reported that after his call to DC the long grass on the A37 central reservation was cut back further to allow proper visual access for cars. The loose planks on the river footbridge have been replaced but the footpath sign by Riverside Cottage is not fixed and leaning against the wall, so he will report that and he will chase up the fact that he has reported a considerable amount of Himalayan Balsam growing along the same footpath.

- Village Hall – T.Buck reported that the committee are looking at alternative methods of heating because the boiler is wearing out and they will be purchasing a TV licence for future events in the hall. There will be a garden sale on Saturday Sept 10<sup>th</sup> and the regular coffee morning on Thursday Sept 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Muckleford – C. Bishop was unable to attend.
- Amenity Fields – C Chapman reported that he had done some cutting back and he would like to thank Di for taking over the emptying of the Millennium Field bin. The equipment is checked regularly and is okay. Annual inspection due November. *Clerk to check and book.*  
Janet Collins has raised a concern about the neglected appearance of the Millennium Field and pointed out that more children are actually using it now. Better signage might stop dog owners exercising their animals there. We are pursuing this with the dog warden.
- Flood Warden – Cllr CH – not present.
- Footpaths and Rights of Way – We need a **New Representative** so if you are a local walker please consider helping the Parish Council by taking on this role. It is only a case of being aware of the paths and being a first point of contact for anybody who encounters any problems such as excess growth or rubbish, dangerous erosion or tree roots etc. We only meet 6 times a year and a lot of our communication is by email anyway.

- 8 **Planning –** P/HOU/2022/03728 – Parklands, Bradford Peverell. Erect first-floor extension to existing garage/office – Plans noted. No impact on any neighbours, not intrusive or excessive.  
P/HOU/2022/05260 – Old Joes Cottage, Dorchester Road, BP. Erect single storey rear extension and make internal alterations. Closing date Sept 15<sup>th</sup>. PM will check with neighbours.  
P/HOU/2022/02264 – 8 Giles Close, No proper plans submitted, Refused.  
Response to DAPTC snap poll with regards to recent planning changes submitted.

- 9 **Finance -**
- a) Payments made since last meeting –
    - i) Forever Group Dorset £1305.60 (Mistake on cheque, refused by bank)
  - b) Payments to be made
    - i) Forever Group Dorset £1305.60 (reissued new cheque)
    - ii) Kevin Kirk, grass cutting, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter £450.00 (put through wrong letterbox so cheque cancelled because it could not be retrieved) New cheque issued.
    - iii) J Adlam – Half year salary £1031.89 plus half year expenses £141.44
    - Total £1173.33
    - iv) CPRE Membership - £ 36.00
    - v) KVISR – Website hosting and maintenance £79.59

Proposed by Cllr PM Seconded by Cllr JH
  - c) Annual Governance and Accountability Return – Not selected for review so no “Notice of Conclusion of Audit” to be published.

- 10 **Any other business –** JH will attend the Bus Service Improvement Plan meeting  
A villager reported an recent incident of a garden bonfire which proved to be a nuisance to neighbours, especially inconsiderate in a drought situation.  
**The Parish Council would like to point out that not only was this a very irresponsible act during such a heatwave but it is in fact illegal to have garden bonfires if they are likely to cause annoyance or nuisance to any neighbour or property.**

- 11 **Future Meetings Arranged -** Nov 3rd.  
2023 dates – Jan 5<sup>th</sup>, Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>, Apr 27<sup>th</sup>, July 6<sup>th</sup>, Sep 7<sup>th</sup> and Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>. To be booked.

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm.