

BRADFORD PEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in the Village Hall on Thursday 7th September 2023

Starting at 7pm

MINUTES

In attendance:

Bradford Peverell Parish Councillors-

John Harrop – Chairman (JH)

Sylvia Denning – Vice-Chairman (SD)

Neil Howard (NH)

Prospective Bradford Peverell Parish Councillor-

Gloria Towner

Bradford Peverell Parish Council Officers-

Outgoing Clerk – Jacqueline Adlam (JA)

Incoming Clerk – Christopher Cook (CC)

Representatives-

David Taylor – Dorset Council (DT)

Tess Buck – Village Hall (TB)

Apologies for absence:

Bradford Peverell Parish Councillors-

Jon Desborough

Colin Hawkins

Paul Meaden

Representatives-

Cathy Bishop – Muckleford

Colin Chapman – Amenity Fields

1. The Apologies for absence were announced in accordance with the lists above.

2 Minutes of the meeting held on June 22nd, 2023

These had previously been distributed to all those present as well as being published for general availability. All present agreed that they were a true and faithful representation of the meeting and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

3 Matters arising – a) Flagstones in front of Bus shelter – still waiting to find contractor. JH and JA spoke to this matter. A contractor has still to be found and appointed.

b) Online Councillors Register of Interest – not resolved.

It appears that only 3 of the Parish Councillors are registered, DT is aware of problems in accessing and logging on to the Register. He knows and will talk to the team responsible for this. The new Clerk will undertake to organise that all the Bradford Peverell Councillors do sign on to the register of Interest.

c) A35 Cycle path – ongoing

DT reported the good news that money had now been found and this has become a live project.

d) Open Reach box damage – update.

DT asked for an e-mail be sent to him about this matter and again, he will investigate and report back.

4 County Councillor D Taylor

DT had already spoken on and undertaken to act on some of the matters above.

DT raised the matter of responsibility for grass cutting and the effect on roads, junctions, signposting, etc. DT further provided the name of the appropriate person to write to at Dorset Council and to copy him in.

5 Co-option of new Councillor –

It was proposed by SD, seconded by NH and unanimously agreed to welcome Gloria Towner as a newly co-opted Bradford Peverell Parish Councillor.

6 Appointment of new clerk –

It was proposed by NH, seconded by SD and unanimously agreed to welcome Christopher Cook to the post of Clerk to the Council.

7 Correspondence –

Two items had been received:

a) A bank statement.

b) A magazine for Clerks, Town and Parish Councillors, which JD put into circulation.

8 Planning –

Northeast section of new development at Poundbury. Is there sufficient security fencing? The area by the cemetery is not and should not be vehicle accessible.

9 Representatives reports –

Amenity Fields – Colin Chapman

Colin was not present to make his report but he left information with JH to report to the meeting. He has trimmed hedges and cut back trees on the fields. The bench in the Millenium field is broken and when Colin is back from holiday, he and JH will remove it.

After much discussion it was agreed to leave the bin in place. DT advised that the best way to contact the dog wardens to order “No Dogs” signs for the field was to use Dorset for You.

Village Maintenance – Neil Howard

Grass cutting on the verges was the only problem raised. DT advised to use Dorset for You and to copy him in.

Village Hall - Tess Buck

The new boiler is up and running and working well.

The new lawn mower is also working well.

The man who set up the boiler is also to inspect the toilets, suggest what improvements are necessary and quote a price for doing the work.

Bookings – there has been a request to have a Sunday carvery once a month. This will be run for 3 months on a trial basis.

Muckleford – Cathy Bishop

Nothing to report.

River/Flood Warden – Colin Hawkins

No flood issues lately.

10 Finance –

a) Payments made since last meeting

Kvisr (website & domain hosting)	£82.36
GMS plumbing (new boiler)	£2998.80

b) Payments to be made

J Adlam Salary (160 days)	904.64)
Expenses for same period	164.35) Total £1068.99

11 Future meetings arranged –Nov 2nd.

2024 dates to be booked with VH (could change) Jan 4th, March 7th, May 2nd, July 4th, Sept 5th and Nov 7th.

12 Any Other Business –

Discover Dorset was promoted and generally agreed to be an excellent source of information as to events in and around.

13 Presentation to departing Clerk -

A gift of beautifully decorated trinket tray was presented to JA by the Councillors.