

BRADFORD PEVERELL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held in the Village Hall on Thursday May 14th, 2015

Present – C. Cllr Jill Haynes, D. Cllr Tim Yarker, Chairman Cllr T Collins, Cllrs, N Howard and S Denning. New Cllrs P. Meaden, J. Desborough and D Verner-Jeffreys. Representatives D.Ackerman, C. Snow and T Putnam, clerk J. Adlam and 4 parishioners (Mr Bob Walton, Mr & Mrs D Evans and Mr D Evans (senior)).

Democratic Period -

Mr Bob Walton wanted to put forward the idea of a defibrillator being put in the redundant phone box in addition to the suggested book exchange. He explained that they are very easy to use as the instructions are clear and in most cases the emergency services operator would stay on the line to offer advice and technical support whilst help was on its way. The cost can partly be met with various grants that are available, including possibly the British Red Cross, who could provide some training. We believe the cost is somewhere in the region of £1200.

Mr & Mrs Evans (supported by Mr Evans' father) complained that the Parish Councillors who had raised questions and comments to their planning application for a first-floor extension (on stilts) were not qualified to do so and criticised the method of consultation that the council used to reach a decision. The clerk explained that a majority view had been used for the reply to the planning officer and that the councillors were not expected to be structural engineers or building experts; they were entitled to object and raise possible queries with regard to the plans and statements put forward. It was then up to the planning officer to decide what was relevant to rules and regulations and what was merely opinion. The discussion became quite heated and Cllr T. Collins suggested that the Council withdraw their letter of objection (if possible) but no other councillor present agreed. It was decided that the clerk would check the situation with planning and the new councillors would be given the opportunity to examine the plans and give their opinions.

C. Cllr Jill Haynes gave her report at this time because of an additional commitment this evening. See Item 3 below.

- 1 **Apologies-** D.Cllr Fred Horsington, Cllrs Paul Cooper and Tess Buck, Muckleford representative Andrew Buck.

- 2 (Outgoing) **Chairman's Report** - Cllr T Collins thanked Mr David Evans for erecting the new Notice Board at the Dorchester end of the village.
He advised all present that the proposed development below the Millennium Field had gone to Appeal and that Cllr Paul Cooper was contacting WDDC to ensure that they had not changed any of their views and would still be in favour of a refusal.
He also thanked all the members of the previous council for their commitment and hard work over the year, and welcomed the newly elected councillors.

- 3 **County and District Cllrs Reports** - Cllr Jill Haynes reported on the big changes in the County Council, with complete restructuring and many job changes. Staff are working extremely hard to overcome the challenges. Due to budget cuts Jill now has to work with a set amount to cover all her 21 Parish Councils. A rural table tennis club is proving successful and the Citizens Advice Bureau are providing village 'clinics' and home visits where needed. (There is genuine poverty in rural areas).
Public Health has come back into County Council care after its unsuccessful trial under the NHS. Money has been saved on unnecessary leaflets and they are trying to set up more interaction with GP surgeries so that records can be shared more easily by health professionals.
As a huge £22M is spent on transporting people around the county, the whole situation is having a thorough examination to combine forces and use transport services more effectively. (ie paying passengers on school buses with spare seats) Trains will also be looked at.
Green energy is being encouraged with solar and wind power projects and it is hoped that within 2 years you should be able to buy your electricity direct from DCC.
Children's services in the County are grossly overspent due to the high number of older children currently in care. The service is now taking a broader view, looking into problems earlier and trying different approaches including parenting skills courses.

Adult Social Care will be coming under a new Local Authority Trading Company called "Tricuro" and will include Day Centres, Care Homes, 'Reablement' services and Catering. The trained and dedicated staff teams involved will continue under the LATC umbrella. It is hoped to provide more 'out of hours' help to cope with hospital discharges and emergencies etc.

4 Representative's Reports -

- Village Hall We do not currently have a representative for the village hall. *The clerk will contact the committee to see if they have anyone willing to co-ordinate and report back to the Parish Council.*
- Amenity Fields Cllr Paul Cooper (not present) has taken over responsibility for these fields and has prioritised the maintenance jobs that need to be done. He has drawn up a grass cutting contract with the present tradesman. The council would like to thank him and his family for spreading the recently purchased bark over the play area. He is currently getting estimates for replacing the gates of the Jubilee Field. We would like to recruit a few other parents to assist with the easier tasks that need doing.
- Women's Institute No representative at present.
- Muckleford Dr Buck was not present
- DAPTC Cllr Cooper was not present

5 Officer's Reports -

- Village Maintenance Cllr N Howard reported that the mechanical roadsweeper had been through the village and done a reasonably good job. The mossy pavement on the hilly part of Glebefields now has a job number so it should be done within 10 days.
- Transport Cllr Collins had done a lot of work with regard to the reopening of Stratton Halt railway station but Stratton Parish Council had made it clear that they would not be pursuing this as they didn't believe it was a viable option.
- Footpaths and Rights of Way D Ackerman reported that there are 3 footpaths giving cause for concern at the moment. They are:
No 5 - Muckleford to Grimstone which is only permissive and could therefore be withdrawn without notice.
No 6 - From New Barn track to TillyWhim.
No 3 - From New Barn to top end of village.
 Dave is investigating the possibility of a new path from TillyWhim to New Barn.
No 17 - From village across field to Stratton/Ash Hill. The grass path alongside the millstream can have an additional cut over the year for 80p.
- Publicity - T. Putnam Nothing to report
- Archaeology - S. Ackerman *Clerk will check that Stuart is willing to continue.*
- Flood Warden - C. Snow Has asked for 3 flood warning signs to keep at home for when they are needed. After a short discussion it was decided that he should ask for 2 additional ones to be kept at Muckleford.

6 Open Period - Nothing additional was raised

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1 Apologies - as previous (Annual Parish Meeting)

2 Appointment of Chairman – Cllr Sylvia Denning was nominated as Chairperson. Proposed by Cllr Neil Howard, Seconded by Cllr Paul Meaden. Vote carried unanimously. Sylvia accepted.

- 3 Appointment of Vice Chairman** – Cllr Neil Howard agreed to continue as Vice Chairman.
- 4 Appointment of Councillors and Representatives and Officers –**
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| DAPTC | Cllr Paul Cooper (+ Cllr David Verner-Jeffries) |
| Amenity Fields | " " " " " |
| Village Hall | <i>(clerk to approach VH committee to provide a representative)</i> |
| Village Maintenance | Cllr Neil Howard |
| Transport | Tim Collins will remain as transport representative |
| Womens Institute | <i>(clerk will ask WI if they have a member who could fill this post)</i> |
| Publicity | Terry Putnam |
| Archaeology | Stuart Ackerman <i>(to be checked)</i> |
| Footpaths | Dave Ackerman |
| Muckleford | Andrew and Tessa Buck |
| River/Flood Warden | Chris Snow |
- 5 Appointment of Internal Auditor** – Mark Stevenson (will check for next year)
- 6 Minutes of meeting** held on Thursday Mar 6th, 2015
Proposed by Cllr Neiln Howard, Seconded by Cllr Sylvia Denning
- 7 Matters Arising** - Future use of Phonebox - See Democratic period at start of meeting.
All agreed that we should go ahead with the purchase from BT
- 8 Correspondence** -
Had all been circulated or forwarded electronically.
- 9 Planning** - APP/F1230/W/15/3006611 and WD/D/14/001191 erection of 17 dwellings on land below the Millennium Field. This application has gone to appeal. Cllr Paul Cooper is asking WDDC questions regarding this and District Cllr Tim Yarker asked to be copied in on any correspondence on this issue.
- 10 Finance** -
- Cheques to be signed - Insurance due £ 345.41
Internal audit £ 25.00
Proposed by Cllr S Denning, Seconded by Cllr N Howard
 - Annual Return & Accounts Postponed till next meeting.
Cllr David Verner-Jeffries agreed to become our third signatory.
(clerk to download paperwork from Lloyds website)
- 11 Future Meetings Arranged** - July 2nd (Cllr Jon Desborough gave apologies in advance), Sept 3rd and Nov 5th.
- 12 Any Other Business** - None
- Meeting closed at 9.00pm.