

BRADFORD PEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in the Village Hall on Thursday Mar 3rd, 2016

Present –., D.Cllr T Yarker, Chair Cllr S Denning, Cllrs, N Howard, P. Cooper, T Buck, D Verner-Jeffreys, and P Meaden. Representatives D Ackerman, T. Collins and C Snow. Mr John Hawthorne, our 2 junior reps with 2 other youngsters, and parish clerk J. Adlam.

Democratic Period -

Steve Morgan gave some details of the proposed "Party In The Pev", which is intended to be a cross between a mini-festival and a summer fete. The organisers include Steve & Kate Morgan, Carol Matthews, Fiona Sare, Liz Bade and Jan Wilson. A vote will be taken during the meeting to establish Councillors support for the venture.

1 Apologies C Cllr Jill Haynes, D. Cllr, F Horsington, Cllr J Desborough, Dr A Buck, and T Putnam

2 Minutes of meeting held on Thursday Jan 7th, 2016
Proposed by Cllr. N Howard. Seconded by Cllr D Verner-Jeffreys

3 Matters Arising -

- Youth Representatives Report
(At least) 15 youngsters and several adults have regularly attended every session of this new youth group. Activities tackled so far have been Bellingring, Pancake making, Scalextric, Craft and games night and Cake decorating. Next month (Thursday April 2nd) will be a Drama workshop.
- Possibility of a Defibrillator in the village
The Council would like to record their thanks to Tim Collins for delivering the questionnaires, which, so far, have only yielded 15 direct replies, only 1 of which was negative. There were several offers of donations towards the cost and good support from New Barn. Cllr N Howard will continue to monitor.
- Tree planting to screen the Poundbury skyline.
John Hawthorne who has pursued this matter for quite some time gave more details of the idea of strategic planting to break up rather than screen the ever-emerging Poundbury skyline. Simon Conibere from the Duchy gave the impression that they would probably contribute towards the cost of the trees. John will consult a tree expert, probably through the AONB to establish species and positioning of trees as well as an idea of cost. *(PC to send letter of support to Mr Conibere and in future to support applications for funding, such as the Woodland Trust.)*

4 District Councillors -

D.Cllr Tim Yarker reported that WDDC have in place plans to cover the one million pounds deficit, but they will be raising council tax by the permitted 2.5%. By 2020 they will be totally responsible for their own budget. North Dorset, WDDC and Weymouth & Portland have a contingency plan should the "Unitary" authority does not get the go-ahead. Connected to this "Public First" have put forward a referendum for the public to vote on a Committee form of government. Costing £95,000 it will not change much at all. Any outcome of the exercise would very soon become irrelevant because of plans for the restructuring of the councils (e.g. by becoming a Unitary authority or amalgamating with other districts). The Local Plan will need to be revised by 2021 to avoid the possibility of speculative building.

5 Correspondence -

Had all been circulated or forwarded electronically.
Re "Party in the Pev" as discussed in Democratic period. Councillors unanimously voted in favour of the proposed event.
Donation from the Pancake coffee morning. Thanks to Kips Eaton

6 Representatives Reports -

- Village Hall - Minutes of their last meeting had been received. *Clerk to forward to Councillors.*

- Amenity Fields - Cllr P Cooper reported that the 'free trial' hedge cut had been completed and the company had also cut the church side of it. An estimate for yearly hedge maintenance and grass cutting has been received.

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Jubilee Field boundary wall repair - The clerk had only received one estimate for this work despite contacting 5 builders. Will try and get at least one more. **Clerk to re-forward the estimate as some Councillors did not receive it.**

- Women's Institute - Disbanded.
- Muckleford - Cllr Tess Buck will draft a letter to be approved by the PC with regard to a reduction of the speed limit. She will also contact Police or Highways about the burnt out car in Muckleford Lane. A large pothole appeared after the flooding two months ago and as it had not been repaired, local businessman Mark Whiteley got his own workmen to fill it in. The bridge parapets have been repaired (yet again) and it is now sound until the next time a vehicle damages it.
- DAPTC - Conference at Kingston Maurward today.

7 Officers Reports -

- Village Maintenance - Cllr Howard reported that some potholes in the village have been filled.
- Transport - Tim Collins reported that the new fast train service from Weymouth to Waterloo via Yeovil is being timetabled in for this summer. He put forward the suggestion that a notice in The Chalk Stream magazine might encourage all local Parish Councils to get together with regard to the re-opening of Stratton Halt station.
- Footpaths and R.of W - Dave Ackerman reported that the countryside ranger can provide a 'kissing' gate (for the lower perimeter of the Jubilee Field) for £208
- Publicity - Terry Putnam - not present
- Archaeology - Stuart Ackerman - not present.
- Flood warden - Chris Snow - nothing to report

8 Planning -

WD/D/15/002895 - Giles Cross - Erection of grain store - being considered.

WD/D/16/000140 - Land west of Radio Station cottages. Erect plant and feed store with office and washroom facilities above - being considered.

All councillors have received a letter regarding the new application to build on the land below Millennium Field. Unable to discuss proposition as plans not yet received.

9 Finance -

Receipts - Donation from Pancake Coffee morning	£ 141.85
Deposit for Jubilee Field event	£ 100.00
Payments this month - Chalk Stream donation	£ 50.00
Clerk's half-year salary	£ 1016.64
Clerk's half-year expenses	£ 203.00

Proposed by Cllr T Buck, Seconded by Cllr S Denning

The PC have made a donation to Stratton Youth Club for several years but due to the uncertainty of its future it was decided to make further enquiries with either Youth Services or Stratton PC

- 10 **Any Other Business** - A parishioner had complained to Cllr Desborough about the speed of vehicles through the village when bridge work was being done on the A37 involving traffic lights and long delays. It was suggested that we contact County council to see if anything can be done.

- 11 **Future Meetings Arranged** - *May 5th has been brought forward to the previous Thursday, April 28th, as the hall is required for elections, July 7th, Sept 1st and Nov 3rd.*

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.