

BRADFORD PEVERELL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held in the Village Hall on Thursday April 28th, 2016

Present – C. Cllr Jill Haynes, D. Cllr Tim Yarker, Chairman Cllr S Denning, , Cllrs, N Howard, P. Meaden, J. Desborough and D Verner-Jeffreys. Representatives T. Collins and C. Snow, Junior rep Bobby Verner-Jeffreys, clerk J. Adlam and 2 visitors.

Democratic Period -

Mr Paul Newman, a land and planning consultant gave a brief outline of the possible plans for a development at Home Barn Farm, and answered questions put by councillors and villagers.

A villager pointed out that the recent resurfacing team had not mended any of the broken edges before doing the job, consequently, the troughs from heavy vehicles were even more pronounced than before.

- 1 **Apologies-** D.Cllr Fred Horsington, Cllrs Paul Cooper and Tess Buck, Representatives Andrew Buck and Terry Putnam.

- 2 **Chairman's Report -** Cllr Sylvia Denning gave a comprehensive report of the last year's business, starting with
 - the election of 4 new councillors last May. They, and the 3 re-elected councillors have all been very active in undertaking work on behalf of the Council.
 - There has been a vast increase in email communication largely due to the way in which District and County Council now operate, but there has also been a large amount of discussion between Councillors during the times between meetings.
 - She thanked the councillors and clerk for their dedication and initiative, the District and County councillors for their help and keeping us informed of changes within the structure of local government.
 - The council has considered 11 planning applications, one of which is ongoing.
 - The parish precept has remained the same since 2011 despite rising costs, although over the last year it barely covered our administration, staff salary, training and grass cutting responsibilities. We have spent £2000 more on new gates and fence repairs, which were necessary for safety reasons but this money came from savings made in previous years, donations from village events and a few donations for which we are extremely grateful.
 - The telephone kiosk has become a book exchange which seems to be quite widely used.
 - The play area has been re-barked and the rocking horse repaired, many thanks to the councillors involved.
 - Two youth representatives were appointed in September and they have established an open group (with minimal adult supervision) meeting monthly for varying activities.
 - The suggestion of a Defibrillator in the village is under investigation.
 - Costs of repairing the Jubilee Field wall are being investigated.
 - The stolen Muckleford post box was replaced (in a better position) after an initial refusal by Royal Mail.
 - The possibility of re-opening Stratton Halt continues to be investigated
 - Bradford Peverell website is under review for improvements.
 - Flood Warning signs have been provided and are held for use by the Parish when needed.
 - Terms and conditions for letting the Jubilee Field have been drawn up.
 - Plans to soften the visual impact of the Poundbury skyline with selective tree planting have been approved and are being pursued.
 - The Village Hall committee have organised several events this year and a party is planned for July which will be both a summer fete and music festival.

Proposed by NH, Seconded by DVJ

- 3 **County and District Cllrs Reports -** Cllr Jill Haynes reported on the meeting she had with some chairpersons or representatives where she had discussed in more depth all the changes taking place within Dorset County Council as a result of the reductions in the amounts of funding from central government. £600,000 less in subsidies this year and £1M next year.

- Day Centre buses and school buses are now being used by villagers from outlying places with little or no regular service and there are more ideas in the pipeline.
- Mobile Library vans (there are only 3 in Dorset) are not very well used so they will carry less books but offer a more social environment for people to meet up.
- Youth Services have changed the way they fund clubs etc as this only reaches a small percentage of the target age group. They have sold some of the buildings and are involving more agencies to fill the void.
- Adult Social Care is now run by Tricuro with many changes afoot.
- The DCC system is changing and a single tier authority is the favoured option. Bournemouth and Poole will not join but Christchurch are undecided. Responsibilities will be filtered down through area boards.

Cllr Tim Yarker reported that the merger of the workforce between Weymouth & Portland, West Dorset District and North Dorset was completed smoothly. Service reviews have saved money and improved services.

- The Local Plan was adopted in November.
- Neighbourhood Plans can protect land from speculative development.
- WDDC referendum (next Thursday) on the type of governance they use. This was forced on them by law and is costing £95,000 which they could ill-afford.

4 **Representative's Reports -**

- Village Hall Liz Bade is now our contact and emails the VH minutes to us to keep in touch and keep the PC informed of their activities.
- Amenity Fields Cllr Paul Cooper (not present) has supervised the fields for the past year and has assisted with getting quotes for the replacement of the field gates and strengthening of the posts of the lower fence (along Muckleford Lane). This job has now been completed. The next project is the repair of the wall that forms the rest of the lower boundary to the Jubilee Field.
- Women's Institute No longer running as there was nobody willing to take over as Chairwoman.
- Muckleford Dr Buck feels he is no longer able to fulfil this role and has resigned. Cllr Tess Buck will take over with immediate effect.
- DAPTC Cllr Cooper was not present

5 **Officer's Reports -**

- Village Maintenance Cllr N Howard reported that the Roman road and Tilly Whim had been re-surfaced (see Democratic period) and that this was last done 25 years ago. Also the drain by the bus shelter had to be cleared as it had disappeared under the chippings. The hedge opposite the end of Glebefields needs severe cutting back.
- Transport Rep Tim Collins had attended the meeting held by C.Cllr Jill Haynes and had managed to talk to the Stratton PC member about the reopening of the railway Halt.
- Footpaths and Rights of Way D Ackerman was not present.
- Publicity - T. Putnam Not present.
- Archaeology - S. Ackerman Not present.
- Flood Warden - C. Snow Nothing to report.

- 6 **Open Period** - Poundbury Trees letter to be done.

BRADFORD PEVERELL ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in the Village Hall on Thursday May 14th

- 1 **Apologies** - as previous (Annual Parish Meeting)

- 2 **Appointment of Chairman** – Cllr Sylvia Denning will continue as Chairperson, but reserves the right to step down mid-term if demands on her time increase.
Proposed by Cllr DV-J, Seconded by Cllr JD. Vote carried unanimously.

3 Appointment of Vice Chairman – Cllr Neil Howard agreed to continue as Vice Chairman.

4 Appointment of Councillors and Representatives and Officers –

DAPTC	Cllr Paul Cooper (+ Cllr David Verner-Jeffries)
Amenity Fields	" " " " "
Village Hall	<i>email contact Liz Bade</i>
Village Maintenance	Cllr Neil Howard
Transport	Tim Collins will remain as transport representative
Womens Institute	<i>the branch has folded due to lack of leadership</i>
Publicity	Terry Putnam
Archaeology	Stuart Ackerman (<i>to be checked</i>)
Footpaths	Dave Ackerman
Muckleford	Andrew is retiring but Tess Buck will take over.
River/Flood Warden	Chris Snow
Junior reps.	Bobby reported that the drama workshop had been very successful.

5 Appointment of Internal Auditor – Mark Stevenson (will check for next year)

6 Minutes of meeting held on Thursday Mar 3rd, 2016
Proposed by Cllr Neil Howard, Seconded by Cllr Sylvia Denning

7 Matters Arising -

- a) Jubilee Field Wall Repair - it was agreed to accept the quotation from Gladwish construction
- b) Jubilee Field events - Queen's 90th birthday (street) party June and the fete/festival "Party in the Pev" booked for July.
- c) Defibrillator - NH had rec'd 21 replies to the questionnaire, only 1 person against the idea. He will see if he can find enough people interested to form a driving force.
- d) Possible future cuts in funding discussed. (*try and find out if there is a legal limit on any possible increase*).

8 Correspondence -

Had all been circulated or forwarded electronically.

9 Planning -

WD/D/15/002895	Giles Cross grain store -	No objections
WD/D/16/000340	12 dwellings below Millenium Field	Objections sent 28/3/16
WD/D/16/000635	New garage and rebuild retaining wall	No objections

10 Finance -

- Cheques to be signed - Insurance due (Came & Co) £ 351.42 (5% off for 3 yr deal)
Internal audit £ 25.00
Proposed by Cllr S Denning, Seconded by Cllr N Howard
- Annual Return & Accounts to be signed off
Annual Governance Statement prop by SD sec by PM
Annual Accounting Statement prop by PM sec by NH

11 Future Meetings Arranged - July 7th, Sept 1st and Nov 3rd.

12 Any Other Business - None

Meeting closed at 9.00pm.