

BRADFORD PEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in the Village Hall on Thursday January 5th, 2017

Present – D.Cllr Fred Horsington, D. Cllr Tim Yarker, Chairman Cllr S Denning, Cllrs N Howard, P. Meaden, P. Cooper, J Desborough, D Verner-Jeffreys and T. Buck . Junior Rep Bobby Verner-Jeffreys Representative Terry Putnam, clerk J. Adlam.

Democratic Period - Nothing raised.

1 Apologies- Junior rep Joe Morgan.

2 Minutes of meeting held on Thursday November 3rd, 2016
Proposed by Cllr Sylvia Denning, Seconded by Cllr. T. Buck.

3 Matters Arising

- Possibility of a Defibrillator in the village - report from the sub-committee at next meeting.
- Tree planting in the hedgerow to partly obscure the Poundbury skyline - Cllr J Desborough has recently spoken to our facilitator, John Hawthorne, who assured him that Simon Conibear is actively trying to source suitable trees. It was suggested that we might invite Mr Conibear to attend a meeting to give a brief update. *(JD will draft invitation)*
- Village Benches - It had been suggested that villagers be invited to "Adopt" a bench as most of them were showing varying degrees of deterioration. *(Jackie will get a poster on the notice board)* There was a brief discussion about where the money would come from if they needed replacing. Small expenses for repair materials could come from Parish Council funds.

4 Junior Representatives

Bobby reported that the December Christmas craft evening had been well-attended, and as Joe is taking a back-seat for the time being because of exams, he has recruited Olivia Larcombe and Jacob to assist him. Janet Collins has agreed to do a bell-ringing session in the church.

5 County & District Councillors

D. Cllrs Fred Horsington and Tim Yarker reported that the decision with regard to the choice of Unitary Authority will be made next month. It is being discussed on all levels and there are three main areas for consideration - 1, Financial, 2, Consultation, 3, The case for Change. The result of the public consultation showed 64% had voted for change. It is an opportunity to transform the way things are done. The combining of staff makes a more efficient use of resources, and it improves the ability of the Council to grow the economy in the face of the changing demographic of the County. The whole process has to be ratified by govt.

The Local Plan is up for revision as a consequence of the Inspectors report and sites for possible redevelopment have been identified. There will be further discussions and consultations before any final decisions are made.

In answer to a question from one of the Parish Councillors, D Cllr Yarker confirmed that the Poundbury developers are adhering to the 35% affordable housing rule.

6 Correspondence.

- All received mail has either been circulated or forwarded electronically.

7 Representatives Reports

- Village Hall -
- Amenity Fields - Cllr Cooper.
Inspection booked for January.

Grass cutting contract awarded to Kevin Kirk for the coming year, renewable for up to 3 years, without the need to obtain tenders. The subject of hedge trimming was discussed and Cllr Verner-Jeffreys offered to contact a farming acquaintance about a one-off machine trim to get them manageable.

There is a dispute over the ownership of a tree in the Millennium Field boundary hedge that needs a bit of attention. Luckily it appears to be in good condition with no sign of any disease, just some ivy that needs to be removed.

- Muckleford - Cllr Buck . Nothing to report at present
- DAPTC - Cllr Cooper - Essential Finance Course on January 19th.

8 Officers reports -

- Village Maintenance - Cllr Howard had reported the broken fencing on the South side of the road approaching the railway bridge. This has now been repaired. He is now following up the serious potholes in the passing place near the railway bridge.
- Transport - Tim Collins - not present.
- Footpaths and Rights of Way - D Ackerman - not present
- Publicity - T. Putnam - nothing to report.
- Archaeology - S. Ackerman - not present.
- Flood Warden - C. Snow - not present.

9 Planning -

WD/D/16/000340 12 dwellings below the Millenium Field. The appeal has been refused. It was suggested that a copy of the inspector's refusal be put on the Notice Board.

WD/D/16/002842 Sector 3.62A Crown Hall, Poundbury (online plans)

WD/D/16/002539 Parklands, The Gardens, B.P. Garage Conversion, dormer window and alterations. No objections. *Response done online.*

10 Finance -

- Precept for 2017 - 2018 Clerk checked with legal dept re increases allowed and they confirmed that there was no percentage limit. DAPTC sent through examples of how much other councils were intending to raise their precepts. These ranged from 0 - 50%. Councillors discussed the amount we should consider acceptable, bearing in mind that the precept has not been increased for 5 years. It seems likely that the Parish Council will have to pay out more for services previously paid for by other bodies such as District, County, Highways etc. For example - the village will only get one drain and gully clearance per annum despite the flooding problem if they get blocked. Last year we only just broke even, despite renting out the Jubilee Field for £200 for a wedding reception. There are also additional expenses to cover, such as the benches in item 3.

Payments -	Kevin Kirk	£1800.00	(sent in Dec)
	Village Hall rental	£ 84.00)Cheques signed by NH & PC
	Amenity Fields inspection	£ 54.00)

11 Any Other Business -

Cllr N Howard drew everyone's attention to the NHS Clinical Commissioning Consultation which is proposing some quite radical changes to the service. There is an Exhibition at Dorford Baptist Church on Thursday 12th Jan between 2 - 8pm, or an online questionnaire which must be completed by February 28th.

12 Future Meetings Arranged - Next year's meetings

Mar 2nd, AGM APRIL 27th, July 6th, Sept 7th and Nov 2nd, all booked.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.