

**BRADFORD PEVERELL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Held in the Village Hall on Thursday May 3rd, 2018

**Present –**, , D. Cllr Fred Horsington, Chairman Cllr S Denning, , Cllrs, N Howard, Paul Cooper, J. Desborough and Tess Buck. Representative Terry Putnam, clerk J. Adlam. Village Hall chairman Bob Walton and John Hawthorne.

**Democratic Period** - John Hawthorne raised the issue of speeding traffic along the Roman road between the village and Dorchester. As a pedestrian he has found it extremely hazardous on the narrow bendy lane. The national speed limit of sixty is too fast and some drivers openly disregard it.

(*draft a letter to Dorset Echo*)

- 1      **Apologies-** C. Cllr Jill Haynes, D.Cllr Tim Yarker, Cllrs P. Meaden, D Verner-Jeffreys and Representative C. Snow
- 2      **Chairman's Report** - Cllr Sylvia Denning started the meeting by saying that we have retained a full complement of elected Councillors and continue to be a strong team. Attendance at meetings has been good and the councillors have been in frequent communication between meetings. Councillors do a lot more than attend Parish Council meetings. They read and comment on circulated documents and meet with outside agencies (like the Poundbury administration), attend other meetings (such as the Village Hall committee and Planning), and even cut back brambles, pick up litter and do maintenance jobs. She thanked all of them and the Parish Clerk, for their dedication and initiative.

**Profile** - The profile of the PC has been raised this year and more residents are aware of the responsibilities and financial needs. This has resulted in several donations and enabled the purchase of a new bench. Cllr Buck also donated one and they are both now in the Jubilee Field, for which many thanks to those involved.

**Thanks also to our District and County Councillors** who have been most helpful in attending our meetings and keeping us informed of developments, especially those to do with planning, funding and re-organisation. In March they reported that the new Unitary Authority had been agreed and vesting of it will take place on April 1st, 2019 and elections will follow on May 2nd, 2019.

West Dorset District Council raised Council Tax (£5 for a band D)

**Planning** - The Council have considered a number of planning matters and most recently responded to the District Councils identification of possible sites for housing development to express our hope that the Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty would be protected.

The Parish Council have informed the Planning Dept of the difficulties of using the online consultation system.

**Finance** - The Parish Council increased the precept by 10% this financial year. Our financial situation is likely to become more challenging. The reduction in government funding to County and District Councils is resulting in cuts to services and Parish and Town Councils may be asked to compensate for some of these. It is likely that funding will be further reduced.

**Amenities** - The telephone kiosk book exchange continues to be well used even attracting users from outside the village, however, some people drop off far more books than they borrow! *It is NOT a book dump!* We are very grateful to Sue Cumming (and others) for keeping an eye on it and, on occasions, removing overspill that often goes on sale at village events. Our thanks are due to Sue for initiating and arranging the finance of a New Notice Board for the bus shelter. It is close to completion and will be installed soon.

**Jubilee Field** - The see-saw has been repaired and the inspection highlighted only the possible replacement of the cradle swing seat which is showing some signs of wear. The hedge between the church and the field has been reduced in height and cut on both sides. The cost was shared between the PC and the church.

**Defibrillator** - The committee speedily raised the necessary funds and the machine was installed in September. They already have a healthy balance towards its future replacement when needed. There is some ongoing debate about its visual impact and position. The accounts are open to inspection by contacting the clerk.

**Flood Pump** - Chris Snow, our flood warden, successfully applied to SSE for a grant to purchase the pump, which has been purchased and tested by Chris. He will be discussing the storage of it with the VH chairman shortly, so that it is central to where it might be needed and accessible.

### Traffic and Transport

Traffic through the village - last year we received a report from a resident very concerned about the speeding vehicles travelling along our 'un-footpathed', bendy, narrow village lanes. Various suggestions were made and discussion is ongoing about measures that might be taken to reduce the hazards.

Transport - The possibility of reopening Stratton and Bradford Peverell Halt was further explored. Although there was support from residents, Stratton PC did not support the suggestion and it is now in abeyance. Thanks to Tim Collins for all his efforts, especially in the light of the axing of the 212 bus service in 2017. The 'Ring and Ride' service is having limited success and really needs more people to use it to keep it running.

Tree Planting - Since 2010 the Parish Council has been concerned about the visual impact of the Poundbury development. Some planting has now taken place. Thanks to Cllr Desborough.

### Bradford Peverell Parish Council Website

The new website, designed to ensure compliance with government regulations about transparency, was up and running in July 2017. The designer and webmaster have not, so far, claimed any fees for its set-up, maintenance or hosting.

### Relationship of the PC and the Village Hall -

An inspection of the Conveyance and Trust Deeds revealed that:-

- a) The PC is the custodian trustee, with day-to-day running being the responsibility of the VH Management Committee.
- b) A Parish Council representative should be a member of the VH committee (Cllr Buck was appointed)
- c) The Village Hall committee should present their annual accounts to the Parish Council

Again, my grateful thanks go to my fellow councillors, our appointed representatives, our Parish Clerk and to the County and District councillors.

### 3 County and District Cllrs Reports -

D. Cllr Fred Horsington reported that to conform with the Local Plan, a significant number of new houses will need to be built around Charminster and other sites selected for development.

There will be changes to ward boundaries. The new Unitary Authority will mean the drastic slimming down of councillors from 209 to 83, with each of them covering much bigger areas.

Devolution of Assets meeting (yesterday). Although some services will be transferred to more local area councils, villages will not be obliged to take them on.

### 4 Representative's Reports -

- Village Hall Cllr Tess Buck. The committee is rather depleted at present due to planned resignations but they are hoping for some new recruits. The roof will need replacing at some stage as it is showing signs of ageing and funding investigations are underway.
- Amenity Fields Cllr Paul Cooper. The see-saw has been repaired and the annual inspection completed. The circular table and bench has had minor repairs but is getting 'tired' and will possibly need removing if it deteriorates further. A working party will get together to secure the new benches to conform with Health and Safety (necessary for our Insurance cover).
- Muckleford Cllr Tess Buck reported the appearance of some potholes but in general the hamlet is peaceful with no issues.
- DAPTC Cllr Cooper - The Annual Conference in March was well attended and courses are ongoing. They have agreed to send out to clerks a summary of the GDPR multi-paged document.

### 5 Officer's Reports -

- Village Maintenance Cllr N Howard reported that some potholes and road edges have been repaired. The central reservations of the A37 have been cut and a drain survey has recently been done. Surface water flooding on roads is dealt with by Highways.
- Footpaths and Rights of Way Cllr Verner-Jeffries. Not present.
- Publicity - T. Putnam Nothing to report
- Flood Warden - C. Snow Not present but see Chairman's report.

### 6 Open Period -

**BRADFORD PEVERELL ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

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- 1 Apologies** - as previous (Annual Parish Meeting)
- 2 Appointment of Chairman** – Cllr Sylvia Denning will continue as Chairperson for just one more year. Proposed by Cllr P Cooper, Seconded by Cllr J Desborough. 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
Amenity Fields	Cllr Paul Cooper but only for one more year.
Village Hall	Cllr T Buck
Village Maintenance	Cllr Neil Howard
Publicity	Terry Putnam
Footpaths	Cllr David Verner-Jeffries
Muckleford	Cllt Tess Buck
River/Flood Warden	Chris Snow
- 5 Appointment of Internal Auditor** – Mark Stevenson happy to continue
- 6 Minutes of meeting** held on Thursday Mar 1st, 2018  
Proposed by Cllr P Cooper, Seconded by Cllr J Desborough
- 7 Matters Arising** -
  - a) Access to Pump - covered in Chairman's report
  - b) Village Benches - " " " "
  - c) Defibrillator re-siting - " " " "
  - d) Land outside Church boundary wall (in Church Lane) - Concerns have been raised over the deteriorating condition of the verge due to permanent parking, rather than just for Sunday services and other Church events. Cllr Desborough will try to establish ownership of the land.
- 8 Correspondence** -  
Has all been circulated or forwarded electronically.
- 9 Planning** - WD/D/18/000296 52 dwellings at Charminster )both under WD/D/18/000319 Garage conversion and extension, Waterfield House )discussion
- 10 Finance** -
  - Cheques to be signed -

Ludus Leisure (seesaw parts)	£470.47
Wicksteed inspection	£ 54.00
Marmax (new benches)	£771.60
Elite Playgrounds (seesaw repair)	£132.00
Insurance due (Came & Co)	£ 381.30

Proposed by Cllr S. Denning, Seconded by Cllr P. Cooper
  - Annual Return & Accounts to be signed off  
Annual Governance Statement prop by PC sec by NH  
Annual Accounting Statement prop by PC sec by NH
- 11 Future Meetings Arranged** - July 5th, Sept 6th and Nov 1st.
- 12 Any Other Business** - Nothing raised

Meeting closed at 9.00pm.