

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
BRADWALL PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Wednesday 22nd May 2019 at Bradwall Village Hall**

PRESENT: Cllr. G. Gnyp – Chair BPC Cllr. G. Williams – Vice-Chair BPC
Cllr. R. Smedley - BPC Cllr. S. Beck - BPC
Cllr. M. Acton - BPC Cllr. J. Wray – Cheshire East BC
Mrs F Stops - Clerk

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Mike & Tania Gunning

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr. M. Ollier - BPC

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None

3. TO APPOINT CHAIRMAN

Cllr. Greg Gnyp was proposed by Cllr. Williams, seconded by Cllr. Beck and appointed unanimously.

4. TO APPOINT VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr. Godfrey Williams was proposed by Cllr. Gnyp, seconded by Cllr. Smedley and appointed unanimously.

5. TO ADOPT THE NEW CODE OF CONDUCT 2019

It was resolved to adopt the latest version of Member Code of Conduct as produced by Cheshire East Borough Council. The motion was proposed by Cllr. Gnyp, seconded by Cllr. Williams and agreed unanimously.

6. MEMBERS TO SIGN THE DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The members completed and signed individual Declaration of Acceptance of Office documents and these were witnessed by the Clerk.

7. MEMBERS TO SIGN THE REGISTER OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

The members completed and signed individual Register of Members Interests documents.

8. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 20th March 2019 were approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr. G. Williams and seconded by Cllr. G. Gnyp.

9. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

a) Highways

The Clerk reported that although she had emailed the Senior Highways Officer for this area no response had been received. A resident has also been in touch concerning the poor surface condition on Bradwall Road which has resulted in a number of horses slipping. Wood Lane was reported and has been examined by Cheshire East Highways, it is unclear of what action, if any, will be taken to improve the condition. After discussion Cllr Wray was asked to investigate these matters on our behalf and to request a response from CEH.

b) Community Orchard

Further planting has taken place. The final plants will be sourced and planted later in the year. Cllr. Williams will try and obtain a quantity of mulch/manure from Willis's.

c) Broadband

The Clerk reported that further emails have been received from residents dissatisfied with the broadband speeds available. While this is beyond the control of this council Cllr. Smedley will investigate the possibility of using a WiFi transmitter from a location where superfast fibre is available.

10. FINANCE (Clerk)

- a) The Annual Governance Statement for the year ending 31st March 2019 (Section 1 of Annual Return) was approved and signed by the Chairman.
- b) The Accounting Statement for the year ending 31st March 2019 (Section 2 of Annual Return) was approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.
- c) The balance sheet dated 22nd May 2019 was received. It was agreed to transfer the Community Benefit Fund payment received on 2nd April 2019 from the current account to the Community Benefit Fund account.
- d) It was resolved to increase the Clerk's salary to £9 per hour with effect from 1st April 2019. Note: the Clerk's current contract is for 2 hours per week.
- e) The following payments were approved and cheques signed:
F. Stops (Clerk's salary Oct 2018 to Mar 2019) - £442.00; ChALC Affiliation Fee - £52.92; Zurich Insurance - £257.60; Bradwall Village Hall (Hall hire on 22/05/19) - £25.00 and retrospectively agree payments made to Imperative Training Ltd (Defibrillator) - £1374.00; F. Stops (Trees & Shrubs) - £165.40.

11. PLANNING MATTERS

a) Outstanding Applications.

19/1256C 3 School Farm Court – Planning application to go with listed building consent (18/6425C). Approved on 02/05/19.

b) New Applications.

19/1413D Hollinswood Farm – Discharge of various conditions.

19/1584C Springbank Farm – Removal of condition 15 applying to stable conversion.

19/1764D 3 School Farm Court – Discharge of condition applying to style of window.

There were no objections, comments or observations made on any of these new applications.

12. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FROM COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

The Clerk read out an application received from Mrs F. Barlow, Chairperson of Bradwall Village Hall Management Committee. In summary, the committee request that this council consider making a grant of £2000 to finance the purchase of a new cooker and fridge freezer for the village hall kitchen. After discussion this was agreed unanimously.

13. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (Clerk)

None

14. TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS AND CHESHIRE EAST MEMBER

J) The amount of litter on the verges was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk should request that Streetscape include Wards Lane and Pillar Box Lane in their litter picking schedule. A community litter pick was also discussed with a tentative date of late August proposed. The Clerk will investigate the feasibility and how to obtain the necessary equipment.

15. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 17th July 2019, 8pm

Wednesday 18th September 2019, 8pm

Wednesday 20th November 2019, 8pm

The meeting closed at 10.00pm.

Signed by RFO/Clerk

Chairman