

**MINUTES OF THE
BRADFORD & COOKBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Held on

Wednesday 12th June 2019

Present: Cllrs: Kate Rowlands (chair), Bill Pennington, Tony Kulisa, Mark Smale, Ann Richmond, Andrew Oke.

Also present: Parish Clerk/RFO: Lindsay Dearing, TDCllr. Ken James, TDCllr. Kit Hepple.

- 1) **Receive apologies of absence:** Mike Welch, Nigel Manners, DCllr. Barry Parsons.
- 2) **Declarations of Interest and dispensations.**
 - a) **To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda.**
Cllr. Smale to abstain from voting for 4 (b) : member of village hall committee.
 - b) **To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any).** None.
 - c) **To grant any dispensations as appropriate.** None.
- 3) **Draft minutes of 15th May 2019, having been circulated,**
were approved, and signed by the chair.

*At the discretion of the chair, time was put aside for reports from our
District and County councillors in attendance.*

TDCllr. Kit Hepple as welcomed to the meeting. TDCllr. James reported that TDC would be adopting a new slogan: "Torridge: Working for you" as part of a new inclusive charter. An update on Holsworthy Hospital which is now seeing more out-patients, but this success is holding back any re-introduction of more beds at present. Cllr. Richmond asked if the flood warning display on the Holemoor side of Dipper Mill could be repaired. Cllr. James agreed to investigate further.

4) Other items for discussion:

- a) **Community Benefit Committee 2019 grant recommendations for approval :**
 - i) **£2,500 to the Friends of Bradford School (postponed from April and awaiting a committee recommendation from 14 June 2019 meeting).**

Councillors attending the committee meeting on the 11th June reported that although the committee was still in favour of the grant, the councillors had reservations concerning the funding already being available from other sources and the longer term availability of the equipment to parishioners.

As the council has fiscal control of the fund it was put to a vote:

For: Cllrs: Smale, Oke and Kulisa

Against: Cllrs: Rowlands, Richmond and Pennington

As this was a tie, the chair had the casting vote, and this was made for refusal.

- b) **Village Hall Committee request for a contribution towards £3000 cost for an Air Source Heat Pump at the Village Hall (Cllr. Smale).**

Cllr. Smale asked if the council would be prepared to support, in principal at this stage, a future project to install a Ground Source Heat Pump (GSHP) at the village hall to lower the carbon footprint and running costs of the current oil fired system. He will be endeavouring to raise £35000 for the project, which would include grants and crowd-funding. The council thought this was a good community project and would be able to use funds from the Vaglefield and Dunsland Wind Turbine grants. It was unanimously agreed (Cllr. Smale abstaining) to support the project, in principal, with an initial sum of £3000 from the Vaglefield fund, to be ring-fenced for if and when the project goes ahead.

- c) **Grant request FOBS.** A request for a grant towards educational trips was agreed with £600 proposed by Cllr. Richmond; seconded by Cllr. Oke. Vote: Unanimous.

TDCllr. Hepple left the meeting at 8.00pm

5) PLANNING

- a) **Any applications received, granted, refused or appealed.** None.

6) FINANCE

- a) **Clerk expenses reimbursement for May/June** of £8.75 was agreed for payment by transfer and signed by the chair.
- b) **Confirmation of earlier transfer payment in May for ink cartridges for** £39.88 was signed by the chair
- c) **Confirmation of payment for hall hire Jan to May 2019** for £58.05 was signed by the chair.
- d) **Audit 2018/19: Notice of Public Rights commencement 17 June 2019**
The public notice will be displayed on the Hall noticeboard and council web-site from the 14th June.

7) CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **Any correspondence received since agenda produced.**

Thank you letters from The Samaritans and CAB for grants received.

The chair circulated a draft proposal poster from the CB Committee, offering travel bursaries for over 16's from the parish to attend higher education colleges in the region. This was well received and councillors supported further development of this proposal.

Date of next meeting: 10 July 2019

Close of meeting: 8.34pm