

MINUTES
of the
BRADFORD & COOKBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on
Wednesday 27th September 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs: Mark Smale (Chairman), Ann Richmond, David Higgins, Karen Osborne, Elizabeth Chandler, Nick Langley, Terri Higgins, Donna Bowman, Rebekah Allan, Andrew Oke.

Also present: Parish Clerk/RFO: Lindsay Dearing, Sandra Holland one member of the public.

AGENDA

- 1) a) **Receive apologies of absence:** TDCllr. Ken James
- 2) **Declarations of Interest and dispensations.**
 - a) **To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda.**
None.
 - b) **To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any).** None.
 - c) **To grant any dispensations as appropriate.** None.
 - d) **Current councillor vacancies:** 2 vacancies in Cookbury.
- 3) **Draft minutes of 12 July 2023, having been circulated, were agreed to be a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.**
- 4) **Other items for discussion:**
 - a) **EV Charging points at Village Hall: Supply contract update.**
The units are almost ready for use and are awaiting a sim card connection.
 - b) **Grant/Donation request from the CAB.**
After discussion it was agreed to donate £300.
 - c) **Forestry England: local woodland tree thinning.**
It was agreed to contact FE to arrange a local meeting with councillors.
 - d) **Councillor Training courses: feedback from recent attendees.**
Councillors Bowman and Allen reported that the training was interesting, useful and worthwhile. Further training courses on offer from the DALC will be considered in the future.
 - e) **Vaglefield Wind Turbine: annual payment status.**
Payment is expected by the end of September.
- 5) **FINANCE**
 - a) **Half-year accounts for review and approval.**
The accounts were reviewed and agreed as a true and accurate record.
Proposed: Cllr. Osborne; Seconded: Cllr. Richmond. Vote : Unanimous
 - b) **Confirmation of any BACS payments since last meeting.**
Payment authorities for earlier payments were signed by the Chairman.

6) PLANNING

- a) 1/0869/2023/FUL Erection of residential log cabin,shed and creation of new access Land At Grid Reference 240281 106473, Cookbury.

Not Supported. Development of Green Field site is outside of current planning.

7) CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Any correspondence received since agenda produced.

During the meeting a discussion on the state of the parish noticeboards was held and came to the conclusion that they should be retained and new weather proof items sourced as replacements. *Clerk to action.*

8) Retirement of current clerk, Mr Lindsay Dearing, and introduction of new clerk Sandra Holland.

Upon the retirement of Lindsay Dearing after 17 years as clerk, the incoming clerk, Sandra Holland was formally introduced to the council.

9) AOB: Dog Bin for Cookbury

following discussion reference placement, clerk to contact Torridge to request possible new dog bin for centre of Cookbury.

Date of next meeting: 15 November 2023

Close of meeting: 8.51pm

Signed Date