

BRADFORD & COOKBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

Bradford & Cookbury Parish Council held in the Village Hall
on WEDNESDAY 10th July 2024 at 7.30 pm

- 1) Welcome Cllr. Smale (Chair) welcomed the attendees: Cllrs' Langley, Richmond, Allen, T. Higgins, D. Higgins, Whys, Dawson and Bowman,
apologies of absence: received from Cllrs' Oke & Osborne. Absent: Cllr' Chandler.
- 2) Declarations of Interest and dispensations:
 - a) Declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda – Cllr Bowman declared an interest in additional planning application received today. (see 6.c)
 - b) To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any) – none.
 - c) To grant any dispensations as appropriate – none..
- 3) The draft minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 10th May 2024 (circulated to members), Proposed as correct record by Cllr Richmond, seconded by Cllr D. Higgins were approved & signed.
- 4) Finance
 - a) Confirmation of earlier payments by BACS including:
 - i) travel grant to Bradford School from CBF.
 - ii) commemorative soldiers from CBF.
 - iii) art grant to Bradford School
 - iv) *Greenfingers grant* – C/acc -awaiting information prior to payment.
 - v) Village Hall re newsletter
 - vi) SW Ambulance Trust
 - vii) Wonnacott & Prouse, presented an increased invoice of £516.70 before VAT, due to increased material costs. Cllr Richmond proposed increase in grant payment, Cllr T. Higgins seconded and all approved.
The Parish Council will be reclaiming VAT of £103.34 on this invoice.
 - b) Shebbear Flood Watch Invoice - £77.50 (50% costs as agreed with Shebbear PC)
 - d) D-day invoices
 - i) singer £200.00 approved for payment
 - ii) flowers for hall
 - iii) others presented: £37.37 for scones, jam & cream
 - iv) hall costs
 - e) D-day Income – donation to be made to SSAFA
the clerk received : £53.00 from Cream teas
£20.00 donation
£39.50 from Peace service
the clerk will contact Cllr Osborne to ask what monies she may be holding so that donation can be made in full to SSAFA
 - f) Agree accounts to date – figures presented & agreed by all.
 - g) Formalise internal audits – Cllr Richmond agreed to perform internal audits which will be 3 times per year.

5) Items for discussion:

- a) Update on Flood markers** – Cllrs Richmond & Smale explained the difficulty of finding someone that Devon CC will approve to dig the holes, Search & liaison with Devon CC is ongoing.
- b) Update on Notice boards**, Cllr Smale confirmed receipt of these which are being stored at his premises, prior to installation. They look very smart. The Clerk is holding the magnets which arrived separately. Installation to commence asap.
- c) Grant Requests:**
 - i) £2190 .00 to repair the paving slabs and build a chippings base to place the picnic tables on for Village Hall**, which will pay 10per cent of costs. Proposed by Cllr D. Higgins, seconded by Cllr. Allen, approved by all.

d) Councillors Reports:

- i) Ruby Country Medical** – Cllrs were unable to attend due to illness.
- ii) D-Day Commemoration - Sat 1st June** – postponed to next meeting due to absence of lead councillor at this meeting.
- iii) D-Day Commemoration - Thur 6th June** – Cllr Smale made favourable comment upon the format & content of the evening at the Village Hall which included a WWII themed bring & share supper, interesting information displays and an informal Service of Peace with emotive readings, led by the local church members.
A highlight was to see the the sun setting behind one of the commemorative soldiers on display as the official tribute was read by Cllr Smale and Robert Smale. The events were timed to co-incide with national and international commemorations and were preceded by the ringing of the church bells at both Cookbury & Bradford.
- iv) D-day Income** – donation to SSAFA to be made– see 4.e.

6) Planning Notices & Updates:

- a) 1/0464/2024/FUL Bickford Lodge** – PP granted 3/7/24
- b) 1/0148/2024/OUT Cookbury** local needs residence – meeting at Bideford Town Hall 9.30am on 11 July 2024. Cllr Smale to attend & speak in favour.
- c) Holme Farm, kitchen extension.** Cllr Bowman left the room, whilst voting took place. All other Cllrs supported the application proposed by Cllr Langley, seconded by Cllr T. Higgins. (Cllr Bowman returned.)

7) Correspondence

- a) Dipper Mill** – river – 2 x meetings have taken place to assess change to river path. Plans being drawn up.
- b) DALC** - highlighting dangers of batteries on e-bikes & e-scooters
- c) E-mailed thanks received from Bradford School in respect of grants** made for arts materials & travel grant for Normandy visit. Children are currently writing their own thank-you letters.

8) Close of meeting: 8.15pm

Date of next meeting: Wednesday September 11th, 7.30pm in the Village Hall