

BRADFORD & COOKBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

Bradford & Cookbury Parish Council held in the Village Hall
on WEDNESDAY 14th November 2024 at 7.00 pm

- 1) **Welcome - Cllr. Smale (Chair) welcomed the attendees:** Cllrs' Richmond, Allen, T. Higgins, D. Higgins, Why, Dawson and Bowman.
apologies of absence: received from Cllrs' Langley, Oke & Chandler.
Cllr Chandler has indicated that she will submit formal resignation. Clerk to prepare formal notices regarding vacancy and inform Torridge DC.
- 2) **Declarations of Interest and dispensations:**
 - a) **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.
- 3) **The draft minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 11th September 2024** (circulated to members), were approved by all & signed.
- 4) **Finance**
 - a) **Budget & Precept Proposals:** Budget discussed and accepted by all with intention to request 5% increase to precept – proposed Cllr Richmond, seconded Cllr D. Higgins.
 - b) **Vaglefield Wind Turbine** – monies received in October - £1250.00.
 - c) **Accounts & bank statements to date** reviewed & accepted by all.
 - d) **Confirmation of earlier payments by BACS including:**
 - i) **Greenfingers Gardening Club** – grant £150.00
 - ii) **SSAFA** – donation from D-Day income - £235.55
 - iii) **Nifty Enterprises** - Web Hosting - £144.00
- 5) **Items for discussion:**
 - a) **Update on Flood markers** – Cllr Smale will this month attend Chapter 8 training via DCC, which should enable him to progress installation of flood markers. Assistance from Cllr D. Higgins accepted.
 - b) **Update on Notice boards,** Installation now nearly complete and comments as to how smart they look have been received. We await the thumb turn locks ordered, as key locks had been affixed by mistake. A householder at Upcott, has requested that their board be attached to his barn wall – a much better position for the residents.
 - c) **Grant Requests:**
 - i) **Village Hall CBF** grant of £3,330.00 towards new induction cooker and fencing around the oil tank (V. Hall contributing 10% of costs), proposed by Cllr D. Higgins, seconded by Cllr Richmond, and approved by all.
 - ii) **Citizens Advice Bureau** - £300.00 donation – proposed Cllr Bowman, seconded Cllr N. Higgins, agreed by all.
 - iii) **South-West Heritage Trust** - £150.00 donation – proposed Cllr T. Higgins seconded Cllr N. Whys - agreed by all.

d) Councillors Reports:

- i) **Ruby Country Medical** – designated Cllrs were unable to attend last meeting. Cllrs T. Higgins & O. Dawson agreed to be reserves for next meeting – Clerk will distribute notice of next meeting to all councillors.
- ii) **EV Chargers** – Invoice received with details of new operating rules for EV chargers including 24-hour support (£45.00 pa), and site mapping, promotion & booking (£30.00). It was agreed by all to pay costs in respect of one charger via Vaglefield fund. As usage increases, the Village Hall should then be able to take over total running & costs.
- iii) **Metal Soldier** – has now been securely planted by war memorial outside Cookbury Church. The soldier at Bradford is currently on display inside the church as part of the Remembrance display.
- iv) **Road Salt Bins** – DCC will be alerted to any bins that require a top-up.
- v) **Upcott resident** has stated how pleased he is with work done by PC to help alleviate the flooding he was experiencing to his property.
- vi) **Support for outstanding sports and arts students** – how PC could support under-21s, struggling financially was discussed. It was agreed by all that any application to the PC would be assessed upon individual merits

6) Planning Notices & Updates:

- a) **Broadgate, Cookbury 1/0643/2024/REM** – passed by TDC.

7) Correspondence

- a) **DALC** – training now generally available via Zoom/on-line rather than in person. Clerk to organise training for Cllrs Whys & Dawson via Zoom. Costs to PC & inconvenience to trainees lower by this method.
- b) **Letters e-mails of thanks** – Received from SSAFA following receipt of donation. Clerk explained that the PC does requires these following any grant/donation made as part of the official paper trail.

8) Close of meeting: 8.20pm

Date of next meeting: Wednesday January 15th, 7.00pm in the Village Hall