

BRADFORD & COOKBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

Bradford & Cookbury Parish Council held in the Village Hall
on WEDNESDAY 12th March 2025 at 7.30 pm

- 1) a) **Cllr. Smale (Chair) welcomed the attendees:** Cllrs' Richmond, T. Higgins, Langley, Osborne, Whys, Dawson and Bowman. S. Holland (Clerk/RFO) and one member of the public.
Apologies of absence: received from Cllrs' Allen, D. Higgins & Oke.
b) **Co-option** of 7th Councillor to Bradford ward – a member of public attended meeting with a view to undertaking role – no decision made at this point.
c) **Notification of interests forms** – had been received from TDC & distributed to councillors. Those present gave completed form to Clerk for return.
- 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
- 3) **The draft minutes of the meeting of the Council** held on the 15th January 2025 (circulated to members), agreed and signed as a correct record.
- 4) **Items for Discussion:**
 - a) Update on Flood Markers – no further information at this point.
 - b) Update on Noticeboards – clerk reported that 2 locks had failed, and that warranty replacements have been requested from the supplier. Clerk asks to be informed of any problems that may arise.
 - c) Grant Requests:
 - i. Bradford School FOBS: Trip to Bath & London, now 2 x yr 6 pupil at £300.00 each, in lieu of Normandy Trip this year – approved by all for CBF educational visit payment.
 - ii) Bradford School FOBS: Hire of Village Hall for sports & events - rejected as does not meet guidelines for grant support.
 - d) Councillors Reports including:
 - i) Ruby Country Medical – Cllr Allen provided written report, detailing changes to blood tests. If requested by a Hospital, from 1st April 2025, the patient will need to attend the hospital for these to be taken. If requested by the local surgery, the patient will attend the surgery. This does not affect patients in Cornwall.(see attached report.) Clerk to ask for information to included in next newsletter & for feedback of any problems experienced with local GP practices.
 - e) EV Chargers – update – it appears that user error has resulted in some users being unable to charge their cars at the Village Hall - only 3 minutes is allowed between initial login & commencement of charging. The government has issued new guidelines including 24-hour telephone support and a QR sticker has been added to the one machine that the PC will continue to support financially. It was agreed by all that the additional charge for this support will come from the Vaglefield fund, and we await the invoice to pay against, expected to be up to £130.00.

- f) Cookbury land Registry – update – The PC successfully registered the Green at Cookbury as an Asset of Community Value with Torridge DC until 19th February 2030.
- g) Website matters including accessibility & domain name “provider” - Invoice now received from A.K. Robinson, for payment of 8.99 to continue with domain name registration. This is the new trading name for Nifty Enterprises, but clerk had to chase to find this out! Agreed by all that clerk could look at other providers or pay invoice as thought best. Accessibility rules will mean that our website may need upgrading and clerk will look into this.

5) Finance

- a) Accounts to date agreed by all.
- b) Invoices to be Paid:
 - 1) A.K. Robinson domain name 8.99 subject to item 4.g.
 - 2) DALC training: 36.00
- c) Confirmation of earlier payments by BACS/transfers:
 - i. CBF Travel Fund: Grant for D. Lucas, agreed by all.
- d) The management company for the Dunsland Cross Wind Farm, will be invoiced for the year 25-26.

6) Planning Notices & Updates:

- a) Update 1/1032/2024/FUL Mrs N Whys Retrospective application for erection of a greenhouse - Robin Hill Cookbury Holsworthy Devon EX22 7YG passed.
- b) Update: 1/1047/2024/FUL Stadson Grange, Brandis Corner, retrospective change of use units 1&2, from agricultural to B2, B8.- passed.
- c) New – Mare & Foal Sanctuary, Upcott Park, 1/0103/2025/FUL for installation of “tracks” which includes post & rail fencing – Supported by all.

7) Correspondence

- a) DALC – training available via Zoom or E-learning for councillors. Cllr Bowman expressed interest in any Planning courses.
- b) e-mails from G. Pitt re grant procedures outlined & Clerk to respond.

8) AOB

a) Dog Bins – Cllr Whys had been asked by a Cookbury resident to pursue potential installation of dog bin in centre of Cookbury. This had been previously investigated by Cookbury Councillors when residents who would have been adjacent to any new bin had expressed their objections. TDC had also said that at the time they did not have the funding to empty any further bins. Cllr Whys stated that the cost to the PC would be £300.00 to include purchase & maintenance. Resolved that Cllr Whys should again canvas local residents & locate suitable agreeable position. Any installation would need to meet the DCC placement rules.

b) Dog Bin – Priestacott. Cllr Osborne reported that she had been asked by a resident if the stolen dog bin from Priestacott could be replaced? Cllr Osborne will canvas Priestacott residents to ascertain if this is generally desired.

c) VE Day – Monday 5th May 2025 – Ruby Girls will host a community event at the Village Hall for all, supplying tea, coffee & squash, with bring & share food. School will be invited to decorate hall. Ruby Girls would like the PC to undertake & pay the Hall costs for 3 hours for event. Agreed by all.

d) Sale of Bickford Arms, Brandis Corner. Cllrs expressed concerns over the rumours surrounding the future of the public house, and with the lack of amenities in the area should it become an HMO for immigrants.

9) Close of Meeting: 21.40pm

Date of next meeting: 9th April - End of Year Finance,
14th May – AGM & PC meeting
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.