

BRADFORD & COOKBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

Bradford & Cookbury Parish Council held in the Village Hall **on WEDNESDAY 9th July 2025 at 7.30 pm**

- 1) **Welcome by Chair** Cllr A. Richmond; in attendance, Cllrs A. Oke, N.Langley. D. Bowman, R.Allen, T. Higgins, D.Higgins, S. Holland clerk/RFO, and 7 members of public
apologies of absence: Cllrs N Whys, O. Dawson, M.Smale, & P.Austen.
Absent: Cllr K. Osborne.

2) **Public Open Session:**

- a) Concerns with road safety at Brandis Corner and vehicles crashing into Old Post Office at Brandis Corner were raised. BBC Spotlight have indicated that they will attend to highlight the problem and Cllrs were invited to attend on Friday 11th July, time TBC, but around 3.00pm. A Whatsapp group has been created to highlight ongoing concerns: Brandis Corner@outlook.com.
- b) A presentation was given to support the grant application for daffodils at Cookbury Green See 5a.1.

Visitors were thanked for attending and then they left the meeting.

3) **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.

4) **To resolve that the draft minutes of the meetings of the Council** held on the 14th May 2025 including AGM, (circulated to members) signed as a correct record.

Any Matters Arising – not dealt with elsewhere:

Clerk has informed Highways re worn road markings at Brandis Corner.

Clerk showed possible signs available re picking up after dog.

5) **Items for discussion:**

a) **Grant Requests:**

- 1) Daffodils for Cookbury Green, Cllrs agreed that whilst this had some merit, they could not support this application as it stands, and expressed particular concerns with the costs involved.
- 2) Village Hall to apply for grant to purchase kitchen extractor: Cllrs agreed to support this which will shortly be presented to the CBF committee on 6 August at 7pm.
- 3) The Churches at Bradford & Cookbury are to hold a flower festival in September, and residents of all ages are invited to contribute exhibits in various form. Agreed by all to support purchase of up to £100.00 for florists sundries which will then be available for use in the community generally following the festival. Further details will be in Newsletter and on notice boards.
- b) Review of Standing orders: these had previously been circulated to the Cllrs, and it was agreed that no updates were required at this time.
- c) Update on Councillors Interests Forms – most of these have now been returned and can be processed. Clerk will contact new councillor who will also need to complete.

6) **Finance:**

- a) Update on Audit – this was sent off and an e-mail received to ask that a maximum of 30 days only to be allotted to consultation period. Clerk has amended accordingly.
- b) Review Finances to Date – these were presented and agreed by all.
- c) Confirmation of any earlier payments by BACS
 - 1. Village Hall: Parish Newsletter 25-26: £200.00
- d) Return of grant made – travel fund - £300.00 – FOBS have returned this amount as one child was unable to take part in year 6 trip.

6. Planning Notices & Updates:

- 1) 1/0452/2025/REM – reserved Matters Lone Oak:
in view of support given to original application, this was supported.
- 2) Update on siting of caravan 1/103/2025/FUL – this was refused by planners.
- 3) Changes to garages at Holemoor – clerk had been asked to inform planners of work being carried out, due to concerns expressed re building regulations. No update as yet.

7) Correspondence

- a) DALC – training available via Zoom or E-learning for councillors – ongoing.
- b) E-mails from Old Post Office re concerns with traffic and accidents at Brandis Corner. See 8e.
- c) e-mail received to state that due to ongoing works by resident, the Helicopter landing site at Holemoor is currently listed as a “dark site”, however helicopters should still be able to land in the interim. Clerk will contact resident to pursue.

8) Councillors Reports/Concerns:

- a) Reports of a petting zoo to be created opposite the Village Hall in the field which has been newly re-fenced and gated, however no planning proposal has been seen. Matter to be referred to planning enforcement.
- b) It appears that the Bickford Arms is again on the market. Licensing to be asked who now holds the licence for this Inn.
- c) The flags and trees at the Bickford Arms are interfering with sightlines for vehicles exiting onto the main Hatherleigh to Holsworthy Road. Refer to Highways.
- d) Cllr Smale requested a tin of paint be purchased to re-paint the old phone boxes. Cllr Allen will look into this. May also require some gold to touch up the crowns. Agreed by all.
- e) Following further discussion upon the traffic problems locally, Cllrs Allen, Langley & Bowman will attend the BBC Spotlight visit at Brandis Corner.

9) Close of meeting: 8.40pm

Date of next meeting: 10th September 2025