

**MINUTES OF THE
BRADFORD & COOKBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Held on

Wednesday 14th November 2018

At 7.30 pm in Bradford & Cookbury Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs: Bill Pennington (Chairman), Kate Rowlands, Mike Welch, Tony Kulisa, Ann Richmond, John Rennie.

Also present: Parish Clerk/RFO: Lindsay Dearing, TDCllr. Philip Hackett, DCCllr. Barry Parsons.

- 1) Receive apologies of absence:** Mark Smale, Nigel Manners, Andrew Oke.
- 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) Draft minutes of 10th October 2018, having been circulated,**
were approved and signed.

*At the chairman's discretion, time was put aside for reports from our
District and County councillors, both in attendance.*

DCCllr. Parsons reported that Skanska, after 18 months, was improving the quality of its road repairs. Austerity was still in force in Devon with a third of childrens services now being outsourced to the private sector. Holsworthy Hospital was now open, but still no overnight beds. The recent survey is now being analysed.

Cllr. Parsons left the meeting at 7.20pm

TDCllr. Hackett reported that the North Devon and Torridge District Plan was now adopted and will have 'weight', with defined planning boundaries and a 5 year supply of housing land. Developers will no longer be driving the planning system.

*To enable Cllr. Hackett to participate in the planning discussions,
item 5 was brought forward.*

5) PLANNING

- a) 1/0962/2018/FUL JDM Garage. Retrospective change of use from agricultural buildings to (B2 and B8) business and car workshops, and associated access works (Affecting a Public Right of Way) - JDM Garage Parts Limited Brandis Corner Devon EX22 7YB**
Not supported, by majority vote. Similar applications have been refused by TDC despite PC support.
- b) 1/1129/2018/FUL Conversion of barn to dwelling (Affecting a public right of way) Stadson Farm, Brandis Corner, Holsworthy.**
No observations: Supported
- c) Any other applications received, granted, refused or appealed.** None.
Cllr. Hackett left the meeting at 7.55pm

4) Other items for discussion:

- a) Precept and draft budget for financial year 2019/20**
The clerk presented a neutral budget proposal, which will not require an increase in precept. The current precept of £5050 will also be requested in 2019/20.
Proposed: Cllr. Welch. seconded Cllr. Rennie. Vote: Unanimous.

b) WW1 memorial plaques:completion of project

Cllr. Richmond reported that the Cookbury plaque was dedicated on the 7th November and the Bradford plaque on the 11th November. Photographs were taken and will be provided for the web site. A discounted bill for £359.59 from A W Bryant for the engraving was passed to the clerk, as were bills totalling £40.57 for the Cookbury installation cost. The Bradford installation costs have not yet been provided. These bills were authorised for payment, with £300 covered by the TDC grant received earlier in the year. The Chairman thanked Cllr. & Mr Richmond for their work, Mr George Worth for the stone, A W Bryant and all the other contributors to the project.

c) Grant request from Bradford School: further information was provided and it was agreed to grant £200 towards extending the Care Farm project.

d) Completion works required at night landing site entrance and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The entrance to the landing site requires a new gate post. Cllrs. Pennington and Welch will investigate and undertake repairs. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was now in place between the PC, the landowner and DAAT for the operation of the landing light.

6) FINANCE

- a) Clerks October/November reimbursement** of £49.69 was agreed for payment by transfer.
- b) VAT refund from HMRC** of £207.83 was confirmed by the clerk.
- c) Account balances and forecast** (covered in 4a) was provided to the meeting.
- d) Payment of ICO fee by standing order** for £35 was agreed and signed.

7) CORRESPONDENCE

Any correspondence received since agenda produced. None.

Cllr. Pennington reported that he had represented the parish council at the recent funeral of Mr George Griffiths, who had formerly served as a parish councillor.

Date of next meeting: 9th January 2019 at 7.00pm

Close of meeting: 8.25 pm