

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

Held on

**Wednesday 9th October 2019
from 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs: Kate Rowlands (chair), Bill Pennington, Tony Kulisa, Mark Smale,
Mike Welch, Andrew Oke.

Also present: Parish Clerk/RFO: Lindsay Dearing, DCCllr. Barry Parsons (from 8.25pm).

AGENDA

- 1) **Receive apologies of absence:** Ann Richmond, Nigel Manners,
TDCllr. Ken James, TDCllr. Kit Hepple.
- 2) **Declarations of Interest and dispensations.**

Cllr. Smale to abstain from voting on item 4 (c).

 - a) **To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda.**
 - 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 11th September 2019, having been circulated, to approve and sign.**
- 4) **Other items for discussion:**
 - a) **HATOC meeting 8/10/19: verbal report from Cllr. Pennington**

Cllrs. Pennington and Manners attended the HATOC meeting and requested an urgent review on the safety aspects of the Brandis Corner road junction with the A3072. The chairman of the meeting, DCCllr. Eastman, expressed concern at the lack of action over the last 10 years despite representations from this parish council. Highways officers were asked to prepare a report which will be discussed at the March 2020 HATOC meeting, or earlier. The chair thanked Cllr. Pennington for his report.
 - b) **CB Fund Committee payment requests for consideration**

3 recommendations for busaries totalling £1309 from the CBF Committee to parishioner students for their educational travel costs were approved by the council for payment by transfer. *Clerk to action.*
 - c) **Request for £1500 grant from Vaglefield CB funds for playgroup room refurbishment at village hall (Cllr. Smale).** A desired change to the former playgroup rooms into a Community room and library for the benefit of the local community was disclosed by Cllr. Smale (who is on the Hall Committee). A grant of £1500 was requested from the Vaglefield CB fund.
Proposed: Cllr. Welch; Seconded Cllr. Kulisa.
Vote: Unanimously approved (Cllr. Smale abstaining). Clerk to action.
 - d) **Roadside verges at Bryan workshops.** The apparent removal of the roadside fence and encroachment on the roadside verge, in contradiction of recent planning conditions, will be referred to TDCllr. James and planning enforcement at TDC.
 - e) **Blackgates: broken road sign update.** Devon Highways have stated that this will be repaired by the end of October.
 - f) **Cookbury Green: Community asset status renewed with TDC** for a further 5 years, reference ACV 020.
- 5) **PLANNING**
 - a) **Any applications received, granted, refused or appealed.** None.

6) FINANCE

- a) Clerks reimbursement for Sept/Oct for £4.32** was approved for payment by transfer.
- b) Confirmation of earlier payment of £10 for landing light electricity** was signed by the chair.
- c) Half year accounts: April to September 2019**
These were reviewed and approved by councillors.
Proposed: Cllr. Smale; Seconded: Cllr. Oke. Vote: Unanimously approved.

7) CORRESPONDENCE

a) Any correspondence received since agenda produced

A letter of thanks from FOBS for the recent grant was read to the meeting.

DCCllr. Barry Parsons arrived at 8.25pm and was invited to speak to the meeting. He thanked the councillors who attended the HATOC meeting in Holsworthy and reported on current road repair statistics, mental health and the state of housing stock/fuel poverty in North Devon and Torridge.

Date of next meeting: 13th November at 7.00pm

Close of meeting: 8.35pm