

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

Held on

**Wednesday 13th January 2021
from 7.30pm**

**Remote meetings are now authorised under The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels
(Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales)
Regulations 2020.*

Present:

by Video: Cllrs: Kate Rowlands (chair), Mark Smale, Ann Richmond,
Nigel Manners, Andrew Oke.

Also present by Video: Parish Clerk/RFO: Lindsay Dearing.

AGENDA

- 1) Receive apologies of absence:** Bill Pennington, Nick Langley, Tony Kulisa and DCCllr. Barry Parsons.
- 2) Declarations of Interest and dispensations.**
 - a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda.**
Cllr. Richmond to abstain from 4 (f) as she is a member of the PCC.
 - 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 22nd September 2020 was resolved as a correct record and was signed by the chair.**
- 4) Items for discussion:**
 - a) Precept requirement and Budget for 2021/22**
After reviewing several budget proposals from the clerk, it was unanimously agreed to retain the precept at the 2020/21 level of £5225 for 2021/22.
There will be no increase in real terms year on year.
 - b) Third quarter accounts review.**
That the third quarter accounts be accepted as a true and accurate record:
Proposed: Cllr. Richmond; Seconded; Cllr. Oke. Vote: Unanimous.
 - c) Comments on planning applications by Parish Councils**
Following comments made by neighbouring PC's, Councillors were in agreement that the current system is not fit for purpose. PC's comments are frequently discounted or ignored.
 - d) Confirmation of FOBS grant 2020** was signed by the chair.
 - e) Parish "Pop-Up" fridge update and DCC Grant award supporting it.**
The clerk confirmed that a grant of £400 from Devon CC will enable the fridge to continue to operate until April 2021. Cllr. Manners is continuing to clean and monitor the fridge and bank the income.
 - f) PCC grant request 2020/21**
This request for churchyard maintenance at the two churches was considered and agreed for £300 plus £50 towards the electricity costs for the fridge at Bradford.
Proposed: Cllr. Smale; Seconded: Cllr. Oke. Vote: Unanimous (Cllr. Richmond abstaining). The chair signed a transfer payment confirmation.

5) FINANCE

Confirmation of earlier payments to:

- a) Underdown Dairy September invoice**
- b) Underdown Dairy October invoice**
- c) Underdown Dairy November invoice**
- d) Village Hall hires 2020**
- e) PC Laptop replacement battery**
- f) Heater Cover (from 2019 Cookbury CT grant)**
- g) 2020 Donation to CAB**
- h) FOBS Grant 2020**

All the above were confirmed by the meeting, and signed by the chair.

6) CORRESPONDENCE

a) Any correspondence received since agenda produced.

DCCllr. Barry Parsons has informed the council that he will be stepping down at the next election. Councillors expressed their thanks for his sterling service over the years and will write to him nearer his departure from office. The clerk reported that the defibrillator pads will need replacing for the two units. As they also come with new batteries a total cost of £250 can be expected. It was agreed that replacements can be ordered and be funded out of the Vaglefield Community Benefit.

Date of next meeting: TBA

Close of meeting: 8.14pm