

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

Held on

Wednesday 8th December 2021

at 10.00 am

Present: Cllrs: Kate Rowlands, Mark Smale,
Nick Langley, Ann Richmond.

Also present: Parish Clerk/RFO: Lindsay Dearing, Elizabeth Chandler.

AGENDA

- 1) a) **Receive nominations for election of meeting Chair.**
Cllr. Richmond agreed to chair the meeting.
b) **Receive apologies of absence:** Andrew Oke.
- 2) **Declarations of Interest, dispensations and vacancies**
 - 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.
 - d) **Current councillor vacancies:** 4 in Bradford and 3 in Cookbury.
- 3) **It was resolved that the draft minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 27 October 2021 (circulated to members) be accepted as a true record and were signed by the chairwoman.**
- 4) **Items for discussion:**
 - a) **Precept requirement and budget for 2022/23**
After reviewing the budget proposal it was unanimously decided to maintain the current precept of £5225 for 2022/23, with no increase (0%).
 - b) **CBF Committee grant request for B&C Travel Group for approval and payment.** A grant request of £680 was confirmed for payment by transfer.
 - c) **Legal replies from DALC concerning guardianship of Whiteleigh Meadow.**
Following legal advice which stated that the parish councils have no actual powers in cattle trespass from the common, it was decided that the PC will take no further role regarding Whiteleigh Meadow and will let Natural England take any action regarding alleged damage to the SSSI.
 - d) **Request from Shebbear PC for financial donation towards Dipper Mill flood sensor annual running costs.** In the absence of a detailed expenditure breakdown, no decision will be made as yet. Shebbear will be asked to provide further information, particularly concerning the removal of the two indicator boards.
 - e) **Cookbury defibrillator use and discussion on further units for the parish.**
Following the recent use of one of the units, a discussion took place as to providing two more; Bradford Church gate and outside the Bickford Arms. Councillors will discuss these potential sites with the owners and report back.
 - f) **Possible locations for more dog waste bins.** Two possible locations will be explored: adjacent to the village hall entrance and at Priestacott.
These sites would have to be approved by TDC in the first instance.
- 5) **FINANCE**
 - a) **Accounts to 30 November 2021, for review and approval.**
That the accounts be accepted as a true and accurate record: proposed: Cllr. Smale; seconded: Cllr. Langley. Vote: unanimously approved.
 - b) **Confirmation of Cookbury defibrillator pad renewal cost in October**
for £118 was confirmed and the transfer record signed by the chairwoman.
 - c) **Confirmation of earlier payment in October for Village Hall CBF grant**
was signed by the chairwoman.
 - d) **Payment authority for £680 agreed in 4 (b)** was signed by the chairwoman.
 - e) **Clerks expenses of £14 for replacing Cookbury defibrillator battery** were agreed and payment authority signed by the chairwoman.
- 6) **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - a) **Any correspondence received since agenda produced.**
Cllr. Langley asked about egg sale money being stolen in the area. The clerk advised that the police be informed. The clerk also reported that the Priestacott post box has been reinstated.

Date of next meeting: 7 February 2022 at 10.00 am

Close of meeting: 11.10am

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