

BRADWELL PARISH COUNCIL

29th September 2020

A Meeting of the Amenities &
Highways Committee at 7.30p.m.

This meeting was held online via the Zoom Conferencing Platform

PRESENT: Councillors Carrier (Chairman), Comer, Hirst, Macdonald, Shaw, Steggles, Thurtle and Watson.

IN ATTENDANCE: C Bacon, Parish Clerk

1) **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Hamilton

2) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

3) **MINUTES OF MEETING –18TH AUGUST 2020 – MATTERS ARISING**

Item 12 – Due to inclement weather, the footpath walk has been rescheduled for 10th October 2020 at 10am. Cllr Watson is to purchase litter-pickers on behalf of the council to the value of £10.

Item 13 – This Council is tied into a five-year agreement for telephone and broadband services, ending 2024. The termination fee to end this contract early is £1,589.38. Following analysis by the Clerk showing that upgrading to Fibre-optic will cost on average £1.61 more each month, the Chairman of the Amenities Committee and the Chairman of the Finance Committee agreed that the office broadband should be upgraded to fibre-optic on an urgent basis. This was ordered on 18th September 2020. The monthly cost will be £49.96, which includes 500 inclusive minutes for calls to landlines and mobiles. The go-live date is 2nd October 2020. It was **resolved to retrospectively approve this decision.**

Item 14 – The COVID-19 risk assessment signs have been purchased and will be erected onto the Green Lane Playing Field by the end of this week, weather permitting.

Item 15 – The football teams have not sent a formal fixtures list, but are informing the caretaker in advance of upcoming games.

Item 17 – The caretaker has maintained the benches on Green Lane Playing Field and will attend to the slat on the church bench this week.

Item 18 – Town Deal. Cllr Carrier could not attend the most recent Town Deal meeting, but will try to attend the next meeting scheduled for 21st October 2020.

Item 20 – Cllr Macdonald confirmed that James Morrison had contacted him regarding ‘left behind’ Bradwell. Cllr Macdonald has tried to speak with Mr Morrison on two occasions, but has not yet made contact.

Item 20 – The Clerk reported that Daniel Candon had been liaising with Morrisons about the Bus Shelter. As advised in the Parish Council meeting of 15th September, Morrisons are no longer keen to progress with this issue.

4) **SUSPENSION OF MEETING** No members of the public were present at this meeting.

5) **ALLOTMENTS:**

A) PREVIOUS RESOLUTION FROM 30TH JANUARY 2018 TO INCREASE RENTS FOR NON-BRADWELL RESIDENTS

Prior to the letters being sent out to the Allotment Holders for the start of the new year, it was brought to the attention of the Chairman that the resolution made at the Amenities Meeting of 30th January 2018 had not been actioned. This resolution is detailed below:

It was **resolved, by six votes for and two against, in future, to continue to allow applications to rent allotments from residents from nearby areas outside Bradwell; to increase the allotment rental by 50% with effect from 1.10.19 for new and existing residents living outside Bradwell, on the grounds that they do not contribute towards the 'parish precept' which helps to fund the allotment sites, albeit that any non-Bradwell residents who share a plot with a Bradwell resident will not be subject to such an increase. A query may be raised, where appropriate, as to why somebody may wish to rent a plot on a site which is not within their own locality.**

A discussion took place regarding whether this decision should be implemented immediately, given the current Coronavirus circumstances. It was felt that the previous decision should not be rescinded. This Council's allotment rents are cheaper than other allotment sites in the local area, so increasing rents by 50% would not be unduly onerous on tenants. It was **resolved by seven votes for and one against to increase the allotment rental by 50% for new and existing residents outside of Bradwell from 1st April 2021. The Clerk will write to the affected allotment tenants, giving notice of the price increase.**

B) CLEY ROAD SITE – TWO POTENTIAL NOTICE TO QUITTS TO BE ISSUED

Councillors Carrier and Hirst attended the Cley Road Allotments site on 22nd September 2020 with the Clerk and Phil Alden, a member of the Allotment Advisory Committee. Two plots were discussed. It was **resolved to issue Notice To Quit letters to the two plots in question.**

6) **BUS SERVICE – THERE IS NO DIRECT ROUTE INTO GREAT YARMOUTH OR JAMES PAGET HOSPITAL**

It is felt that the bus service in Bradwell servicing the residential area off Market Road is inferior in comparison to the service in Belton. Belton has fewer residents than Bradwell, but benefits from a direct bus service to Norwich, James Paget Hospital and Great Yarmouth and also a much more regular and late night service. It **was resolved that the Clerk will contact the head of First Busses and also the Borough Councillors about this issue.**

7) **PARISH PARTNERSHIP 50/50 FUNDING**

In the past this Council has successfully bid for 50/50 funding, most recently being the SAM2 and a bus shelter on the link road. Given Morrisons are no longer keen to offer financial support for a bus shelter outside Morrison / the Doctor's surgery, it was **resolved for the Clerk to contact the three North Bradwell Councillors to see if they are able to support this Council putting a bus shelter on the piece of land in question.** The Borough Councillors will be asked to assist in ascertaining who owns the land. If positive feedback is received, this matter will be transferred to the Finance and General Purposes Agenda.

8) GIPSIES GREEN COMMON LAND

On 23rd September, five Councillors and the Clerk inspected the Green Lane Playing Field and Gipsies Green Common Land. With regard to the piece of land where residents of Beccles Road park their cars, it was felt that although the area had deteriorated a little, it was **resolved this Council should do no further work to this area until the Spring 2021.**

9) WAR MEMORIAL SITE AND OPEN SPACE, CHURCH WALK

Legal advice on whether the covenants on this land could be overturned was received on 13th February 2020 and was read out at this meeting. The advice reads that a restrictive covenant can be discharged and GYBC or any future owner could try to do so if they wished. There is no guarantee it would be discharged, and consent would need to be obtained from original benefitting owners, or successors. This issue was originally brought to the attention of this Council by a resident. This matter will be transferred to the Parish Council meeting in December.

10) REMEMBRANCE DAY EVENT

The Parish Council Chairman has discussed the Remembrance Day event with Rev'd Steve Deall. There can be no indoor church service this year, but current restrictions will mean this year's event will not be widely publicised. The event will start within the Church grounds and finish at the War Memorial just prior to 11am. The arrangements to support social distancing will fall to this Council when people are outside of the Church grounds. It is proposed that the Parish Council sound-system will be used for the event. The local schools will may hold their own separate event/s the details are not known at this time.

The Clerk will contact the stonemason Colin Smith to check on his progress to the amendment of the incorrect name on the War Memorial.

11) SAM2 SPECIFIC SITES

A representative of the installation company is coming to Bradwell on 13th October 2020 to look at specific site locations for the SAM2. This Council has paid for two additional posts, but if there are existing posts in appropriate places to attach the SAM2, then these additional posts would not be charged. The Clerk will ascertain whether a specific type of post is required (i.e. a round post or a square post). To minimise interaction between individuals, Councillors Comer, Carrier and Watson volunteered to propose specific sites of existing posts and mark up upon a map. This work needs to be completed before the visit of 13th October 2020.

12) CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING YOUTH CLUB PACKAGE TO COMBAT ASB IN BRADWELL.

Correspondence from YMCA Norfolk regarding a youth club to combat ASB in Bradwell had been circulated to members prior to this meeting. YMCA Norfolk will be invited to a Parish Council meeting to explain how the scheme could work.

The Clerk informed the Committee that there are fewer reports of late night ASB in the Green Lane Car Park, but an increased number of reports of youths on bicycles causing a nuisance in and around Green Lane in the early evenings.

13) ANNUAL COMMUNITY GRANT ALLOWANCE SCHEME

Councillor Hirst gave an explanation of how the Annual Community Grant Allowance Scheme worked at his previous Parish. Should this Council implement such a scheme, the money would come from the Precept, to give back to the community; the grants being available to smaller groups and associations. The Clerk will send details of Cllr Hirst's previous Parish scheme to all Councillors and the matter will be transferred to the Parish Council meeting agenda.

14) CORRESPONDENCE

Gorleston FC Tornadoes has approached Bradwell Parish Council with regard to formally playing on Green Lane Playing Field in an Under 14's Sunday league. It was felt that the pitch would not be able to withstand a fourth team. The Clerk will contact the Tornadoes and apologise that we cannot assist.

The secretary of St Nicholas Church has requested their annual grant. The Clerk will ask for the latest set of annual accounts, prior to issuing the grant payment.

Borough Councillor Daniel Candon has explained that the missing posts at Mill Lane Playing field will be replaced with wooden posts, not concrete posts as previously advised. Other maintenance works will take place, such as repairing the damage to the play area, filling pot holes, repairing parts of the fence and new signage so as to block access to the field from Laburnum Drive.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.07 p.m.

Signed: Date :