

# The Bradwellian

#49 - Spring 2023

## Welcome

You may have already noticed that this edition is different. Firstly, we want to express our sincere thanks to every single volunteer who has contributed to The Bradwellian over the years, be that writing articles, editing, proof-reading, sorting the 6,000 copies into delivery rounds and then delivering the magazine to every household in Bradwell. We could not have done this without you and we are incredibly grateful for your time and energy in creating and developing this magazine over the years.

### History of the Bradwellian

The first issue of the Bradwellian was published 25 years ago. Its aim was to be the mouthpiece of Bradwell Parish Council to be issued free to every household in Bradwell twice a year, before widespread use of the internet.

Prior to The Bradwellian magazine all communications to residents would have been through official minutes, newspaper articles and village noticeboards. While these methods of communication continue, we also now use our website, social media and The Bradwellian to reach residents. Since 2020 The Bradwellian has been published on the Parish Council website and placed in supermarkets in addition to being delivered to every household.

### Why the change in direction of the Bradwellian?

It became increasingly difficult to produce and deliver this magazine in this style for a number of reasons:

- The number of houses in Bradwell has increased significantly, pushing print costs up.
- There are 45 delivery rounds to deliver to your homes. Despite repeatedly requesting more volunteers through The Bradwellian and on social media, the number of volunteer deliverers is ever decreasing.
- The Parish Council often receives feedback from residents that they don't read The Bradwellian and it goes straight into the bin.
- Print costs have increased significantly last year, approximately 25%.
- The Parish Council also often receives feedback that The Bradwellian should be online only to save costs.

All of these factors have meant the Parish Council had to reluctantly consider the future of The Bradwellian.

It has therefore been decided on a trial basis to no longer deliver to every household in Bradwell, but to place free copies at the two Bradwell supermarkets for residents to take if they wish to.

It will also continue to be published online for those who do not want to see a hard copy.

If you are aware of any resident who cannot get to any of the collection points to collect an edition themselves, and would prefer a volunteer to hand-deliver to their home – please do not hesitate to contact us.

This edition has reverted to its original concept and will focus entirely on what your Parish Council has been doing on your behalf in recent months.

It also aims to answer your questions, such as 'what is a Parish Council' and 'how do I report a problem'. We hope you find it useful.



Find out what's been going on at Gipsies Green on p9

## Who are my Councillors?

Role	Ward	Name	Phone	Email
Member of Parliament	Great Yarmouth	Rt Hon Brandon Lewis	01493 854550	office@brandonlewis.co
County Councillors	Breydon (N)	Carl Smith	01493 662176	Cllr.Carl.Smith@great-yarmouth.gov.uk
	Lothingland (S)	Carl Annison	01493 656854	Cllr.Carl.Annison@great-yarmouth.gov.uk
Borough Councillors	North	Daniel Candon	07399 372997	Cllr.Daniel.Candon@great-yarmouth.gov.uk
		Graham Plant	07450 668802	Cllr.Graham.Plant@great-yarmouth.gov.uk
		Carl Smith	01493 662176	Cllr.Carl.Smith@great-yarmouth.gov.uk
	South	Carl Annison	01493 656854	Cllr.Carl.Annison@great-yarmouth.gov.uk
		Sue Hacon	01493 444271	Cllr.Sue.Hacon@great-yarmouth.gov.uk
		Katy Stenhouse	07526 317590	Cllr.Katy.Stenhouse@great-yarmouth.gov.uk
Parish Councillors	North	Daniel Candon	All Parish Councillors can be contacted via the Clerk on 01493 444478  clerk@bradwellparishcouncil.gov.uk  Leo Coles Pavilion 25 Green Lane Bradwell Great Yarmouth Norfolk NR31 8QG	
		Hilary Hale		
		Harry Hamilton		
		Gareth Howe		
		Paul Kitchen		
		James Sargeant		
		Chrissie Steggles		
		Vacancy		
		Vacancy		
	South	Carl Annison		
		Bertie Patterson		
		Trevor Wainwright		
		Sue Watson		
		Vacancy		
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## Bradwell Parish Council Staff

### Parish Clerk

The Clerk is the “proper officer” of the council who implements the decisions of the council. The Clerk provides legal & financial advice and information to support the council’s decisions as well as preparing the meeting agendas and writing the minutes. The Clerk’s varied role means she may have to act as project manager, personnel director, public relations officer or finance administrator. Above all, the clerk’s role is to keep the council legally compliant.

Bradwell Parish Clerk is Catherine Bacon. She works 20 hours a week, working flexibly to fit around morning, afternoon and evening meetings. Contact details above.

### Caretaker

The Parish Council Caretaker works 10 hours a week and is based at Leo Coles Pavilion.

His role comprises litter picking, strimming and general keeping tidy of all Parish Council owned land, checking/cleaning assets such as bus shelters, benches, litterbins, grit bins and making sure the Leo Coles Pavilion is kept clean and in good order.

The Caretaker is also the Dog Warden for Green Lane playing field and will ensure that all dog fouling is picked up by the dog owner.

## Bradwell Parish Council Launch A New Youth Club In Conjunction With YMCA Norfolk

Your Parish Council was thrilled to launch the local youth club, which is run in partnership with YMCA Norfolk. The Club was opened by Great Yarmouth Mayor in November 2022.

Bradwell is a large suburban area with parks and activities for children and adolescents but the Parish Council felt that there was no community focal point for them. One which was safe and available for them to meet and be inside in poor weather.

After making the decision to create a formal youth club in the community with YMCA Norfolk, your Parish Council spent 10 months securing grants from multiple sponsors, including:

- Persimmon Homes
- Norfolk Community Foundation
- Adnams Community Foundation
- Momentum
- Co-Operative

The Youth Club activities are based on youth choice. This could be indoor/outdoor sports, cookery, arts/crafts, board games, or space for a one-to-one chat with a trusted adult. A tuck shop offers a fun way to learn about the value of money and basic maths skills. We hope that the young people will

thrive under such a supportive, caring, educational and professional environment.

YMCA Norfolk comments *"we are excited for this new venture after working with Bradwell Parish Council carefully to ensure we offer a safe environment for young people to socialise on a Friday evening. YMCA Norfolk's ethos is to support young people towards contributing, belonging and thriving. We bring this to all youth work we carry out and will embed this in the activities and support we offer to those aged 8-16years in the local community of Bradwell"*.

Huge thanks go to the very kind Bradwell resident who donated a full-sized table tennis table set specially to the new Youth Club.

The Youth Club is on Friday evenings at The Old School Village Centre, 2 Green Lane.

Junior Group (8 – 12 years) 6:00pm – 7:30pm  
Senior Group (12 – 16 years) 7:45pm – 9:00pm  
£1 on entry  
Free Drink!

Contact [youthclubs@ymcanorfolk.org](mailto:youthclubs@ymcanorfolk.org) to book or for more information.



**YMCA NORFOLK**

**YMCA**

**Volunteer at your local YMCA Youth Group**

Could you offer time, commitment and enthusiasm to help transform a young person's life?

We're looking for volunteers to help at our Norfolk based youth clubs!

Email [youthclubs@ymcanorfolk.org](mailto:youthclubs@ymcanorfolk.org) for further details



**Why volunteer with YMCA Norfolk at our Youth Clubs?**

Volunteers are a valued and vital part of the service carried out by YMCA Norfolk and we are always looking for people to join the team. Whether you are between jobs or want to add some valuable work experience to your CV.

- ✓ Learn new skills
- ✓ Experience new youth projects
- ✓ Build confidence and self-esteem
- ✓ Make new friends and socialise

**APPLY TODAY**

**YMCA** YMCA NORFOLK

## What is a Parish Council? What is its Purpose?

Bradwell Parish Council is the local authority that makes decisions on behalf of the people in Bradwell. It is the level of local government closest to the community, with the district authority, Great Yarmouth Borough Council, and the county authority, Norfolk County Council, above it in the hierarchy. The Parish Council is a non-political body made up of local residents who are elected every four years. All Parish Councillors are volunteers.

The main purpose of a Parish Council is to represent the views of all residents within the parish.

A Parish Council also has responsibility for running local services. Bradwell Parish Council's services and assets include: Leo Coles Pavilion, Green Lane playing field, Gipsies Green, Cley Road allotments, Beccles Road allotments, the War Memorial, the Village sign, footpaths, play equipment, defibrillators, noticeboards, grit bins, litterbins, bus shelters and benches.

Bradwell Parish Council also:

- Decides how much to raise by way of a precept in order to deliver your council's local services.
- Strategically influences and shapes the long-term development policy for the parish.
- Comments on every planning applications in the parish.
- Improves the quality of life and the environment in the local area.
- Works to identify issues which are important to the lives of the residents.
- Works to bring about improvements through local projects, lobbying other service providers and working in partnership with other parishes and agencies.

The Parish Council's website can be found at [www.bradwellparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.bradwellparishcouncil.gov.uk). Here you will find full details of agendas, minutes, finances, Councillors, meetings, policies and code of conduct, along with other local information.

## Elections

Every four years, all Parish Councillors have to stand for election or re-election.

The Parish Council elections are due to take place on Thursday 4 May 2023. You will have seen promotions in the previous Bradwellian, the Great Yarmouth Mercury, websites and noticeboards and hopefully you put yourself forward to be a candidate. Candidates had between 27<sup>th</sup> March and 4<sup>th</sup> April to submit their election nomination paperwork to Great Yarmouth Borough Council, so it is now too late for you to stand for election. The results of the election will be detailed in the next edition of The Bradwellian.

### Elections 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – Please Register to Vote

You must register to be able to vote in the upcoming elections. To register to vote online, you need just five minutes and your National Insurance number. If you can't register online, you can complete a paper form.

You don't need to register to vote before every election. You do need to register if you move house, or you change your name.

***Every individual is responsible for registering themselves on the electoral roll. Don't risk losing your vote – register today!  
Please call the elections team at Great Yarmouth Borough Council on 01493 846327.***

### Voter ID

There is a change to the voting process this year, as voters in England will need to show photo ID to vote at polling stations in some elections.

If you don't have an accepted form of photo ID, you can apply for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate. Please see more details here: <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id/applying-a-voter-authority-certificate> or contact the elections team at Great Yarmouth Borough Council on 01493 846327.

You need to register to vote before applying for a Voter Authority Certificate.



## Who Does What?

Residents sometimes say they find it confusing to know which Council to contact for a particular issue. So here is a brief summary of which Council does what:

Norfolk County Council	Great Yarmouth Borough Council	Bradwell Parish Council
Highways	Planning Authority	Bus shelters
Schools	Council Tax	Allotments
Transport	Licencing	Leo Coles Pavilion
Street Lights	Mill Lane playing field. Play parks Environmental Health	Green Lane playing field. Gipsies Green
Planning Authority (minerals / waste)	Monitoring Officer (Standards)	Grit bins
Public Buildings	Street Lights	Litterbins
Open Spaces	Cemeteries	Statutory Consultee (planning)
Rubbish & Recycling	Rubbish & recycling	Noticeboards
Libraries	Environmental Health	Benches
Social Care	Car parks	War Memorial
Birth, deaths & marriages	Housing advice	Village Sign

It is very easy to report a problem to any of the three councils. If you see any issues with the following:

- Potholes, highway damage, manhole covers, surface dressing, road markings, cats eyes
- Drainage, flooding, obstructions, spillages & mud
- Hedges, trees, highways grass, weed or verges
- Streetlights, traffic lights, road signs & posts
- Public Rights of Way & Trail problems

Please report directly to Norfolk County Council via this website: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem>. Alternatively you can advise your local County Cllr who will report it for you, see page 2 for contact details.

If you see any issues with the following:

- Littering
- Fly-tipping
- Dog Fouling

Please report directly to Great Yarmouth Borough Council via this website: <https://www.great-yarmouth.gov.uk/report-a-problem>. Alternatively you can advise your local Borough Cllr who will report it for you, see page 2 for contact details.

To report a problem to Bradwell Parish Council, please contact the Parish Clerk, details on page 2.

## Dog Fouling

Dog fouling is not only unacceptable and offensive it is also dangerous. Whilst rare, contact with dog excrement can cause toxocariasis – a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizures. While most dog owners are responsible, there are unfortunately still some people who do not pick up after their dogs.

Anyone who fails to clear up after their dog can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100. If the case goes to court this could cost the owner or person in charge of the animal up to £1,000. The law states that being unaware a dog has fouled or not having a suitable bag is not a reasonable excuse.

If you spot a dog owner not picking up after their dog, please report the issue to the Environmental Rangers at Great Yarmouth Borough Council on 01493 846478 or [www.great-yarmouth.gov.uk/report-a-problem](https://www.great-yarmouth.gov.uk/report-a-problem)

## CCTV

Regular complaints of bottles being smashed from the hard court play area onto the Scout Hut and other anti-social behaviour has meant the Parish Council purchased and installed two new CCTV cameras.

These cameras overlook the hard-court play area and picnic benches on Green Lane, but also capture images of the whole playing field.

Another existing CCTV camera was adjusted to target a particular ASB hot-spot on the playing field and has already picked up several incidents. Incidents captured by CCTV are regularly sent to the police to assist in their enquiries.

## Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

The council continues to work closely with the police in tackling ASB. Regular police community engagements are held at various locations in Bradwell. Police patrols and CCTV have caught several culprits during the summer who cleaned the graffiti they caused or litter-picked around the site.

Police pop-up community engagement events take place at a variety of locations within Bradwell. Please come along to put your concerns directly to PC Vinny Gray see the parish council website ([www.bradwellparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.bradwellparishcouncil.gov.uk)) or the five Parish Council noticeboards: Leo Coles Pavilion, Tesco Beccles Road, Morrisons, brick bus shelter opp. The Sun pub, entrance to Mill Lane playing field.

## Speeding

Following complaints of speeding in the village, PC Vinny Gray writes: *"If anyone does report speeding issues in the area, ask them to fill in an online report on the police website then this will get forwarded onto the team that deal with our speed camera vans. Hopefully then they can add the area onto their list so that they pay this area some attention on their rounds"*.

It is important to report any speeding issue straight to the police. If issues are only reported via social media, the police will not be aware. The police can only act on information that is reported directly to them.

## Reporting Crime

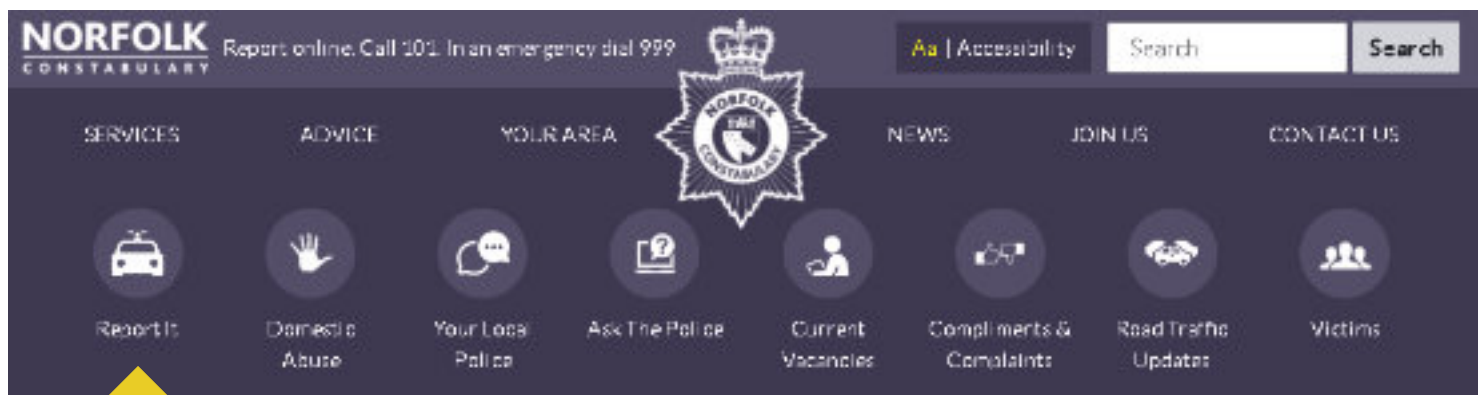
There are a number of ways you can get in touch with Norfolk Constabulary depending on the urgency and type of request:

Call 999 **immediately** if:

- The crime is still in progress
- Someone's injured, being threatened or in imminent danger
- The offender is still at the scene

Alternatively Call 101 or use Norfolk Constabulary's Website and Report it.

# [www.norfolk.police.uk](http://www.norfolk.police.uk)



- Theft
- Business Theft
- Criminal Damage
- Anti Social Behaviour
- Roads, Highways & Accidents
- Hate crime or incident
- Animals and lost dogs

## Horse Chestnut Tree

In November 2022 Angie Taverner very kindly donated a very special Horse Chestnut tree to the Parish Council.

Her son, Charlie, planted this tree as a conker many years ago, whilst in the middle of his treatment for Leukaemia. Thankfully he is fully recovered and has recently celebrated his 30th birthday.

The tree had been re-potted many times, but the family decided the tree really needed to be planted in the ground to enable it to grow properly and flourish for centuries to come.

With the permission of Great Yarmouth Borough Council, who own the site, the tree was planted at the War Memorial site on Church Walk 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Thanks go to the Parish Councillors for their transportation and planting skills. A dedication plaque has been put in place.

This family also donated an Oak sapling tree in June 2019 which was planted in memory of Angie's Dad, Wally Gee. This oak tree is thriving in Gipsies Green.



## Bradwell Community Magazine

The Parish Council sometimes receives comments from residents that Belton's community magazine 'The Village Voice' is a more interesting read than The Bradwellian, because it contains a variety of different sorts of articles such as puzzles and gardening.

There is a good reason for this.

The Bradwellian has always been produced and paid for by Bradwell Parish Council. A Parish Council has very strict limits on what it can spend money on. One such way to spend public money is the "*Power to provide information relating to matters affecting local government*". Because The Bradwellian is paid for by Bradwell Parish Council the magazine has to stick within these strict parameters of the law. The Village Voice is not paid for by any Parish Council, so it does not have to abide by this law.

The Village Voice is a community magazine, with six volunteer board positions (Chair, Editor, Articles, Advertising, Admin, Finance) with other volunteers for distribution. The magazine is funded through advertising. Therefore, being outside of the laws that restrict a Parish Council, a community magazine can cover a wider range of articles.

Bradwell Parish Council is very interested to hear from residents who may wish to volunteer their time to create a community magazine for Bradwell in the style of The Village Voice.

- Are you an experienced desktop publisher with time to spare?
- Do you have finance/admin experience?
- Are you interested in writing articles for the community?
- Have you always wanted to be an editor of a magazine?
- Are you on a media course and think this could be a great project for your school/college?

If so, please contact the Clerk on [clerk@bradwellparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bradwellparishcouncil.gov.uk). If there is enough interest from residents to start a Bradwell community magazine, the Parish Council will assist in getting this project up and running.

If you are interested in the legal duties and powers of a Parish Council please see pages 37-39 of the Parish Council's Standing Orders here: <http://www.bradwellparishcouncil.gov.uk/policies/>

## Planning

Bradwell Parish Council is a consultee on every planning application that has been submitted to Great Yarmouth Borough Council's planning department. This means that your Parish Council has a say in how all buildings within Bradwell are built. The Parish Council cannot accept or reject planning on any application, but it can recommend acceptance or rejection to the Borough Council. The advantage of us being a consultee is that Bradwell Parish Councillors are local residents who have grass roots knowledge of the area.

Planning applications vary from a new fence, to the development of an estate of hundreds of houses, to commercial units and shop signage. The Parish Council considers the materials to be used, how the new build will fit into the existing neighbourhood and will also consider the wishes of the neighbours and specialists.

The Parish Council may apply for Tree Preservation Orders, which means tree/s can be protected which benefit the area. There can be severe penalties imposed if 'preserved' trees are taken down and planning permission is required from the Borough Council even to trim a TPO tree. Anybody can apply for a TPO to be put on a tree.

In the past six months the council has formally commented on 38 planning consultations, including Great Yarmouth Borough Council's Local Plan, where the importance of preserving existing green space in Bradwell from any future development was highlighted. The preservation and enhancement of Bluebell Woods is particularly important to your Parish Council.

## GYBC Local Plan Consultation

During January – February 2023, Great Yarmouth Borough Council (GYBC) led a consultation about their new Local Plan. This Local Plan document is their vision and framework for future development within the whole borough of Great Yarmouth, which includes how much development should be planned for and where should it go. Their current Local Plan (part 2) runs to 2030 and their new Local Plan will cover the period to 2041.

As part of this process, your Parish Council put forward some Green Spaces sites that we felt should always be protected from development. These are:

- Green Lane playing field
- Gipsies Green
- Mill Lane playing field
- The War Memorial site (Church Walk)
- All allotments sites
- The green space between Falklands and Primrose Avenue.
- The field at the back of Royal Sovereign Close
- The land close to Blake Drive

We are pleased to see GYBC has specifically ring fenced these areas to protect them from future development. The above protected green space sites are all highlighted on their consultation drawings.

We also requested that the proposed extension to Beacon Business Park on Beaufort Way be moved further back and away from the woodland known as "Bluebell Woods" incorporating the strip of woodland owned by GYBC and the privately owned land known as Hobland Plantation. The woods are an extremely important area for the people of Bradwell and a green lung for the environment. This Parish Council is wholly against seeing this area of natural beauty ruined for the extension of a Business Park. We are not against extending the Business Park, we just do not want it built so close to Bluebell Woods.

Your Parish Council advised GYBC we would like the woods to be extended, a large amount of trees being planted for the Queen's Canopy adjacent to the current wood, a car park provided, picnic benches added: to make it a real amenity for the people of Bradwell.

In response to the sites put forward for housing development, your Parish Council responded in January 2023 that we feel that Bradwell has taken the majority of new development in recent years. Therefore we felt that none of the areas highlighted for potential development should be included in the Local Plan.

We wait to see if our views are listened to and incorporated into the new GYBC Local Plan. We will keep you informed.



## Gipsies Green Bulb Planting

To commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Woodlands School children planting the copse area on Gipsies Green, the Parish Council purchased 4,500 bulbs. Being 1,500 each of snowdrops, English bluebells and wild daffodils.

Thanks go to Alpkit for their grant of £150 to contribute to this project. The Scouts planted 1/3 of the daffodils on 19<sup>th</sup> November.

Councillors and other volunteers planted the remaining 2/3 of the daffodils in December 2022 and all of the bluebells and snowdrops in January 2023. Thanks go to everyone involved in this project.



Due to the very cold weather conditions when planting these bulbs, we were not expecting too much of a show this Spring, so were greatly surprised to see the snowdrops coming out at the beginning of February.

In years to come we will all enjoy a spectacular carpet of snowdrops, followed by daffodils, then onto bluebells.

PC Vinny Gray was one of the Woodlands schoolchildren who originally planted the trees 25 years ago.

PC Gray and PC Grint helped plant snowdrops in January 2023, see the photo on the front page of this edition of the Bradwellian.





## Remembrance Day

On 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022 Parish Councillors led the remembrance memorial service at the War Memorial.

They spoke of the importance of Remembrance Day, read prayers, observed the two-minute silence and read the names of Bradwell's fallen.

Several classes of school children attended the service and laid wreaths and crosses in remembrance.

## The Sun Inn Bus Shelter

The poly-carbonate bus shelter on Beccles Road, outside the Sun Inn has been vandalised many times.

Currently three side panels have been completely removed, but the back and roof remain intact. To replace the missing sides with a heavy-grade durable poly carbonate is £825 for materials + additional costs for labour and custom milling.

First Busses no longer stop at this bus shelter, but it is used by a private travel operator. In January 2023 the Parish Council considered the options: a) to renovate at over £1,000; b) to remove completely; c) or do nothing and leave it as it is.

The Parish Council has a duty to ensure bus shelters that are still in use continue to be maintained to a satisfactory standard, but as this particular bus shelter is no longer on a public bus route, the Council voted to not renovate and not remove.

It was felt that bus routes often change and it might be on a First Bus route in the future, at which point renovation will be looked at again, but the costs are too high to renovate a currently unused bus shelter.

## Bus Shelter Renovation

In Autumn 2022, the four brick-built bus shelters were renovated. These bus shelters are located on Beccles Road, Laurel Drive, Mill Lane and Lords Lane.

The woodwork had been deteriorating due to the weather, but they are now fully restored.

The poly-carbonate bus shelter on Beccles Road (outside the old 'Barnardos' shop) had been badly vandalised. In January 2023 all broken panels were replaced with a tougher, more vandal-proof material.

If you notice any vandalism to any bus shelter in Bradwell, please contact the Clerk on:

[clerk@bradwellparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bradwellparishcouncil.gov.uk) or 01493 444478.

## Precept

In November the Parish Council took the very difficult decision to raise the precept for year 2023-24, from £54,075 to £75,160 per annum. This means a Band D Council tax payer will see their bill rise from £13.33 to £19.13 per year.

The precept had been kept at the same level for many years, through very careful and prudent budgeting.

In addition to huge inflationary pressures and in order to serve an ever-increasing village (or should that be town?), this increase will enable Bradwell Parish Council to be more effective in its duties and responsibilities and to work more pro-actively for its residents.

This additional money will help to pay for the new Friday evening Youth Club (although further grants will be applied for); to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III; a new CCTV camera over the play area on Green Lane playing field; the purchase, installation and emptying of four new litterbins; installation and maintenance of a new barrier to Green Lane car park in an attempt to alleviate evening anti-social behaviour and a new 'Youth Award' to celebrate the young people of the parish.

Every penny of your money is carefully spent. Any under-spend will go straight into restricted reserves to assist with the exciting projects planned for the Green Lane/Gipsies Green sites, see 'Consultation' article on page 11.

## Allotments

The Parish Council has two allotment sites: one on Cley Road, backing on to Mill Lane playing field; the other on Beccles Road, adjacent to Kings Drive.

Cley Road has 78 plots and Beccles Road has 60 plots.

Each site has up to three Allotment Advisory Committee members to offer advice and assistance to tenants.

There are no vacant plots at present, but if you would like to go onto the waiting list, please contact the clerk on [clerk@bradwellparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bradwellparishcouncil.gov.uk) or 01493 444478.

When you reach the top of the waiting list and a plot becomes available, an allotment advisory committee member will meet you to show you the vacant plot.

## Donated Miner's Lamp

As reported in The Bradwellian issue #48, the special Miner's Lamp donated by Bruno Peek to the Parish Council in August 2022 is now housed in a special display cabinet at Leo Coles Pavilion.

## Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council holds monthly meetings at Leo Coles Pavilion. This is usually on the last Monday of the month, but please check the website because sometimes meetings have to be moved due to Bank Holidays.

The next meetings dates are:

- Monday 24th April
- Monday 22nd May
- Monday 26th June

Members of the public are always welcome to attend Parish Council meetings. There is a public section where you can say your opinion of an agenda item, or put forward suggestions for the Council to discuss at a future meeting.

## Parish Council Online Meetings

The Parish Council is sometimes asked by residents why we can't hold Parish Council meetings online. Some people have expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council, but work or parenting commitments means they cannot make an evening meeting held in person.

The law currently states that all Parish Council meetings have to be held in a physical room, with members of the Council participating in person. However, the law has recently changed in Wales to allow for hybrid and online meetings. If this happens in England it is hoped it would encourage more working people and parents to join the Parish Council.

Your Parish Council has written to the local MP about pushing for potential legislative changes to allow for legal online or hybrid local authority meetings. If this issue is of interest to you please contact your MP to support this cause.

## Annual Parish Meeting

As detailed in the Bradwellian #48 the annual Parish Meeting will be held at Mill Lane Community Centre on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023. All members of the community are welcome to attend to hear about what goes on in your village.

## Consultation of Playing Field, Gipsies Green & Leo Coles Pavilion

Thank you to everybody who responded to the consultation at the end of 2022.

The results are in and you have spoken.

The majority of people would like to see:

Project 1 - An environmental project on Gipsies Green

Project 2 - A proportion of Green Lane playing field turned into a mature park

Project 3 - Leo Coles pavilion having a café facility for the public

The Parish Council thanks all residents who responded to this survey. You have given a very clear message as to what you want to see happen to these three publicly owned assets and your Parish Council now has a mandate upon which to act. After the May elections the new Parish Council will be exploring how to implement these projects.

The full consultation report is posted on our website with more details to come in the next edition of the Bradwellian.

## Over to You...

We hope this edition has answered some of your questions, such as "what does a Parish Council do?". If you have any questions that we can address in a future edition of the Bradwellian, please contact us.

If you have any comment or question about any of the content in this Bradwellian, please contact us. The Parish Council is here to represent you. We work for you. Please let us know how we can help you.

## Upcoming Events

### King Charles III Coronation



Events for the Coronation will be over the bank holiday weekend of 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

These are currently being planned by members of the Parish Council and other village volunteers. These events will be advertised on noticeboards, website, Great Yarmouth Mercury and on social media.

### D-Day Beacon Lighting

In a similar way to the whole country lighting beacons to mark Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee, Bruno Peek is organising for beacons to be lit on 6th June 2024 in celebration /commemoration/tribute to D-Day 80, the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy.

D-Day was the largest Naval, Air and Land operation in history, so this 80th Anniversary is an opportunity to say thank you through respect/remembrance/tribute to many hundreds of thousands of souls who sacrificed so much to ensure the freedom/peace we all enjoy today.

Your Parish Council will be taking the lead in organising this event. More details will follow in future Bradwellians.

### Bradwell Village Show 06/08/23

The Events Working Group, consisting of members of the Parish Council and other volunteers, are currently planning the August Bradwell Village Show for 6<sup>th</sup> August.

It is hoped there will be music, craft stalls, street food, a Viking encampment, Ghostbusters, alpacas and other animals, dinosaurs, Storm Troopers and children's activities.

### Annual Waste Day

As in previous years the Parish Council will have an extra rubbish collection service on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May**. This will be at the **Green Lane playing field 07.30 - 9.00 am** and at the **Mill Lane field 9.30 - 11.30 am**.

Please do not leave your rubbish at either collection point before or after these times as it will be considered as fly tipping. You will need to **bring a copy of your council tax invoice, or other official document** showing your address as proof of Bradwell residency. Garden waste **must** be separated from household waste.

Trade waste such as fridges, freezers, paint, chemicals, gas cylinders, car tyres and items containing asbestos will not be accepted. Items will only be accepted that one person can safely lift into the back of a refuse lorry. Skips will be provided for recyclables - these can take most metals.

Anyone with genuine difficulty in bringing items to the disposal points should contact the Parish Council on 01493 444478 as help may be available.

### Bradwellian Award of Merit

In The Bradwellian edition 48 there was an article about the new Bradwellian Award of Merit

The award is to be made to two young people aged between 11-18 years in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the village, either on a specific scheme or on a general basis.

The young people must live in Bradwell.

The awards will be presented during the Annual Parish Meeting on 9th May 2023.

Invitations have been sent to Bradwell schools, Churches and Scouts group to recommend a candidate for this award.

If you are interested in nominating a candidate for this award, would you please address your letter to Cllr Hamilton, Vice-Chairman of Bradwell Parish Council and send to [clerk@bradwellparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bradwellparishcouncil.gov.uk)

We look forward to hearing from you.