**PARISH COUNCIL REPORT 2022/23**

We would like to begin the Parish Council Report by remembering our late Councillor ,Robert Hitchenor, who passed away last year. Robert was on the Parish Council for many years and his input was always valuable especially when setting the Precept and drawing up the end of year accounts.

2023 marks the end of the Parish Council Four Year cycle. Both Councillor Wright and Councillor Scott will be resigning in May. We would like to thank them both, especially Councillor Wright who has served on the Parish Council for over 12years. Two new Councillors have been nominated to join the Parish Council. They are Matt Yarwood and Luke Phillips. Welcome to both.

Our Meetings take place every other month. A reminder to all residents that they are always welcome to attend

Our existing Clerk Stewart is retiring this year and we woukd like place on record our sincere thanks for all his hard work especially during the pandemic.

We welcome our new Clerk, Nikola Evans .

During 2021/2022 there has been a range of issues of concern to residents. This includes the following matters:

**Traffic.**

The Parish Council is in regular contact with County Highways. The situation of traffic congestion and speed within Bradley remains an issue. Councillor Rossi has kindly put “Twenty’s Plenty “ signs up around the Village in the hope that drivers are made aware that they are passing through a residential area.

Streetscene have also indicated that they may be introducing signs along Bradley Lane to help prevent litter throwing and Fly Tipping.

Highways have informed Council about lack the of funds. We are reporting Potholes but they are not being repaired. This is a nationwide issue. We will continue to press the County Council on this matter.

**Civic Amenity visits.**

The Civic Amenity visits continue. All the dates can be found on the Parish Council website:

www.bradleypc.co.uk

The next visit is on Saturday May 27th. 09.00-11.00

The PC is grateful to the Bradley Trust for allowing the use of the village hall car park.

**Playing Field.**

JWH Ground Maintenance have continued to cut the grass on the playing field.

The PC refurbished the Playing Field in 2022.

A new litter bin has been brought and two new benches, one of which is a picnic bench.

 We hope you agree that the playing field looks much brighter and child friendly.

**Dog Fouling.**

A new dog fouling bin has been installed in Elm Drive. It has proved to be a great success. We are hoping to buy more for the village this year.

**Trees.**

Two trees were planted in Malthouse Lane last year to celebrate the Queens Jubilee.

We will be looking at other issues within Bradley related to the dangers of climate change in our next four year cycle.

**Finance.**

The Parish Council have continued to raise the Precept (largely due to County Council indicating that Parish Councils have to contribute more towards village priorities) and also in preparation for the Beautiful Bradley projects in the future.

A precept of £13,900 was requested this year.

Can I go on record in thanking all the Councillors for volunteering their work, time and patience.…..Thank you.