Minutes of the parish council meeting held on

Tuesday 9th July 2024 at 7.00pm at

**Bradley Village Hall, Church Lane, Bradley ST18 9DY**

Attendees

Cllr P Oxley (Chairman) Cllr M Newman Cllr R Turner Cllr L Phillips

Cllr T Luck Cllr M Winnington – SCC Clerk – Nikola Evans

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| **1** | **Declaration of Interests on agenda items**  None received |
| **2** | **To receive Apologies**  Cllr Rossi  Cllr J Rose - SBC |
| **3** | **Minutes of the last meeting – APCM 8th May 2024**  Accepted as a true record |
| **4** | **To adjourn parish council meeting to allow for public participation**   1. **Public participation -** Members of the public are invited to address the Council on any issue over which it has power for up to 5 minutes each, with the item lasting a maximum of 20 minutes.   None attended   1. **Stafford Borough Councillor**   Did not attend   1. **Staffordshire County Councillor**   Cllr Winnington reported on the following:   * + 1. There is a big push to get potholes repaired and gullies emptied     2. The parish council reported some overgrown hedges protruding onto the highway, Cllr Winnington advised to send letters and report on the website. |
| **5** | **Matters arising from previous minutes**   1. **Update on traffic survey – Cllr Newman, Beautiful Bradley Community Group.**   The parish council RESOLVED to support this action. No further information, at the moment. It is expected to take place sometime in the coming summer months.   1. **Donation from Well’s Dairy**   Clerk has tried contacting Well’s Dairy, however no further forward.   1. **Walks around Bradley – Update on website for walking etiquette etc.**   Information on walking etiquette and other information has been added to the Bradley Walks section on the website.   1. **Planters in place of gateway features**   RESOLVED to investigate installing one low level planter at the welcome to Bradley sign on Bradley Lane, clerk and Cllr Luck will investigate costs etc. |
| **6** | **To receive report on outstanding planning applications**   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Application Number** | **Site Address** | **Proposed Development** | **Action** | | 21/34168/FUL  18/29029/FUL - Allowed | The Site of The Old Cottage,  Almshouse Croft, Bradley  Stafford | Amendment to plans – this plan has now been changed back to the original plan. Building regulations stated they had visited site and were happy with current safety | Awaiting decision | | 24/38563/FUL | Eaton Brook Farm  Woollaston Lane  Church Eaton | Conversion of an agricultural barn to a residential unit including the alteration and upgrade of fabric to accommodate new windows & doors and the construction of new garage entrance gates and boundary walls and associated patio, outdoor kitchen and amenity spaces. | Awaiting decision | | 24/39168/TCA | Elm Lodge  Smithy Lane  Bradley | Reduce canopy by 30% (up to 5mtrs) to take some weight of other large limbs overhanging a neighbour’s garden from 2 large chestnut trees. | Awaiting decision | |
| **7** | **Consideration of new planning applications**  For ease of considering planning applications, a rota will be drawn up for one councillor to scrutinise applications and provide a summary of findings to the rest of the council. Clerk to action.   1. **24/39280/HOU – The Grove, Wells Lane, Bradley – Proposed conversion of outbuilding to granny annexe with accessible wet room.**   No objections from the parish council.   1. **23/38214/FUL – Land north east of Billington Farm, Billington Bank, Billington, Stafford - Proposed pick your own facility, farm shop, cafe, children's activity area, dog walking area and associated car parking**   No objections, however the parish council would like to raise concerns for the indication there will be no plans to incorporate areas to store and aid collection of waste or included any arrangements for separate storage and collection of recyclable waste. Clerk to action |
| **8** | **To receive reports on any new footpath, village maintenance or highways issues**  Cllr Turner reported issues with residents on the old nursery site, they continue to build, the wall to the entrance is still there and they continue to cause a nuisance with burning tyres and riding 4x4’s around people’s land. Clerk to chase environmental health and planning enforcement. |
| **9** | **Finance – RFO**   1. **Payment approval – Finance report circulated before the meeting. -** APPROVED      1. **Budget summary – Finance report circulated before the meeting. -** APPROVED 2. **Bank reconciliation – Finance report circulated before the meeting. -** APPROVED |
| **10** | **To discuss request for grant increase from St Mary’s Church**  RESOLVED to increase grant to £1000 per year with the stipulation the money is only to be spent on maintaining the churchyard. Proposed by Cllr Luck, 2nd Cllr Turner – 4 x for and 1 x against. Clerk to make the arrangements. |
| **11** | **Councillor Information and items for the next Agenda**  Cllrs are invited to give reports on parish issues which do not require a resolution.  Clerk to contact Bradley Trust regarding the renewal of the play area lease.  Item for next agenda:   * Consideration to be given to investigating starter homes. |
| **12** | **To consider purchasing dog mess scoops for the village.**  Defer to next meeting, clerk to gather information on costings. |
| **13** | **To agree date of next meeting**   * 10th September 2024 from 7pm at Bradley Village Hall * 12th November 2024, from 7pm at Bradley Village Hall |
| **14** | **Meeting Closed** 20:35pm |