

Bradley Parish Council – September 2023

USEFUL INFORMATION

Report Highways issues https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/web/reportfault/#divSelectionHeader	Map of footpaths and bridleways https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/environment/RightsofWay/Footpaths-bridleways.aspx
Report Stafford Borough Council Issues https://www.staffordbc.gov.uk/streetscene-to-report-a-problem-make-a-comment-or-complaint	Parish Council clerk-bradleypc@hotmail.co.uk , 45 Thorn Close, Brereton, Rugeley WS15 1TA – 07971226170 or alternatively, the parish council's website https://www.bradleypc.co.uk

AMENITY VISITS 2023

The next amenity visit will be on 18th November 2023 at the village hall, between 09:00 and 11:00.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

14 th November 2023	From 7.30pm
9 th January 2024	From 7.30pm
12 th March 2024	From 7.30pm
Annual Parish Council Meeting 14 th May 2024	From 7.30pm
Annual Public Meeting 2024 – TBC	TBC
9 th July 2024	From 7.30pm
10 th September 2024	From 7.30pm
12 th November 2024	From 7.30pm

MEETING SUMMARY - PCM – 12th September 2023

General

A new dog waste bin is to be installed on Malthouse Lane, next to the general waste bin.

There will be a memorial tree planted for Betty Metcalf from Bradley Parish Council and Bradley Trust, to commemorate her service to the community.

The parish council are looking into providing a book swap library within the church, details to be confirmed.

Sustainability – Look out for tips from Cllr L Phillips on our website, facebook and newsletters.

New goal posts have been purchased for the play area.

Village maintenance

The parish council are discussing ways to keep the village looking nice and tidy. Further information will be available once a plan has been put in place. The areas the pc is concentrating on are, Malthouse Lane, Holly Lane, Elm Drive and the corner of Church Lane & Bradley Lane.

Potholes and sign posts continue to be reported to the authorities, however if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the clerk.

Bradley Community Plan – An updated copy can be viewed on the Parish Council website

Traditional black and white wooden finger posts to be improved or reinstated

- Finger post on Littywood Lane & Furlong Lane, Cllr R Turner will remove broken post.

- Cllr T Luck & Cllr M Rossi will clean existing finger posts
- Clerk will investigate the installation of a new fingerpost as part of the development plans for The Old Cottage. 21/34168/FUL
- Finger post on Holly Lane & Bradbury Lane, Clerk will ask if it's possible to paint the posts black and white in keeping with the other traditional wooden posts in Bradley.

Lobby Staffordshire County Council to reduce speed limit of Holly Lane to 20mph

All speed limits in Staffordshire are implemented in accordance with the current national guidance "Setting Local Speed Limits" (DfT Circular 01/2013) [Setting local speed limits - GOV.UK](#). 20 mph "zones" usually cover a number of roads they require physical traffic calming measures or repeater speed limit signing, and/or roundel road markings at regular intervals, as well as, terminal signing at each entrance and exit to a zone. The Parish Council concluded; all these avenues have been investigated in the past with very little evidence of vehicles traveling to fast. There is also no evidence of accidents on these roads, vehicles naturally slow down. The Parish Council agreed to no longer pursue this proposal and have rejected it. Cllr M Newman will pursue the matter further as a resident and on behalf of the Bradley Community Plan Group.

Better signage at Bradley Lane/A518 "NOT suitable for heavy goods vehicles"

The clerk will liaise with highways to see if this can be implemented and report back at the next meeting. It was suggested, conducting a speed and volume survey, costing around £300 over 7 days. This suggestion was rejected.

Address concern about the speed of traffic and heavy goods vehicles traveling through the village.

The Parish Council noted the area is a farming community. The Parish Council, in discussion with the County Council Highways Department, have considered a range of options which have proven unworkable.

The Parish Council will examine the feasibility of installing warning signs for pedestrians considering using Holly Lane.

Highway and Connectivity Issues regarding a walking/cycling route from Bradley to Haughton.

The grass verge belongs to highways, anything beyond that including the hedge is private land. The grass verge is too narrow to accommodate a shared cycle/footway. The connectivity team at Stafford County Council have advised, it is unlikely there would be any funding for a shared scheme along Bradley Lane. The Parish Council will not be progressing the issue at this time, the Parish Council noted, however that Cllr M Newman will pursue the matter further as a resident and on behalf of the Bradley Community Plan Group.

Items for discuss at the next meeting on 14th November 2023, off the Bradley Community Plan, will be:

- Reinstating the red telephone box
- Improve signposting of public footpaths
- Gateway features to the village.