# Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Bradley Methodist Chapel school room, 3 Lidget Road, Bradley. BD20 9DS on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.30pm.

#### Present:

Cllr Cohn (Chair), Cllr Binns, Cllr Booth, Cllr Dancer, Cllr Slade and Cllr Wood Mags Smith - Clerk
Ward Councillor Andy Brown
District Councillor Patrick Mulligan
Invited Guest- Mr P. McGowan
2 Members of the Public

#### 141.21 Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Coulson due to illness.

#### 142.21 Recording of Council meetings

The right to record the meeting was read out and noted.

#### 143.21 To receive any declaration of interest.

No declarations of interest were received.

### 144.21 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**Resolved:** That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 were approved.

#### 145.21 Public Participation.

A member of the public outlined her plans to hold Fitness sessions on the playing field on Saturdays at 8.30am and Wednesdays at 9am. To be discussed at agenda item 153.21.3

#### 146.21 Invited Guest

Mr McGowan who worked for NY Highways for many years and who has extensive knowledge of the street drainage system in Bradley outline various issues, especially those on Matthew Lane and Meadow Close. Notes of these issues are set out for the discussion at agenda item 148.21

#### 147.21 Reports from District and County Councillors

**147.21.01** Councillor Mulligan reported that NYCC are facing serious challenges to their budget with huge financial pressure on adult services following a shortage of staff. There are also issues with school transport services due to lack of drivers. NYCC are proposing an increase of 3-4% on Council tax including 1.5% for social care.

Schools are also struggling with SEN very expensive and although Government has given funds there is still an £8m deficit.

Cllr Mulligan is attending a meeting with Highways on Friday and would be happy to report the drainage issues on the Parish Council's behalf if he is sent the details.

**147.21.02** Cllr Brown reported that Craven Covid cases has been at 170/100,000 for the last 2 weeks. Today's Craven figure is below 1000 at 981. Vaccinations appear to be drying up with not as many attending the vaccination centres.

The Planning Committee meeting on Monday has been cancelled. A meeting is to go ahead on how to improve the planning department. The Corn Mill application which he called in has been withdrawn.

He wanted to draw the PC's attention to the definitive footpath map. All footpaths should be claimed and registered by 2026.

### 148.21 To consider any drainage issues in the village following on from Mr McGowan's presentation.

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#### Matthew Lane.

1] Artesian Well.

The artesian well by the pavilion which used to supply drinking water was capped off by Yorkshire Water in 1990s. Heavy rain causes it to overflow and burst the main drain down Matthew Lane. 2] Main Culvert and gulleys.

This has collapsed twice and repaired, but another hole is appearing where the road is sinking. NY Highways have said that it is at full capacity, yet this evidence indicates that this may not be the case. The gulleys, especially the ones at the junctions with Ings Lane and Westview Close, are filled with debris and have been missed off the cleaning rota in 2019 and 2020.

3] Garden Cottage.

The surface water drain from this recently finished new house has, we believe, been illegally connected to the culvert and surface water is also discharged directly at the boundary with the building plot next door onto the highway. We believe that this is contrary to provisions in the Highways Act. Also the borehole could back up and discharge onto their property. None of this was brought up at the time planning permission was granted, nor were building regulations checked, both of which rely upon statutory consultation with NY Highways.

4] Meadow Close development.

The pavement and entrance is about to be adopted by NY Highways. Before this was built by Woolers, the surface water running down from Crag Lane and Main Street was caught by the gulley on the left hand side at the entrance to the playing fields. The new curbing now blocks this. Is the building inspector aware? A connection certificate should not have been issued and if not any household insurance will be void. Who would be responsible for upgrading the culvert? Highways or Yorkshire Water? The adoption process should be stopped until this is rectified.

Jacksons Lane from the West Yorkshire boundary to the end of Sunderland Avenue. A French drain was installed on the left hand side, downhill, about 30 years ago. Pipes were laid under the entrances to the properties. This was to allow slow seepage of heavy rainfall into the ground without water running down the rest of Jacksons Lane to Lidget Road. This has never been maintained and is totally overgrown.

#### Crag Lane from Hamblethorpe

Overgrown ditch which has never been cleared out.

Skipton Road All the gulleys on Skipton Road have not been cleaned for two years at least with grass growing out of full grates.

#### **Summary**

The Parish Council is disappointed that the village drains have been so badly neglected. It seems apparent that the drainage will cope with most rainfalls; however, as these are becoming heavier with the changing climate it would seem to make economic sense by being better prepared now.

**Resolved:** The Parish Council would like to discuss with NY Highways a programme of remedial works and agree a more frequent drain clearing schedule. Of immediate concern is the suspension of the adoption of the Meadow Close entrance.

**Resolved:** That the above notes are forwarded to Cllr Mulligan to take to his meeting with Highways on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

#### 149.21 To consider any planning applications received.

**149.21.01 New Planning Applications –** No new applications received.

149.21.02 Applications granted – None

149.21.03 Applications Refused - None

#### 149.21.04 To consider any other planning issues. -

2021/23464/FUL - Proposed B8 Storage Building - Corn Mill House Mill Lane Bradley – Withdrawn

APP/C2708/D/21/3282982: 10 Westview Close, BD20 9BU - Appeal dismissed.

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Resident on Westview Close thanks the PC and district councillors for their help and support in this matter.

#### 150.21 Financial Report.

To approve Financial Report and payment schedule for January 2022

Current Account as 10/01/2022 £7,633,72 Deposit Account as 10/01/2022 £13,886.07

	Total	1255.57		
M. Smith (Jan salary)	25/01/2022	412.19	IB126	20
Bradley Meth. Room hire (jun-dec)	15/12/2021	120.00	IB125	21
HMRC (PAYE Mt 7-9)	10/12/2021	140.40	IB124	38
Autela Payroll (PAYE Oct-Dec)	18/12/2021	63.00	IB123	40
HP Ink account	06/01/2022	9.99	IB122	21
Frank Plumridge (trees/hedge)	06/01/2022	420.00	IB121	35
Leafnode Computers	21/12/2021	60.00	IB120	21
Boundless Broadband	01/01/2022	29.99	DD	25

**Resolved:** That the Financial Report and Payment Schedule for January 2022 was approved.

**To sign the Precept form for 2022/23** which was approved at the December meeting. Duly signed

#### 152.21 To consider any items regarding the Amenities Area

• To consider the request for ashes to be scattered at the Amenities area. **Resolved**: That the ashes may be scattered at the amenities area provided they are not scattered on the area set aside for wilding and that no physical memorial is placed there.

#### 153.21 To consider any items regarding the Pavilion and Playing field.

To consider the drainage at the bottom of the Football Pitch. A quote has been received for work on the drain at the bottom of the pitch, it was felt that the pipe should have been taken diagonally across the pitch to alleviate the problem.

**Resolved:** That Cllr Binns, Cllr Booth, Mr Barron and Mr McGowan should meet representatives of the Football Club to further discuss the work to be carried out.

- To consider quotations received for a metal handrail to be fixed at the steps at the Pavilion.
  - One quote has been received and Cllr Cohn is to meet another contractor to discuss what is required and then quote.
- To consider a request to use the playing field for outdoor fitness sessions. (details previously circulated)

**Resolved:** That the Fitness sessions can go ahead on Saturday at 8.30am and Wednesday 9am starting on Feb 12<sup>th</sup>. They can be run free of charge until Easter when the organiser will update the Members on numbers etc and the Parish Council will then decide on a hire charge going forward.

- To consider the state of the beck retaining wall.
   Cllr Binns and Mr Barron had surveyed the beck wall, three issues were found:
  - 1) The retaining wall below ground level looks unstable;
  - 2) damage from the two sycamore trees is cracking the walls (one of the trees was due to be taken down a few years ago but this didn't happen). Either the trees need to come out or the wall needs taking aware and leave the trees.

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3) Some areas have missing or loose capping stones which are a risk, also holes are appearing in the wall on the roadside.

There is potential to remove the wall on the field side and replace with fencing. The work would need to be phased over 5-10 years.

Mr Barron and Cllr Binns will seek advice from Mr Berry and following a further survey will put together a cost for works.

#### 154.21 To consider any Environment Issues.

- Report from Bradley in Bloom
   The fruit trees have been planted. Work is quiet at the moment but will pick up again in Spring.
- Trees on the road into Skipton
   Cllr Slade has met with CDC tree officer who is in favour of the idea of trees on
   the road into Skipton as Craven as only 6% tree cover and its objective is 18%
   However, it is unlikely that Highways would approve the scheme. Cllr Slade is to
   produce a plan and meet again with the Tree Officer and a Funding group and
   will report back.
- To add a finger on the signpost showing the village garden.
   Resolved: That a quote will be requested for an extra finger on the village signpost at the playing field.

#### 155.21 To consider plans for the field at the bottom of the cemetery.

There has been no movement on this at the moment. The Contractor has quoted £60/80 for cutting the grass. Further discussions will follow.

- To consider the quotation for replacing the timber support on the swing frame.

  We are awaiting a quote from Pennine Playgrounds who were recommended by CDC.

  Will be discussed at the next meeting.
- **To further consider an Electric Vehicle Charging Point in the Village.**Only 12 people responded to the survey so this item is shelved for the time being.

# To receive an update on the A1J funding and the 20s Plenty Campaign NYCC have refused a blanket coverage of 20mph through all villages. Evidence of road safety surveys show that accidents do not occur in the centre of villages. NYCC will look at individual requests and consider them on merit.

#### 159.21 To receive an update from the Footpath Committee.

Cllr Wood reported that NYCC have agreed to pay for a signpost at Dales Lane and are awaiting permission from the landowner. About 10 people turned up for the volunteers day in November which was very successful.

The stile on the way to Cononley which is unusable has been reported.

### 160.21 To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan and to approve a response from the PC to the Good Design consultation.

The consultant is working his way through updating the plan and there will be a Team meeting on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan to discuss. He has sent the Parish Council the responses to CDC's consultations on Good Design, Green Infrastructure & Biodiversity and Flood Risk & Water management which he feels is important to form our Plan.

**Resolved:** That the responses to the Good Design, Green Infrastructure & Biodiversity and the Flood Risk and Water Management Consultations be sent to CDC before the deadline of 1<sup>st</sup> Feb.

#### 161.21 Correspondence and items brought forward by the Chair.

•Various consultations from CDC – Good design, Rural Workers Dwellings, Flood Risk & Water management and Green Infrastructure and biodiversity. – As above

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•Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Plans for Village event with the PC, Village Hall and In Bloom group.

**Resolved:** That the Parish Council joins with the Village Hall and In Bloom group to organise an event for the village to mark the Queens Platinum Jubilee. It was suggested that the PC purchases a memento of the occasion to give to the children at Bradley Primary School. The Clerk was requested to contact the school for numbers, invite them to join in the planning of a village celebration and seek costs for coins, mugs or other memorabilia.

**162.21 Date of next meeting** Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at Bradley Methodist Church

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.40pm

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