

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BRADWALL PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Wednesday 27th May 2015 at
Bradwall Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr. G. Gnyp – Chairman BPC Cllr. G. Williams – BPC
Cllr. S. Beck – BPC Cllr. K. Roden – BPC
Mrs F. Stops – Clerk BPC

Note: The Chairman, Councillors and Clerk extended their deepest condolences to Cllr. Ken Roden and family after the recent, unexpected death of his wife Margaret.

1. APOLOGIES Mr Richard Smedley Cllr. J. Wray - CEC

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th March 2015, which have been circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr. K. Roden, Seconded Cllr. G. Williams.

3. MATTERS FOR REPORT

a) Highways.

This is an ongoing problem. A contractor did come and carry out some work, CE thought the problem was fixed but as we know it's not! The Clerk has reported it again and sent photos to John Tickle.

b) Zulu Bridge.

The Clerk met CE officer Stuart Bateman on site on 24th April. He agreed that the bridge is too narrow for HGV / articulated vehicles unless they definitely need to use it for access. He needs to liaise with Middlewich Town Council because it is actually in their parish, but he will come up with a plan of suitable signs and actions.

c) Boundary Signs.

A local company (Plan It Signs of Newcastle, Staffs) have recently provided 4 signs to another parish for a total cost of £552. These were then erected on existing posts by CE. Bradwall will require new posts and signs at 4 locations. The Clerk will find out if a sub-contractor such as Willis' can be used to erect signs.

d) Broadband.

It has proved very difficult trying to get information. At the moment the closest cabinet to Bradwall is due to be upgraded to Superfast Broadband by "summer 2015" but there are no definite dates. There has been some activity from BT with additional cables being laid to Walnut Tree Lane. It was agreed to await the summer upgrades in Sandbach and then follow up.

4. FINANCIAL MATTERS

It was resolved to:

- a) Receive the financial report.
- b) Pay Mrs F. Stops – £208.00 Clerk's Salary (Oct 2014 – Mar 2015)
- c) Pay Zurich Municipal - £243.00 Insurance

- d) Pay ChALC - £48.00 Membership Fee
- e) Pay Bradwall Village Hall - £25 for hall hire on 27/05/15.
- f) To approve and sign the Audit forms.

5. PLANNING MATTERS

14/5721C & 14/5726C Gypsy and Traveller Transit Site, Cledford Lane – Permission was granted by the planning committee. There has been much press coverage and controversy. The CE planning officer stated that it was not an ideal site! Local residents are still trying to get the decision overturned.

15/1541C Solar Farm on land south of Wood Lane – Comments have been submitted stating no objections. At present it is expected that a decision will be made at the planning committee on 30th June.

15/2014C Bradwall Chapel, Wards Lane – Demolition of outbuilding, erection of extension and change of use to dwelling. Comments to be submitted by 3rd June. No objections.

Bradwall Estate – it was noted that surveyors instructed by Strutt & Parker had been working in the area off Marsh Green Road, Elworth.

6. ITEMS OF INTEREST/FURTHER DISCUSSION

- Following the decision of Stewart Holland not to stand for re-election a new representative is required for the Almshouse Charity Board of Trustees. The Clerk will find out the requirements and tasks involved in the role.
- It was agreed to make a presentation of a commemorative gift to Mr Holland in recognition of the many years he represented the parish.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 8th July 2015
Bradwall Village Hall at 8pm

Meeting closed at 9.45pm.