

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BRADWALL PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Wednesday 25th November 2015, 8pm at
Bradwall Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr. G. Gnyp – Chair BPC Cllr. K. Roden – BPC
Cllr. G. Williams - BPC Cllr. S. Beck – BPC
Cllr. R. Smedley – BPC Mrs F. Stops – Clerk BPC
Mr Michael Ollier Cllr J. Wray - CEC

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Ken Roden declared his interest in all matters concerning development of the Gypsy and Traveller site on Cledford Lane. It was agreed that because no decisions were required and the matter was only on the agenda for updates of information, Cllr. Roden was not required to leave the meeting.

3. TO CO-OPT NEW COUNCILLOR

Michael Ollier has declared himself willing to serve as a Councillor. Co-option was proposed by Cllr. K. Roden, seconded by Cllr. R. Smedley and agreed unanimously.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 23rd September 2015 have been circulated and these were approved as a correct record of the events.

5. MATTERS FOR REPORT

a) Broadband.

No further information available.

b) Transparency Code/Website.

The website bradwall-in-cheshire.co.uk is now working and is still being developed. The Clerk reported on an event attended which covered some aspects of the Transparency code. A lot of emphasis is currently being placed on councils online and media presence, the Clerk has set up a Twitter account for the Parish council @BradwallPC.

c) Local Plan and Sandbach Neighbourhood Plan.

The Clerk updated the members on the current situation regarding the CE Local Plan and reported on a strategy meeting attended at Westfields. It is noted that CEC do not want the plan to include any further allocations of housing in the Sandbach area so are looking for robust arguments to repel submissions from developers. It is also noted that Sandbach Town Council, via their Neighbourhood Plan, supports this councils objections to the developers trying to get the Cookesmere Lane/Wood Lane to Bradwall Road area allocated for housing.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) The financial report was received. Current account balance £2621.80. Reserve account balance £152.25.
- b) Pay Bradwall Village Hall - £25 for hall hire on 25/11/15.

- c) Pay Mrs F. Stops - £208.00 Clerk's salary for April – September 2015.
- d) A budget for the next financial year was presented by the Clerk and discussed. It was resolved that a precept of £2000 should be requested for the year 2016-2017. Proposed by Cllr. G. Gnyp and seconded by Cllr. G. Williams.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

14/5721C & 14/5726C Gypsy and Traveller Transit Site, Cledford Lane – Cllr. Roden updated the meeting on current situation including a meeting held on 24th September. The Clerk will contact CE to request inclusion on the distribution list for minutes of relevant meetings.

15/1541C & 15/4336C Solar Farm on land south of Wood Lane – Approved with conditions on 4/09/15. One of the conditions was 25 year working use, the developer, Lightsource, have appealed to extend this to 30 years. Appeal to be considered by the Strategic Planning Committee on 16 Dec. Paperwork for the Community Benefit Deed being offered by Lightsource has been received. It was agreed to seek some informal legal advice before signing and returning the deed. Cllr. Williams will action this.

15/4269C Hollins Green Farm – Demolition of existing farmhouse and erection of replacement farmhouse and ancillary works. Approved with conditions on 12/11/15.

15/4741C Hollinswood Farm, Wood Lane – Conversion of barns to create 4 dwellings. After examination of the plans and discussion it was agreed to submit a statement expressing no objection to the conversion of the barns but to highlight concern about the poor condition of the lane and to request repairs.

15/4898C Bradwall House, Bradwall Road – Construction of a tennis court. No comments or objections.

8. BOUNDARY SIGNS

It was resolved to commission Cheshire East Highways to obtain and erect replacement boundary signs for the two existing signs on Bradwall Road and an additional location on Wards Lane. A budget of £1800 was agreed. Proposed by Cllr. Gnyp and seconded by Cllr. S. Beck.

9. ITEMS OF INTEREST/FURTHER DISCUSSION

None.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 20th January 2016
Bradwall Village Hall at 8pm

Meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Future Meeting Dates

Wednesday 16th March 2016

Wednesday 18th May 2016