

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
BRADWALL PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Wednesday 24th May 2017 at Bradwall Village Hall**

PRESENT: Cllr. G. Gnyp – Chair BPC Cllr. G. Williams – Vice-Chair BPC
Cllr. R. Smedley - BPC Cllr. M. Ollier - BPC
Cllr. J. Wray – CEC Mrs F Stops - Clerk

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Mark Spofforth Claudia Spofforth
Julie McDonnell Phil McDonnell
Michael Acton Katrina Gnyp

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr. S. Beck Damien & Kate Murray

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS
None

3. TO APPOINT CHAIRMAN
Cllr. Greg Gnyp was proposed by Cllr. Williams, seconded by Cllr. Smedley and appointed unanimously.

4. TO APPOINT VICE-CHAIRMAN
Cllr. Godfrey Williams was proposed by Cllr. Gnyp, seconded by Cllr. Ollier and appointed unanimously.

5. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
The minutes of the last meeting held on 22nd March 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr. G. Gnyp and seconded by Cllr. G. Williams.

6. ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES REVIEW
The allocation of particular roles and responsibilities was discussed. It was agreed to continue with the current arrangement of all Councillors being involved in all areas of business. This council does not have any committees or sub-committees for business.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

a) Highways

The issue with flooding on Wood Lane has finally been resolved. Some repairs have been made to the carriageway and an email received from the Highways Officer indicates that the lane will be monitored and further resurfacing carried out.

b) Solar Farm

The community benefit payment has been received and transferred into the reserve account pending use for projects or the distribution of grants. A newsletter has been sent to all residents notifying them of this monies and inviting people to suggest projects for the council to undertake or to apply for grants for community organisations or charities.

8. TO DISCUSS INSTALLATION OF KISSING GATES

The Clerk has spoken to Cheshire East Public Rights of Way team (PROW) and they have indicated an approximate cost of £2500 for the installation of metal kissing gates on FP1/FP2 across from Bradwall Road to Wood Lane – a total of 6 stiles. This is subject to permission of the various landowners. Those contacted so far have agreed but a response has not been received from Strutt & Parker representing Safeguard Ltd. It was agreed to proceed with this as soon as the necessary permissions are received.

9. FINANCE (Clerk)

- a) The Annual Governance Statement for the year ending 31st March 2017 (Section 1 of Annual Return) was approved and signed by the Chairman.
- b) The Accounting Statement for the year ending 31st March 2017 (Section 2 of Annual Return) was approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.
- c) The balance sheet dated 24th May 2017 was received.
- d) The following payments were approved and cheques signed:
Clerk's Salary (Oct 2016 to Mar 2017) - £442.00; ChALC Affiliation Fee - £52.50; Zurich Insurance - £257.60; Bradwall Village Hall (Hall hire on 24/05/17) - £25.00; G.Gnyp Website expenses - £49.99.

10. PLANNING MATTERS

16/4041C Land at Fields Farm – Approved with conditions 24/04/17.
17/0578C & 17/0579C Walnut Barn – Refused 30/03/17
17/0610C Whitening House Cottage – Approved with conditions 03/04/17
17/0952D Bradwall Methodist Church – Approved with conditions 24/04/17
17/2102D Springbank Farm – Discharge of conditions 1-7 on approval 16/4417C. New application registered 20/04/17. No comments or observations.

11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (Clerk)

The following correspondence was received:

- Letter from Sandbach Town Council seeking support in opposing the closure of Arclid HWRC. This was discussed and it was agreed to support this matter and the Clerk was instructed to write a letter of support.
- Invitation to attend Cheshire East Area Planning Update on Tues 25th July 7-9pm at Holmes Chapel Community Centre.
- Letter received with information about UK Parliament week 13th – 19th November 2017.

12. TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

None.

13. TO RECEIVE CHESHIRE EAST MATTERS FROM CLLR. JOHN WRAY

Cllr. Wray updated members on recent events within Cheshire, including his appointment as leader of the Southern Planning Committee.

14. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 12th July 2017, 8pm
Wednesday 20th September 2017, 8pm
Wednesday 22nd November 2017, 8pm

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Signed by RFO/Clerk

Chairman