BRADFIELD ST CLARE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2022

AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

The Chairman Cllr J Kirk welcomed the following Cllrs: Malcolm Hignett, Sue Partridge and Paul Foster, together with the Parish Clerk, Nicola Sturgeon. Two members of the public were present at the meeting. County Cllr Karen Soons and Borough Cllr Sara Mildmay-White attended the meeting.

This was the first meeting of the Parish Council following the sad death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 8th September 2022 and the State Funeral on 19th September 2022. As a result all Parish Councillors and Clerk wore appropriate attire, and all present at the meeting observed a one minute silence before the meeting commenced.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Alex Duchesne gave his apologies due to illness.
2. Declarations of interest: Cllr Hignett declared an interest in any potential discussion with regard to locating the defibrillator on the village hall building due to the location of his property.
3. Minutes: Draft Minutes of 26 July 2022 were considered. Cllr Partridge proposed that they were a true and accurate record of the meeting and Cllr Hignett seconded.
4. Matters arising:

Matter	Update	Next steps
Defibrillator	(1) Clerk has contacted Anglian Water re: possibility of siting a defibrillator on the wall of the Pumping Station; (2) Clerk has contacted Martin Richards at Long Melford Defibrillator Group (registered charity). Mr Richards has indicated that:- (i) There is a 6 month lead time on all AED devices due to national shortages; (ii) The Charity would be happy to assist the PC; (iii) He suggests an estimated budget of	Anglian Water has responded as follows:- "Unfortunately, this isn't something that Anglian Water are able to approve. We are not able to allow the power supply from the pumping station to be used for the proposed defibrillator." Clerk has emailed Martin Richards to ascertain whether there are reliable defibrillators that do not need an electrical power supply. Cllrs considered the matter.

	@£1500 for the defib which also includes installation costs for the unit, cabinet and the rescue kit inside the cabinet; (iv) He would be happy to provide awareness training for the community free of charge. Mr Richards has also confirmed that the Ambualnce Service do not have to approve a site and that his charity can help register the defib with the Ambulance Service network once it is installed.	16/2022 It was suggested that it might be possible to mount a defibrillator on concrete posts in the area used to park cars nears the Village Hall. That land is owned privately and it was agreed that the Clerk would write to the land owner(s) to see if they would agree to a part of their land being used to place a defibrillator on. To discuss options further at next meeting once the information is available.
Street Lighting	Proposal put forward by parishioner to (a) stop using street lighting altogether, or (b) reduce the number of hours overnight that street lighting is used i.e turn off at 11pm or midnight. Proposal is set out for various environmental reasons, the detrimental effect on wildlife and light pollution.	Following on from various investigations with County and Borough Cllrs it was found that according to the County Council records there are 8 street lights in the village, and they are all owned by West Suffolk Council, and therefore this would be a decision for them. Borough Cllr Sara Mildmay-White looked into the matter and "WS are in the process of a complete review of street lighting. There are so many anomalies of which parish, town pay for their own and which WS or SCC pay for it. It mostly stems from the merger of the two councils…Some parishes fund their own and I am not sure about Bradfield St Clare, it looks as if it is WS but that

		17/2022 will all be part of a more detailed audit. I would hold off doing anything at present as all parishes will be written to and consulted on this issue soon." Clerk confirmed that Bradfield St Clare do not pay for street lighting. Following discussion the PC noted that it could be a concern that following the review the parish becomes responsible for paying for street lighting and the monies to pay for that would need to be raised through the Precept which would increase the cost to each household. Precept for 2023-24 would soon be drafted for approval and would need to be submitted by end of January 2023 and therefore Clerk needs to express time frame concern and not having any information about the review at present time.
Dog poo	Clerk has placed an article in the Grapevine, and has made enquiry with SMW about signs to remind people to pick up after their dog.	SMW confirmed at meeting that signs are available and she will arrange them for the PC.

5. <u>Borough and County Cllrs reports:</u> on the website at bradfieldstclare.onesuffolk.net/

   County Cllr Karen Soons arranged with the PC for a Remembrance Day wreath. Parish Cllr Sue Partridge to liaise directly for collection of the wreath.

Signed…….. Dated…….

Borough Cllr Sara Mildmay-White confirmed that the planning matter in relation to Elm Green had been permitted.

6. Public forum:
   Two members of the public were present at the meeting.
   (1) It was asked of the Borough and County Cllrs if the Village Hall can apply for a grant for refurbishment works. County Cllr Karen Soons confirmed 'yes' but she limited money and it would not go far, so additional monies would need to be obtained from elsewhere to cover the works suggested. Borough Cllr Sara Mildmay-White said that as Village Hall had received £10,000 covid grant it would be difficult for the Borough Council to give further monies at the present time, but she would be happy to ask the Locality Officer to speak with the Village Hall Chairman to see if there were third party external organisation that may be able to offer some funding.
   (2) Parishioners would like their thanks noted in the PC Minutes with regards to the Pitchers Green planning applications and for the PC listening to and taking note of the concerns that they raised at the time of that matter.
   (3) Parishioner commented that the Community Police Officer had not attended the KIT Café as he had indicated and asked if the PC could remind him.

7. Correspondence (all correspondence has been forwarded to Cllrs ahead of the meeting)

8. To consider and approve 2023 PC meeting dates
   The following dates were approved by the PC:-
   14th February 2023 – PC Meeting
   9th May 2023 – Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting
   11th July 2023 – PC Meeting
   8th August 2023 – PC Meeting
   14th November 2023 – PC Meeting

9. Clerk's Report
   (i) Following the departure of Margaret Newlands from the parish it was proposed by Cllr Hignett and seconded by Cllr Partridge that she be removed as a signatory from the PC bank accounts (Mrs Newlands has signed a letter agreeing to this), and that Parish Cllr Paul Foster be added as a signatory to the PC bank accounts. All Cllrs present agreed.
   (ii) The following schedule of items for payment were agreed by the PC for payment:

N Sturgeon Clerk's Salary from 09/02/2022	1042.56	LGA1972
PCC grass cutting	120.00	LGA1972
A Spall grass cutting	200.00	LGA1972
M Morley grass cutting	100.00	LGA1972
Grapevine grant	100.00	LGA1972
Gatehouse foodbank donation	50.00	s137LGA1972

10. Cllrs reports: None for this meeting.

11. Date of next meeting: 8 November 2022 at 7pm in the Village Hall

Meeting closed: 8.30pm

Signed…….. Dated…….