BRADFIELD ST CLARE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 AUGUST 2021

AT 7PM IN THE CHURCH

The Chairman Cllr J Kirk welcomed the following Cllrs: M Hignett, and Alex Duchesne together with the Parish Clerk- N Smith. County Cllr Karen Soons present. Borough Cllr Sara Mildmay-White sent her apologies. One member of the public attended the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence: – Cllr Paul Foster and Cllr Sue Leal both sent their apologies.
2. Declarations of Interest: – Cllr Hignett declared an interest in any item regarding the Anglian Water Treatment Plant.
3. Minutes: Minutes of the meeting on 13 July 2021 – Cllr Hignett proposed and Cllr Duchesne seconded that they were a true and accurate record of the meeting.
4. Matters arising/updates from previous meetings:

	Matter	Update	Next steps
	Overgrown grass strip of land between the asphalt parking area and the Anglian Water treatment plant	Clerk has provided Cllrs with the Land Registry documents that were obtained in 2017 in order to seek to establish who owns that land.	***Clerk provided Cllrs with a draft letter. Some amendments agreed. Clerk will arrange to send out to the landowners.***
	Flooding within particular areas of the village.	Clerk has liaised with County Cllr Karen Soons and Simon Curl (Flood and Water Manager at SCC). The Environment Agency has passed the Parish Council's enquiry to SCC as it relates to surface water flooding issues. SCC Flood and Water Manager, Mr Simon Curl considers that the incidents of flooding that the PC reports "appear to be a combination of ditch flooding/capacity and road drains/gullies not working properly." Mr Curl has offered a site meeting to discuss the matters.	***Clerk has been in contact with Mr Curl with suggested dates for a site meeting. No confirmed date for meeting from Mr Curl as of yet but it is hoped the meeting will take place in September 2021.***
	Community Speed Watch	Clerk has now obtained contact details of the new	***Cllrs asked the Clerk to accept the offer of having***

	Community Engagement Officer. PC has been offered the opportunity of having the mobile speed unit in the village (it should be noted that this will not be on a regular basis).	24/2021 ***the mobile traffic speed unit in the village. They felt that even a few visits per year would have a positive impact.*** ***In meantime, Clerk will try to progress the Community Speed Watch. Volunteers from the Community are required and it seems that there is some reluctance.*** ***No response from recent articles in The Grapevine.*** ***Enquire as to whether the Community Engagement Officer would be able to do an event in the Village Hall to engage with villagers and perhaps answer any questions/reservations they may have about volunteering.***
Road surface on the bridge, Bury Road.	The road surface has potholes and there is a long straight lateral crack which could readily allow water to penetrate into the brick structure beneath the road surface.	***Cllr Partridge has provided the Clerk with photographs.*** ***Clerk has reported on to the SCC Highways Reporting Tool under reference 331608.***
Large hole in the verge near the footpath by the Water Tower.	Very large hole. Parishioner has placed an orange cone in it so that people are aware.	***Clerk reported on the SCC Highways Reporting Tool under reference 329374. Reported on 21/07/2021. Works ordered on 21/07/2021. Works priority – 14 calendar weeks from date works ordered.*** ***Cllrs raised this with County Cllr Soon at the PC Meeting on 10 August. Very dangerous, partially concealed. Would be more so if it were not for parishioner putting orange***

		25/2021 ***cone there to highlight the problem. Right near entrance to footpath. Could cause serious injury to a walker if there foot went down the hole.*** ***Clerk will resend photographs to Cllr Soons and she will raise this with the relevant Highways Officer to see if the works can be done sooner than the 14 weeks.***

5. Borough and County Cllr reports: reports received and distributed to Parish Cllrs ahead of the meeting. The reports can be viewed on the village website at bradfieldstclare.onesuffolk.net/
6. Public Forum:
   1 member of the public attended the meeting and she wished to raise the issue of foul smells emanating from the Anglian Water Treatment Plant. Depending on which way the wind is blowing the smell can be quite unbearable some days.

   Additionally, the parishioner reported that the gate to the Water Treatment Plant was left open for a few days several months ago, and this is concerning from a safety point of view.

   Chair confirmed that the matter was going to be discussed further under Cllrs reports, but thanked the parishioner for providing this information.

7. Correspondence: (all correspondence has been forwarded to Cllrs ahead of the meeting).
8. Clerk's report:
   (i) Schedule of items awaiting approval

N Smith	salary	228.06	chq450	LGA1972

   All Cllrs present approved the payment.

9. Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020/2021:
   i. To consider and approve Certificate of Exemption for 2020/2021. Cllrs considered the Certificate of Exemption 2020/2021 and it was noted that total annual gross income was £3139.05, and total annual gross expenditure was £4908.42. The Parish Council had paid out within the 2020/2021 period the sum of £2,000 which was the agreed contribution towards achieving a speed

reduction on some parts of the villages roads (the larger balance of the overall cost being met out of County Cllr Karen Soons budget);

ii. To consider and approve Annual Internal Audit Report 2020/2021. Cllrs present agreed the approved the Annual Internal Audit Report 2020/2021;

iii. To consider and approve Annual Governance Statement 2020/2021. Cllrs present agreed the contents. Duly signed and dated.

iv. To consider and approve Accounting Statement 2020/2021. Cllrs present agreed the contents. Duly signed and dated.

10. Cllrs reports/updates

(i) Cllrs considered the updates provided by Cllr Hignett ahead of the meeting, in addition to the comments made by the member of the public that attended the meeting.

Cllrs Hignett did not take part in any decision making made by the PC in this matter.

Cllrs agreed that the PC should write to the Environment Agency, setting out the ongoing problems, and ask them to correspond with Anglian Water. The PC and residents were not aware of the "permit terms" as set out in Anglian Waters responses, and in any event those permit terms may need to be revised if the EA found the issues of odour etc were unacceptable. The PC has no powers in relation to enforcing Anglian Water to consider changing the terms and the correspondence by parishioners so far to them had not resulted in any such changes. *Clerk will write to the EA and update at next meeting.*

(ii) Cllrs discussed the possibility of setting up a litter pick in the village. This used to happen prior to the 2020 Covid-19 lockdowns and they wondered whether it would be possible to look at setting these up again. *Clerk will look at dates etc and email to Cllrs to try to get this set up.*

(iii) Cllr Hignett asked the PC to consider a proposal for an event for Earth Day on 22 April 2022. In view of current world event that are substantiating the effects of climate change and the upcoming UN conference (COP26) there's been a recent conversation with Parish members to organise an event in the Parish to coincide with Earth Day Friday 22 April 2022. See link: https://www.twinkl.co.uk/event-day-2022

How is Earth Day celebrated?

Each year, Earth Day has a variety of themes, signifying a new focus on a particular environmental concern.

In 2022, these themes include:

- Volunteering: millions of people will take part in Earth Day, and it is hoped that many will volunteer to improve the environments where they live. This could involve anything from cleaning up litter to help plant new trees.
- Artists for the Earth: to help spread the message of environmental urgency; art can play a huge part in capturing the public's imagination.
- Education: it is only by focusing on the next generation that the environmental fight can continue to be fought.
- Events: awareness events, such as street rallies and marches, will bring the causes of Earth Day to the doorstep of homes throughout the World.

EVENT; Screening of 'KOYAANISQASTI'

Following an initial screening of this film to a couple of neighbours in the village, it is proposed to organise an event on or around Earth Day 22 April 2022 to screen the film in an appropriate venue to generate further awareness. The title, in the Hopi language, means 'crazy life', 'life in turmoil', 'life out of balance', 'life disintegrating', or 'a state of life that calls for another way of living'. The film, made in 1982 is an audio visual essay set to music by Philip Glass. Way ahead of its time, it warns us to regain and maintain a balance with nature.

Here are a couple of links to information about the film 'Koyaanisqatsi'

https://www.theguardian.com/film/filmblog/2011/dec/15/my-favourite-film-koyaanisqatsi

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Koyaanisqatsi

I have been in touch with the distributors and they will charge £100 per public screening. Further discussions will be ongoing with interested villagers and views from the Parish Council will be welcome.

Cllrs present all agreed that the environment, climate change are all matters that are of concern at present and for future generations.

The PC agreed to fund the £100 public screening fee from its budget as a community event for those that wished to attend.

In addition, the Clerk would enquire as to whether there was an Officer at West Suffolk Council or Suffolk County Council that is helping local villages in suggesting changes that individual households can make or indeed any changes as a village that could be considered.

11. Planning: no new planning matters received.
12. Date of next meeting: 9 November 2021 at 7pm – venue will be stated on the Agenda.

Meeting closed: 8.10pm

Signed..... Dated.....