

Bradfield Parish Council

Council Meeting

held at the Council Offices, Mill Lee Road, Low Bradfield, S6 6LB
29th September at 7pm

Present:- (Chairman) Councillor S Bennett
(Oughtibridge) Councillor N Clark
(Stannington) Councillor P Baker
Councillor M Butler
(Worrall) Councillor C Carter
Councillor S Shepherd
Councillor V Priestley
Councillor K Southwood

In attendance: David Luck, Local Area Committee Manager – North (item 21059)

21055. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Barrow and Gray

21056. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Proposed by Cllr. Bennett and RESOLVED: That pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies

(Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960 the press and public be excluded for items 21070, 21071, 21072, 21073 and 21074.

21057. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Baker and Priestley declared an interest in item 21071(b) Friends of Loxley Cemetery grant application.

21058. PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

There were no items of business.

21059. LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE (LAC)

David Luck (DL), Local Area Committee Manager, North attended the meeting to provide information to Councillors. DL provided a presentation to Councillors on the newly formed Local Area Committees. It was noted the LAC's have been formed to give local people and community groups increased power and influence over decisions that affect them and the local community. Seven LAC's have been formed in the city and consist of Elected Members with support from a Community Service Manager, Community Service Officer and a Project Support Officer. Each LAC will be given £100,000 funding and the Ward Pots will be doubled. The LAC's amongst other activities will explore the potential of CIL allocation; support action against fly tipping; influence the expenditure of Section 106 monies; influence schemes to be considered and implemented on local highways works and have key contacts in departments within SCC. Each LAC must hold a minimum of four public meeting per year. The first public meeting to be held in September 2021 with a second meeting towards the end of January 2022 to agree priorities for a Community Action Plan.

Cllr Bennet asked if DL were able to help with a project the Parish Council are funding via SCC which is to install road safety signage outside Loxley School. The project appears to have stalled since expenditure was approved in early 2020. DL undertook to look into the situation and contact the SCC Officer who is dealing with the matter for an update. The Clerk noted that previously the Northern Community Assemblies had Parish/Town Council representatives on the committee. Parish and Town Councils would be pleased if Councillors could be invited to attend the committees in order they can report back fully to Council. All 3 local Parish and Town Councils are keen to be involved as this opportunity would give the Parishes a voice. Cllr Baker noted 'Partner's Meetings' are a way forward.

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Item 21059 continued

Cllr Bennett felt the newly formed LAC's are a great idea. The Clerk noted in regard to CIL monies that the Parish and Town Councils hold the pot but that monies can be requested from the Parishes for specific projects. There is nothing to stop the LAC's from approaching the Parishes seeking funding for specific projects. Cllr Baker the LAC's open up many opportunities for partnership working. Cllr Clark noted there is a damaged gate post on Storth Lane, Wharncliffe Side. It is understood the field belongs to SCC Housing but there have been difficulties in establishing the correct person/department to speak to in order for someone to take responsibility for repairs. Could DL assist with this? DL undertook to look into the matter. Cllr Baker noted the most appropriate route might be via SCC Councillor Julie Grocutt. Cllr Clark undertook to contact Cllr Grocutt. The Chair thanked DL for an informative presentation.

21060. CHAIRS REPORT

The Chair noted he had received notice of resignation from Cllr Habeshaw and Cllr Shaw. The Chair noted his thanks for the work the Councillors had invested in the Parish Council over their years of service. The Clerk undertook to inform SCC in order SCC can issue the Notices of Casual Vacancy.

The Chair noted he was pleased to see more activities and events re-opening. On the 18th September the Chair had attended a zoom meeting of the Peak Park Parishes Forum. Many items were agreed and noted including the possibility that two new National Parks be formed, one in the Chilterns and one in the Cotswolds. There will be many new projects to develop within all parks including community tree planting/wild verge projects. Issues have been raised in regard to push bikes riding on pavement, blocking access and speeding on high streets with many complaints from parishioners. The whole topic of push bikes will be raised at the next meeting with Peak Park MP's. Cllr Priestley noted her concerns that push bikes are a legitimate form of transport and care needs to be taken to clarify what is legal and what is not. Cllr Baker noted she is aware of complaints specifically during lockdown of cyclists using footpaths designated for pedestrian use only but there does need to be a degree of give and take on both sides. The Peak Park are to hold a co-ordinated scarecrow competition across the park and wondered if the Parish Council should become involved?

On the 19th September the Chair had attended a simplified Well Blessing Service at St. James the Last in Midhopstones. There was no singing and no silver band or refreshments but the 15 attendees were over the moon that at least something had been able to take place and shorter service allowed the celebration of this historic event.

The Chair noted he had spent 2 days visiting local schools in order to present the certificates and book vouchers awarded as part of an Appreciation Award. It was noted that he had been very well received at all the schools. Wharncliffe Side noted their intention to paint the bus shelter near the school, part of the Parish Council's project working with schools. The School would submit their design for approval in the near future. Loxley School expressed an interest in the installation of village signs around the Parish and had asked the Chair to champion their ideas, which he felt keen to do, possibly starting at Loxley the home of Robin Hood? It was noted by Councillors that this is perhaps something that could be worked on by the School with the newly formed LAC's.

The Friends of Glen Howe Park group has been re-formed by Cllr Bennett, Cllr Clark, and City Councillors Lewis Chinchin and Grocutt. There are around 20 volunteers so far. The next step is to sign into a stewardship agreement and apply for start up grants. The Chair requested any available assistance from DL in regard to this.

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21061. CLERKS REPORT

- a) The Clerk noted a request from the Community Engagement Co-Coordinator based at Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre in regard to permissions to hold a volunteer fayre on Millennium Green on 16th October 2021. Councillors had no objections noting the office would require sight of risk assessments and public liability insurance. The Clerk undertook to inform the Millennium Green Group of the planned event.
- b) The Clerk noted an order has been placed for the new Standard for the Stannington Branch of the British Legion as previously approved by the Parish Council. The Standard will be 'offered' at the Remembrance Day Service in November. It is understood four services will take place this year. Cllr Bennett to attend the Stannington Service, Cllr Shepherd to attend the Bradfield Service, Cllr Priestley to attend the Worrall Service with the attendance at the Oughtibridge Service to be decided.
- c) The Clerk noted a recent request from the Ibbotson Field Committee in regard to the relocating of the water fountain, currently sited in the wall adjoining the field. The water fountain being in the ownership of the Parish Council. Councillors were not minded to relocate the water fountain at this time.

21062. PREVIOUS MINUTES

- a) Proposed by Cllr. Carter, seconded by Cllr. Priestley and
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 28th July 2021 be confirmed.

21063. FINANCE

- a) The report received from the Finance Officer was noted. The Finance Officer also noted that the External Audit Report had been received today and there were no matters arising. The Notice of Conclusion of Audit together with the necessary paperwork has been displayed on the noticeboard and the website as per the regulations. A formal resolution to accept the Auditors Opinion will be on the agenda for the next Council meeting.
- b) Proposed by Cllr. Southwood, seconded by Cllr. Clark and
RESOLVED: That the July and August 2021 income and expenditure accounts be approved
- c) Proposed by Cllr. Southwood, seconded by Cllr. Clark and
RESOLVED: To authorise payments for signature as per the schedule tabled at the meeting
- d) Proposed by Cllr. Southwood, seconded by Cllr. Clark and
RESOLVED: To authorise the closure of the Sub Account currently held at the Co-operative Bank.

21064. CHRISTMAS TREES

Councillors considered a quote for the purchase and installation of Christmas trees around the Parish. The Clerk noted that the services of specialised personnel who are qualified to use chain saws will be secured from Steel Valley Project if required as in previous years.

Proposed by Cllr. Carter, seconded by Cllr. Southwood and

RESOLVED: That authority be given for the purchase of 12 Christmas trees at 16ft/18ft a cost of £240 each plus delivery per tree plus VAT and for arrangements to be made with the necessary specialised personnel for the installation of the trees if necessary.

21065. 999 EMERGENCY SERVICES DAY – 9TH DAY OF THE 9TH MONTH

Proposed by Cllr. Priestley, seconded by Cllr. Carter and

RESOLVED: That this Council records its support for the UK's annual national 'Emergency Services Day' which is held on the 9th September and which is supported by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II; and that this Council places on record its sincere appreciation for the two million people who work and volunteer in the NHS and emergency services today.

21066. NOTIFICATIONS OF DECISIONS UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT

Planning decisions made by Sheffield City Council and the Peak District National Park were noted.

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21067. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT
A schedule detailing the applications received was tabled. No planning applications had been received from Peak District National Park Authority, there being 4 planning applications from Sheffield City Council. Observations would be forwarded to the relevant Authority.

21068 CORRESPONDENCE
Correspondence received since the last meeting has been previously circulated and noted.

21069. MEMBERS' REPORTS

- a) Cllr. Priestley noted she had attended the opening of the newly refurbished washing trough in Worrall. The event had been very well attended with some very interesting stories about the trough from residents who had lived in the area since childhood.
- b) Cllr Clark had attended the Friends of Glen Howe Park meeting. Cllr Clark noted there had sadly been some minor vandalism at the park whereby some logs placed to prevent parking had been removed. These have now been reinstated with more secure fixings. Cllr Clark asked if the DL could via the LAC' s assist with the group's aim to replace the fencing at the park sited near to the entrance.
- c) Cllr Butler had attended an SLLP Development Day at Langsett Barn on the 11th August 2021. The day started with a presentation on what needed to be done over the next ten years as a new Landscape Conservation Action Plan (LCAP) is under preparation. This plan covers 2023 to 2033 when Heritage Lottery Funding ends. The presentation was followed by discussion when ideas were put forward; including the review of current projects. In the afternoon there was an optional site visit to Midhope and Brooks Bank which Cllr Butler was unable to attend.

Part 2

21070. COUNCILLOR ABSENCE
Councillors considered authorising the absence of Councillor Terry Barrow from Parish Council meetings due to personal circumstances.
Proposed by Cllr. Baker, seconded by Cllr. Priestley and
RESOLVED: To authorise the absence of Councillor Terry Barrow to the end of the current Council year due to personal circumstances. The Chair undertook to send a message of support to Cllr Barrow.

21071. GRANT APPLICATIONS

- a) **Bradfield Village Fellowship Bowling Club (BVFBC)**
Councillors considered a grant application from Bradfield Village Fellowship Bowling Club towards the costs of a powered scarifier.
Proposed by Cllr. Baker , seconded by Cllr. Carter and
RESOLVED: That a grant is not awarded on this occasion. The Clerk undertook to contact BVFBC and provide information relating to a contractor who can carry our scarification for a cost and noting BVFBC are welcome to re-apply for a grant to cover the costs of such scarification. A vote was taken with all being in favour
- b) **FRIENDS OF LOXLEY CEMETERY**
Councillors considered a grant application from the Friends of Loxley Cemetery towards set up costs including laptop, printer, stationery, banners and uniform. The group also requested the Parish Council supply a noticeboard for use on the site having gained the appropriate permissions from the land owner.
Proposed by Cllr. Southwood, seconded by Cllr. Shepherd and
RESOLVED: That a grant of £490 be awarded to the Friends of Loxley Cemetery towards the costs of paper, laminator, laminator pouches, banners, polo shirts and hi-vis vests. The costs of a laptop/mouse/printer and toner are not awarded on this occasion. The Parish Council to arrange for the supply and installation of a noticeboard at Loxley Cemetery. A vote was taken with all being in favour

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21072. SHEFFIELD LAKELAND LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP (SLLP) GRANT APPLICATIONS

There were no applications for consideration.

21073 APPRECIATION AWARDS

Councillors received and considered nominations for the Appreciation Awards.

Proposed by Cllr. Priestley, seconded by Cllr. Baker and

RESOLVED:- To approve the Appreciation Award of £100 in gift tokens to Michael Smith of Worrall Environmental Group for his efforts in almost singlehandedly arranging for the refurbishment and re-opening of the Worrall Washing Trough.

A vote was taken all were in favour.

21074. COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION

Councillors considered applications for the vacant Councillor position in the Oughtibridge Ward.

Proposed by Cllr. Southwood, seconded by Cllr. Baker and

RESOLVED: To co-opt Jennifer Morton to the vacant Councillor post in Oughtibridge Ward.

A vote was taken all were in favour.

.....Chairman