

BRADFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meetings held on May 5TH 2009.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

Present.

Mr A. House.	Chairman
Mr R. Taylor.	Vice- Chairman
Mrs D.A.Bartley-Brown.	
Mr P. Harrod.	
Mr H. Howard.	
Dr P. Isherwood.	
Mr T. Wale.	
Mr R. Wyatt.	
Mr G. Pask	District Councillor.
Mr Q. Webb.	District Councillor.
Mr C.W.Goudge.	Clerk.

There were six members of the public present.

Mr House opened the meeting.

1. The Election of the Chairman for the coming year.

Mr Taylor proposed and Dr Isherwood seconded a proposition that Mr House be elected Chairman for the coming year. The proposition was carried unanimously.
Mr House then signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman.

2. Apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

3. The election of the Vice-Chairman for the coming year.

Mr Wale proposed and Dr Isherwood seconded a proposition that Mr Taylor be elected Vice-Chairman for the coming year. The proposition was carried unanimously.

4. The appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies.

The following appointments were made.

The Governing Board of the Primary School	Mr A. House.
The Village Hall Management Committee	Mr P. Harrod.
West Berkshire Association of Parish & Town Councils	Mr House.
Pang Valley Project	Mr Wale.
Trustees of the Parochial Charities.	Mr Wyatt.
Neighbourhood Action Group	Mr Taylor

5. Confirmation of Standing Orders and financial arrangements.

The Standing Orders and Financial arrangements were confirmed.

6. Declarations of Member's Interests.

Councillors were reminded to ensure that their individual Declarations are up to date.

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7. Public Forum.

The Land Agent, representing the interests of Landowners objecting to the designation of Plum Manger Footpath as a Right of Way, reviewed the application as he knew it. WBC is likely to confirm the Order shortly, and the Landowners are almost certain to contest the Order. The path is recognised as a permitted path and it should not need to be designated. There is the problem of litter and rubbish.

The Chairman emphasised that the matter is now in WBC's hands, and that the Council needed to wait until WBC had reached a conclusion.

The Chairman thanked the Land Agent for coming to the meeting.

What is the progress on the Youth Shelter.

The Chairman said that this is on the Agenda later.

8. Minutes of the last meeting held on April 7th 2009.

The minutes had been circulated.

An amendment was requested to Minute 152.

“was full of” to read “contained”

“School” to read “the Wood”

With these amendments the minutes were agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman.

9. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Minute 143.

i Vacancy for a Councillor.

A letter had been written to Mrs Stanley notifying Mrs Stanley of her cessation as a Councillor. The Council has now started the usual Casual vacancy procedures.

ii Youth Shelter.

Three quotes have been received. There are Planning and H.S.E. questions to be settled. It was confirmed that the Council had received sufficient S.106 funds to purchase a shelter.

It was reported that the Village Hall Committee are content to locate the shelter in the playing fields, but have yet to decide whereabouts.

It was decided to go ahead and appoint a Contractor, as well as talking to WBC about planning requirements.

iii Admoor Lane housing.

As personal details of applicants were involved, it was decided to deal with this in a Part II meeting as the last item in the meeting.

10. Planning.

Decisions from the Planning Authority

		Decision
09/00171/COND1	Lea House, Southend Road.	
	Reserved details – condition 2	Withdrawn
09/00257/LBC2	1, Hollytree Cottages, Cock Lane.	
	Shower room.	Approval
09/00282/HOUSE	Rosedene, Southend Road.	
	Loft Conversion.	Approval

13. Correspondence received since the last meeting not referred to elsewhere.

The correspondence was reviewed, and, where appropriate, placed into circulation.

14. Items to be raised by Councillors.

Green Lane is overgrown by the little bridge and it was decided to report this to WBC. Some people found it difficult to hear the speakers at the A.P.A. and it might be an idea to hire a small P.A. system for the next year.

It was reported that the Enforcement Officer believed that steps from a property to the main road did not appear to present a threat.

There is a need for the pavement in Bradfield to go all the way up to the Post Office collection box by Riverside Cottage in Ashampstead Road. It was decided to ask WBC in the Autumn to put this on the rolling Capital programme.

There has been flytipping down Admoor Lane by the brook. Under H.S.E. legislation the Environment Agency can remove from the water but not the land, whilst WBC can remove from land but not the water.

There was general appreciation for the efforts of Councillors to both organise and attend the A.P.A.

The Parish Plan Working Part plans a litter pick on May 16th.

The question of dog bins at the College will be investigated with the Assistant Bursar.

It was decided to place all the A.P.A. reports on the website.

15. Reports from Representatives who have attended meetings of outside Bodies on behalf of the Council.

Mr Taylor had attended the recent N.A.G. meeting.

- The PCSO has visited School and will continue to do so.
- The trouble with shop lifting in Theale appears to have moved to Pangbourne.
- Flytipping problems could be made worse as a consequence of WBC charging for collecting some items.
- There is noticeable speeding on the A340. All major accidents have been from cars speeding round bends, and to use the mobile camera the Police need a layby which does not exist.
- The junction with Common Hill does have signage problems, and this will be reviewed as part of a comprehensive A340 review.

16. Finance.

i	Receipts. Lloyds TSB	Interest	TBA
ii	Payments by s/o C.W.Goudge	Salary	£240.55
iii	Payments authorized. Allianz Cornhill Susanna Westmeath CPRE C.W.Goudge. H.Howard A.J.House.	Insurance premium Website maintenance 09/ 10 Subscription 09 / 10 Expenses 08 / 09 A.P.A. expenses A.P.A. expenses	£576.66 £229.99 £29.00 £167.75 £22.50 £35.53

- iv Other matters.
 - i The Statement of Receipts & Payments to date was noted.
 - ii The Annual Return for the year to March 31st 2009 was approved.

17. Date of the next meeting.

July 7th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

18. Admoor Lane housing.

Under S.15 of the LGA 1972, the Council requested members of the public to leave, as a matter concerning the privacy of individuals was to be discussed.

The Council considered the four names which WBC had provided as applicants who appeared to be suitable for nomination of the tenancy of 5, Admoor Lane.

The Council felt that all the four names submitted had sufficient local connections for them to go forward for selection as tenants.

The Chairman then closed the meeting.

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Chairman Date