

BRADFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on April 7th 2009.

Present.

Mr A. House. Chairman
Mrs D. Bartley-Brown.
Mr P. Harrod.
Mr H. Howard.
Dr P. Isherwood.
Mr R. Taylor.
Mr T. Wale.
Mr R. Wyatt.

Mr C.W.Goudge. Clerk.

There were five members of the public present.

143. Apologies for absence.

- i Apologies for absence had been received from Mr Taylor and the District Councillors.
- ii It was noted, with regret, that Mrs Stanley had not attended a Council meeting for the past six months, without acceptable reasons for absence. It was noted that Mrs Stanley has automatically ceased to be a Member of the Council. A letter would be sent to Mrs Stanley.

144. Public Forum.

A Parishioner reported on the progress with WBC regarding the fall which he sustained earlier in the year.

It is suggested that part of the Common Hill Road is made one way.

Has the Parish Council complained to WBC about the general state of the Highways.

The Chairman commented that specific road faults are always reported to Streetcare.

A Parishioner asked if anything could be done about the trees along New Way.

It was decided to have a word with the Bradfield Village Hall Management Committee and find out who actually owns the trees before taking the matter further.

145. Minutes of the last meeting held on March 3rd 2009.

The minutes had been circulated, were agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman.

146. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting not referred to elsewhere.

Minute 132.

- i Youth shelter.
The BVHMC did discuss possible sites at their last meeting, suggesting the shelter might go between the two fields. The funding might come from S.106 monies, and the Council is going forward with both consultation and quotes.

- ii Goal posts.
Storage of goal posts would be a problem, though it is possible that there might be an arrangement at the end of the tennis courts. This is ongoing.

Minute 134.

- i Sovereign Housing.
There has been no letter from Sovereign as was promised. It was decided to bring this once again to the attention of the Chief Executive of Sovereign.

147. Planning.

Decisions from the Planning Authority.

		Decision
08/02240/FULD	Nurses Bungalow, Cock Lane. Four new dwellings	Refusal
09/00211OUTD	Land at rear of Wigmores garage. Renewal of planning permission	Withdrawn

New planning applications.

- 09/00323/ADV Lea House, Southend Road.
Hoarding.

The Council objected to this application because the current position is detrimental to the new shop.

- 09/00407/CON Greek theatre, Bradfield College.
Demolition of the temple building.

The Council returned “no objections”

Other matters.

- i S.106 of £294.
WBC have been informed of the proposed usage as part of funding for a Youth shelter. WBC has also been asked to process and remit to the Council the S.106 funds which have been received from developers, according to the S.106 report.
- ii Pump House.
The Enforcement Officer has been requested again to inspect the property.
- iii JSPU.
The notification of submission of the core strategy for Minerals and Waste was noted.

148. Highways.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Minute 136.

- i Bradfield College lighting.
WBC Highways have not yet made known their views following the recent meeting with the Council and the College.
- ii Traffic calming.
It is reported that WBC have no money for a traffic calming scheme. It was decided to raise the issue at the next NAG meeting.
- iii Parking on pavements.
This is a continuing problem, and it was decided to raise this at the next NAG meeting.
- iv Ashampstead Road VAS sign.
This is now working though, in the opinion of the Council, in the wrong place.

- v Bus services.
It was decided to put the new timetables on the notice boards.
- vi Chalkpit Farm Road.
This has been repaired.
- vii Common Hill Road.
The tarmac condition was reported to WBC. No action has been seen.

New matters.

- i WBC Footways and Highways repair programme.
This shows the plans for 2009 to 2014.

149. Environment.

- i Parish name change.
Royal Mail have confirmed that the matter is progressing, but very slowly.
- ii Plum Manger Right of Way.
WBC are progressing this.

150. The report of the West Berkshire Councillor.

The budget for the coming year has been agreed, with a Council Tax rise of 3.9%. The new Strategic Framework has been published, showing the overall picture as seen by WBC for the whole of West Berkshire. Bradfield is a Village Service Centre. There has been a grant for the School by the Strategic Management Board. It is unusual to give such a grant, but there were special considerations in this case. The matter is administered by Greenham Common Trust in partnership with WBC and should be confirmed later in the year.

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

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

152. Items to be raised by Councillors.

Recycling seems to have deteriorated. One green bin had not been taken because the collectors felt it was full of fruit, and WBC will not empty such a bin. It is possible to put such waste in the grey bin which appears farcical. There is an increasing amount of flytipping in the Parish.

It was reported that children had got into School after hours and started fires. This is a Police matter.

Highways have managed to repair the persistent pothole after three visits.

Dog bin plans have now been presented, and it was decided to put this on the Agenda for the next meeting.

The road markings in Ashampstead Road are worn and need to be repainted. It was decided to inform Streetcare.

153. Reports from Parish Council Representatives who have attended meetings of Outside Bodies on behalf of the Council.

The Chairman had attended a meeting of the School Governors and the report is attached to these minutes, together with that of the previous Governors' meeting.

154. Finance.

i	Receipts. Lloyds TSB	Interest	February	£1.74
ii	Payments by S/O C.W.Goudge	Salary		£240.55
iii	Payments authorised. BALC	Subscription 09 10		£237.28
	WBC	Dog bin empty	£131.82	
		VAT	£19.77	£151.59
	Bradfield Village hall	Hall hire		£40.00
iv	Other matters.			
i	Thank you letter from Standby Volunteers was noted.			
ii	The Statement of Receipts & Payments to date was noted.			
iii	The Council noted that the audit for 2008 / 09 has been called.			

155. Date of the next meeting.

Tuesday May 5th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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Chairman

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Date