

## BRADFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on January 12th 2010.

Present.

Mr A. House.	Chairman
Mrs K. Dearing.	
Mr P. Harrod.	
Mr H. Howard	
Dr P. Isherwood	
Mr T. Wale	
Mr R. Wyatt.	

Mr G. Pask.	District Councillor.
Mr C.W.Goudge.	Clerk.

There were no members of the public present.

### 112. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from Mrs Bartley-Brown and Mr Taylor.

### 113. Public Forum.

The Christmas lights results were announced.

Plaque and first position	The Harris Family.
Second position	Mrs K. Parsons
Third position	The Fidler family.
Special commendations	Bill and Pat Dawes
	John and Jill Forrester

### 114. Minutes of the last meeting held on December 1<sup>st</sup> 2009.

The minutes had been circulated.

There was an amendment requested to minute 100.

“Admoor lane” to read “Southend Road”.

With this amendment the minutes were agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman.

### 115. Matters arising from the minutes not referred to elsewhere.

Minute 100.

i Youth shelter.

The Lease from the Village hall Management Committee had been approved in principle. When the engrossed Lease was received, if it was appropriate, the Clerk would sign the Lease on behalf of the Council.

Minute 102

i Village Hall car park lights.

These have been out of service.

**116. Planning.****Decisions from the Planning Authority**

		<b>Decision</b>
09/02016/HOUSE	2, Ash Grove, Bradfield. Section 73 for removal of condition 3	<b>Approval</b>
09/02386/NONMAT	Bradfield College, Bradfield. Minor amendments to Science block.	<b>Approval</b>
09/02035/FUL	Buckhold farm, Buckhold. Change of use	<b>Approval</b>

**New applications.**

09/01263/FUL	Bradfield House, Scratchface Lane. Fitness suite
09/02342/HOUSE	Oxford House, Rotten Row.
09/02345/LBC	Loft conversion & roof retiling.
09/02556/HOUSE	College View, Bradfield. Conservatory
09/02595/HOUSE	Whitesills, Rotten Row. Porch & extensions.

**The Council “supported” the applications from Oxford House and returned “no objections” to the other applications.**

**Other matters.**

- i Nurses Bungalow.  
The application for four houses was allowed at the WBC Planning Committee.
- ii Oak House.  
WBC Enforcement have reported that the new property had not been fully occupied so that demolition of the original property had not been started. An inspection is due in a fortnight, and a report is expected after that visit..
- iii S.106 funding matters.  
These are being investigated.
- iv Travellers Rest Farm.  
It was reported that Enforcement have not taken the promised actions and it was decided to press the matter.

**117. Report of the West Berkshire Councillor.**

Mr Pask said that the road gritting regime had struggled in difficult conditions, but had coped well. In general discussion it was suggested that local farms with snow blades would have made a greater impact at the beginning of the snowfall.  
Mr Pask would comment further during the meeting if needed.

**118. Highways.****Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.**

Minute 014.

- i Hedging and vegetation.  
It was reported that Chalkpit Road had been treated by Englefield Estate, and there had been some other work by Waylands Close. The hedge on the left of Mariner’s Lane still needs attention. It was decided to ask Highways to deal with this urgently.

- ii Rotten Row Hill water.  
WBC are waiting for a response to the suggestion of a meeting.
- iii Southend Road drains.  
WBC have done some work. There are gullies which need clearing in Mariner's Lane, College Hill and Bournefield Farm. It was decided to ask Highways to clear these promptly.

**New matters.**

- i Bournefield Farm signs.  
The new signs were welcomed. Salt bins are needed by the roadside and Highways would be informed.
- ii Ivy on an oak tree.  
An oak tree appears to have dead wood in the upper part and it was decided to ask Sovereign Housing to remove the dead wood which could otherwise pose a threat to passers by.
- iii NALC report on Highway obstruction.  
This responded to a query by Council in November and referred to logs placed close to the Highway.

**119. Environment.**

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

Minute 105.

- i Dog bins.  
This is ongoing with the College.
- ii BT booth.  
BT have been informed of the wish to adopt the booth.

**New matters**

- i Plum Manger modification order.  
Mr Wale reviewed the matter which is ongoing.
- ii Village name.  
Royal Mail are progressing this.
- iii District Parish Conference dates.  
These are March 17<sup>th</sup>, May 27<sup>th</sup>, July 19<sup>th</sup>, October 5<sup>th</sup> and January 26<sup>th</sup> 2011.

**120. Correspondence received since the last meeting not referred to elsewhere.**

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

**121. Items to be raised by Councillors.**

There are blue coloured signs being placed round the Village by the College. Some are placed insensitively and it was decided to contact the Bursar in the first instance to voice the disquiet.

Neighbourhood Watch has not been very effective recently. However, there have been instances of snow being cleared for older people which is very much welcomed.

The new notice board has been installed.

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

There were no further reports.

**123. Finance.**

i	Receipts.		
	Lloyds TSB	Interest	£1.01
	Other P.C's	Photo rent	£25.00
ii	Payments by S/O		
	C.W.Goudge	Salary	£240.55
iii	Payments authorised.		
	Metro signs.	Notice board	£1,118.95
	Bradfield Village Hall	Hall hire	£96.00
	Bradfield Primary School		£396.00
	A.House	Newslink flyer	£35.00
iv	Other matters.		
	i	To note the Statement of Receipts and Payments to date.	
	ii	The Precept for the coming year was set at £15,150, an increase of 1% on the current year.	

**124. Date of the next meeting.**

**Tuesday February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

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Chairman

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Date