

## BRADFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on September 6<sup>th</sup> 2011

Present.

Mr A. House.	Chairman
Mrs K. Dearing.	
Mr P. Harrod.	
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.

### **64 Apologies for absence.**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **65 Public Forum.**

*There are problems with the development at Bishops Road, Tutts Clump, because contractors' vehicles are parking in the road making access along the road very difficult.*

The Council would see if the contractors could move their vehicles.

*When will the flashing lights be installed at the Primary School.*

WBC has promised installation by the end of September.

*The School is reducing the amount of parking, so could not a path be put down the Green to the School.*

This would be mentioned to School.

### **66 Bradfield College – the Bursar.**

The Chairman welcomed Trefor Llewellyn.

- There is a new Headmaster – Simon Henderson.
- The College has a full complement of students.
- The last exam results were very pleasing – best ever A levels.
- There are a number of projects in the offing. Pinewood Cottages has been completed and there are other houses in the pipeline.
- The Greek theatre had to be closed due to H & S issues, and a £1.3m appeal has been launched to reinstate the Theatre.
- There is a current planning application for the development of the Ashampstead Road houses

*The roads around the College badly need repairs, particularly as there are large bumps from contractors work.*

The Bursar would look into this.

*The pinch point in the road was asked to be modified.*

College has put in two wooden posts to try and prevent parking.

*There is a glitch in the road itself.*

This is a problem because there is an old vitreous drain pipe which needs repairing underneath.

*The footpath from the bus stop has a notice saying "cross over".*

This was put there purely for the temporary people who rented accommodation in the School holidays and it is now redundant.

*The pupils seem to be better trained for road crossing.*

There is a programme to try and make everyone aware of the possible dangers.

The Chairman thanked the Bursar for being with the Council for this meeting.

**67 Minutes of the last meeting held on August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011.**

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

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

Minute 54.

i Youth shelter graffiti.

The graffiti is being examined to see the best way to remove it.

ii Sovereign Housing.

Mr Webb and the Clerk will follow this up.

iii Thames Valley Housing.

The tenant suggested for 11, Admoor Lane does not meet the criteria for a person with local connections. It was decided to inform both Thames Valley Housing and also Sovereign Housing.

**69 Planning.**

**Appeal.**

10/02273/FULC Travellers Rest Farm, Bradfield Southend.  
Change of use of Unit 11 and 16.

An Appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the refusal of consent by WBC. The Appeal is to be decided on the basis of written statements and a site visit.

**Decision from the Planning Authority.**

11/00798/HOUSE 8, Wayland Close, Bradfield.  
Garage conversion

**Approval.**

**New planning applications.**

11/01372/HOUSE	Stanford Woods, Tutts Clump. Extensions.	<b>No objections</b>
11/01558/FUL	Bradfield Primary School, Cock Lane. New playground	<b>Support</b>
11/01645/FUL	Whitesills, Rotten Row. Retrospective alterations.	<b>No objections</b>

**Amended plans.**

11/00733/FUL	Land off Ashampstead Road, Bradfield. Plot 8 & 9 alterations and minor resiting. <b>It was felt that the alterations are very minor and do not address the issues for which the Council has objections.</b>
11/01146/FUL	Land opposite Pump House, Cock Lane. Lighting plan and a number of servicing amendments <b>There is no objection to the lighting, but otherwise the original comments still stand.</b>

**70 Highways.**

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

Minute 56.

- i White gates.  
Under review by WBC.
- ii Southend Road hedge & Hungerford Road hedge.  
Letters have been written.
- iii Footpath request.  
WBC has been asked to put this in the programme.

**71 Environment.**

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

Minute 57.

- i Footpath at Longmeadow.  
The Public Enquiry was held on August 24<sup>th</sup> and the Inspector's decision is expected in October.

**72 The report of the West Berkshire Councillor.**

Mr Webb discussed the number of WBC matters in which he is involved, and which many times prevented Mr Webb from being at the Parish Council meetings. There are five Parish Councils which Mr Webb and Mr Pask cover between them. WBC is well into the budget process for next year, and great use is being made of flexible working. Faraday Road is being closed and staff is being rehoused in Market Street.

Planning Department has suffered through loss of experienced staff, and this, together with a significant increase in the number of applications has led to some delays, particularly in registration. These issues are being addressed.

Mr Webb felt slighted at comments from Parishioners that neither he nor Mr Pask had been at Parish Council meetings. If there are problems either Councillor should be contacted.

Mr Harrod reported that a Parishioner does have some planning problems. Mr Pask would be very willing to help.

The Chairman asked whether "Academy" status would be appropriate for School. Mr Webb was of the opinion that, if Schools opt for Academy status then WBC will be limited in what they can provide.

Mr House reported that there are salt bins in Hungerford Lane which need repairing. Mr Webb noted this.

Mr Wale felt that the revised planning site on line was giving some people difficulties.

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

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

### **74 Items to be raised by Councillors.**

The parking at School is a growing problem, because cars are parked from Ash Grove to the end.

Mr Pask felt that, if it was more than a temporary problem, Highways should be asked to survey the road and put in zig-zag lines to stop parking close to the entrance.

There is still concern over the new building at Waterworks Cottage. This would be followed up with Enforcement.

Remembrance Day arrangements need to be firmed up.

There is a rut in Union Road by Bourne Field Farm.

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

Mr Harrod had attended a meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee.

- The car park is to be resurfaced.
- There are some problems with the new kitchen equipment.

### **76 Finance.**

i	Receipts.		
	Lloyds TSB	Interest.	£0.95
	WBC	S.106 funding	£6,078.03
	HMRC	VAT reclaim	£376.86
ii	Payments by S/O.		
	C.W.Goudge.	Salary	£192.44

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| iii | Payments authorised.   |                               |         |
|     | Elmdale Maintenance.   | Photo                         | £28.80  |
|     | Mazars                 | External audit to March 2011. | £162.00 |
|     | HMRC                   | PAYE                          | £48.00  |
|     | Bradfield Village Hall | Hall hire                     | £99.00  |
- iv Other matters
- i The Statement of Receipts and Payments to date was noted.
  - ii The completion of the Parish Council audit by the external Auditors with a clear certificate was noted.
  - iii It was decided to reserve £4,000 of moneys received under S.106 agreements to make a grant to the Village Hall for resurfacing the Village Hall car park. This grant would provide some 50% of the cost of repairing the car park.

**77 Date of the next meeting.**

**October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

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Chairman

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Date