

BRADFIELD ST. GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
 AT BRADFIELD ST GEORGE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2024

Present: Cllrs P Squirrell (Chairman), C Stainer, A Therin, & G Mulley
 C Hibbert (clerk). WSC Cllr S Mildmay-White and SC Cllr K Soons (in part)
 No members of the public.

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

1. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL OF APOLOGIES

P Cllr T Wright C Croot and J Peck.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

N/a.

3. INTERESTS

3.1 To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest on any item in the agenda; CS and GM declared an interest in items 5.3 and 8.2 as Trustees of the VHMC. PS declared an interest in item 8.2 (payments).

4. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 10th JULY 2024. The minutes of the Council meeting held on 10th July 2024 were **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED** and signed as a true and accurate record.

5. REPORTS

5.1 Suffolk County Council report. In the absence of SC Cllr Soons, her report was received and will be uploaded onto website.

5.2 West Suffolk Council report. WS Cllr Mildmay-White delivered her report which will be uploaded onto the website. Discussion followed about new housing numbers and new recycling arrangements. SMW requested the assistance of volunteers to help with the thermal imaging project this winter.

5.3 Village Hall report. The Chairman of the VHMC delivered her report a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

6. PLANNING AND APPEALS

6.1 To receive planning notifications. The following notification was received:-

Planning application - removal of condition 8 of E/89/1190/P relating to agricultural occupancy - Keats Farmhouse Church Road Bradfield St George Suffolk

Ref. No: DC/24/0743/VAR | Status: Application Granted | Case Type: Planning Application

7. TO CONSIDER

7.1 Insurance renewal

Two renewal quotes were received from Ansvar (£318.81) and Clear Council (£557.87). Following discussion it was **AGREED** to renew with Ansvar.

8. FINANCES

8.1 To receive and approve the bi-monthly financial summary for July-August 24; received and **APPROVED.**

8.2 To approve payments to be issued; the following online payments were **APPROVED..**

Detail	Cheque no/online authorisation	Payment	Net	VAT	Gross
1.	BT	DD	26.71	5.34	32.05
2.	BT	DD	26.71	5.34	32.05
3	CH wage	online	521.40		521.40
4	HMRC wage	online	117.40		117.40
5	VHMC TBC	online	20.00		20.00
6	JH Squirrell & Sons – grass cut	online	196.00	39.20	235.20
7	Refund SS	Refund of credit in error	10.00		10.00
8	Ansva	Insurance	318.81		318.81

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		renewal			
9	CC	Email platform	44.44		44.44

8.3 Internal controls check to 31 August 2024. The completed report was received and **NOTED**.

9. CORRESPONDENCE AND CIRCULARS The following correspondence was received and **NOTED**;-

9.1 SALC e bulletins Aug/Sept;

9.2 <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/asset-library/councillor-assets/Suffolk-PCP-Annual-Report-2023-2024.pdf>

9.3 : Healthwatch Suffolk - Ageing Well in Suffolk survey 8 August 24

9.4 <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/media/downloads/suffolk/constables-county-july-2024.pdf>

9.5 Thriving Communities Fund info from WSC

9.6 West Suffolk Parish and Town Council Forum – 8 October 2024

9.7 Bury St Edmunds Leisure Centre consultation <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/x-BuryStEdmundsLeisureCentreSurvey2024/>

9.8 WSC Annual Canvass briefing pack

9.9 Information about PCC & Chief Constable Public Meetings

AOB S Cllr Soons joined the meeting. Discussion followed about the condition of local roads and the fact road signage continues to be left in place unnecessarily.

It was **AGREED** to investigate the cost of a fire beacon to commemorate VE Day. Locality funding may be available.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is **Wednesday 13th November 2024 at 7.30pm.**

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Attachment to item 5.3

Bradfield St George Village Hall Management Committee

Chairperson’s report to Parish Council July and September 2024

As there was no report in July this one covers July to September.

I was unable to attend the June Bradfield Night, but I believe that it was fairly well attended with very little food left over. This month for the first time we used food from Cook (a high-quality ready-meal shop in town). We have joined their Community Kitchen scheme which offers a very generous 30% discount on food for community events. There are 2 drawbacks to this: firstly, the food has to be collected, (and it’s very heavy!) as they don’t deliver in this scheme and, secondly, accompanying vegetables need to be cooked by the volunteers and not many feel happy about doing this in such quantities. The plus side is that it is considerably cheaper than The Bennett Arms and we do make a modest profit.

We have applied to Sara Mildmay White, our local councillor, for a locality grant towards Bradfield Nights to boost up the finances when we do make a loss.

We have purchased a chest freezer to store food in for BN and the ovens have been professionally cleaned.

I was also unable to be at the July BN as I was on holiday, but I understand that in spite of cool and wet weather the evening was enjoyable and although the food was barbequed outside, it was eaten indoors!

August saw the return of the annual popular beer festival. This year we had 5 beers and three ciders as well as the regular bar, a BBQ and 2 local bands: High Mileage whose founder member, Lloyd Handcock used to live in BSG, and Twelfth Night from Felsham. Despite slightly chilly weather and rain earlier in the day the

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evening was a huge success with most of the beer selling out and much of the cider and food. The committee was assisted by some members of the community pitching in to help as well. We can't run these larger events without extra help as the committee is now quite small. We haven't had a committee meeting yet so we don't know how the finances are looking.

For the rest of the year, we have a BN in October, the firework event on November 1, the December BN as well as live streaming of rugby matches in November.

There is a steady flow of booking for private hirers as well as the regular yoga classes.

Christine Stainer

Chairperson

September 2024

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