**GREAT BRADLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 17th September 2014 at the Village Hall

**Present**:

Councillors: Simon Kiddy (Chairman), Karina Joyce (Vice-Chairman), Helen Bennett, Anne Smith,

Pat Spires. Also Clerk John Barnett.

**Open Forum:**

Nothing raised.

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| **Item** |  | **Action** | |
| 1 | **Apologies for absence:**  Councillor Sylvester-Bradley |  | |
| 2 | **Parish Councillor co-option:**  Nicole Pizey was present at the meeting and offered herself for co-option as a Councillor. This was all approved. Councillor Pizey signed the Acceptance of Office and was given the Register of Interests form to fill out and return to the Clerk within the prescribed 28 days. | NP | |
| 3 | **Councillors Declarations of Interest in any item on the agenda:**  None declared. |  | |
| 4 | **Minutes of the last meeting:**  The minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council on 26th June 2014 were approved and signed together with the cheques approved at that meeting. |  | |
| 5 | **Matters arising from the minutes:**   1. Garden Area planting out to new design. Clerk reported that the contractor had emailed to say that they expect that this will be done in the first week of October. 2. Living Willow structure. Councillor Joyce said that she recommended a simple dome structure and one was available from Willow Nurseries (willowworks) for £77 including carriage. Councillor Pizey said they had them at school as well. Clerk to discuss with Charles Ryder.  Councillor Joyce suggested it would be a good thing for youngsters to get involved in and therefore February half-term could be a good time for planting . Councillor Smith suggested some form of get-together afterwards at the Village Hall. | | Clerk |
| 6 | **Suffolk Police:**  No report |  | |
| 7 | **Suffolk County Council:**  County Councillor Mary Evans said that there had been a hiatus with the provision of the Vehicular Activated Signs due to Health and Safety concerns over the use of ladders by members of the public next to Highways. This now appears to be resolved. She is hoping to have sufficient grant money to purchase 3 signs and is planning to arrange a meeting for the 2 manufacturers to show their models to interested parishes. There is a new Education chief and she comes with a good record. Trading Standards are contacting 1600 Suffolk people to say they have been discovered to be on a national scammers list. With regard to the Better Broadband meeting postponed from the Summer due to an accident, it is hoped that the project funding will be available by the end of the month and then the meeting will be rescheduled. |  | |
| 8 | **Highways matters:**  Councillor Joyce said that there had been complaints about tractors speeding in Matthews/Evergreen Lane. The exit from Clarendale was discussed and it was agreed that white lining across it to indicate right of way to Matthews Lane could help to slow traffic leaving Clarendale. Councillor Evans said she would organise the lining. Clerk to contact Mr Reed regarding the matter of speeding farm vehicles. | Clerk | |
| 9 | **New Vehicle Activated Sign:**  Clerk said that the 4 Parishes of Great Bradley, Cowlinge, Little and Great Thurlow had agreed in principle to go for a sign. It was now necessary to decide where to request the position of the poles for the sign taking into account the likely cost of £150 per pole. It was agreed there should be one at each end of the village near Mill House and Spring Barn and one in the middle near the village garden which could then be faced in either direction. Clerk to relay this information to Suffolk County Council. | Clerk | |
| 10 | **Community Speedwatch:**  Clerk said that Lidgate was now part of the Community Speedwatch group and would share the equipment. They have indicated a likelihood of operating over the Winter period so they will have the equipment over that period. |  | |
| 11 | **Planning applications:**  Application DC/14/1650/TPO at 17 Fox Green. Reduction to trees under Preservation order. There were no objections to this.  Application DC/14/1635/FUL at Great Bradley Oak Stud, East Green. Two stable buildings. As this was understood to be clarification of buildings already approved there were no objections. | Clerk | |
| 12 | **Correspondence:**  No other correspondence received. |  | |
| 13 | **Possible community event:**  Councillor Joyce said that she had been discussing with a member of the public the possibility of using the Big Lunch template for an event next year around the time of early June.  Councillor Smith suggested a possible Christmas party and after discussion it was thought Easter might be better with egg hunts etc. | KJ | |
| 14 | **W.W.1 commemoration/archive exhibition:**  Councillor Kiddy said that the exhibition had been brilliant and thanked all who were involved in it. Clerk said over 100 people came during the 3 day event and the Coffee Caravan had done a really good job on the Thursday. A donation of £25 was agreed to be added to the cheques listing.  Councillor Kiddy said next year was the 200 years anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo. |  | |
| 15 | **Possible purchase of new gazebos for village events:**  Councillor Kiddy said there was a definite need for these, particularly with Bonfire Night coming up. After discussion it was felt that the smaller pop-up type around 3m square would be better and to purchase 2 with a likely spend of around £300 maximum. Clerk to send round options/recommendations for approval. | Clerk | |
| 16 | **Low river levels:**  Councillor Smith said that a small amount of water appears to be being sent down the sluices constantly now. |  | |
| 17 | **Councillor training locally:**  Clerk said that training evenings had now been arranged in the Village Hall on Monday 27th and Thursday 30th October from 7 - 9pm. All Councillors welcome. Councillor Pizey will let the Clerk know if either or both of the dates suit her. Councillors from five other local Parish Councils are attending for training. | NP | |
| 18 | **Bonfire Night:**  The list of actions was run through. Clerk said he was attending the fireworks supplier's demonstration in Chelmsford this weekend to see what's available and obtain the early order discount. Clerk confirmed that the Temporary Event Notice (for the sale of alcohol) had been obtained. Councillor Smith said that, in the event Councillor Sylvester-Bradley was not available again this year, she would prefer not to do the Bar-B-Q again and Councillor Joyce offered to swop from drinks sales if that would help. Councillor Kiddy will try to sort out the availability of an electrical outlet for the entrance floodlighting again. Clerk to forward action list to all involved. | Clerk  AS/RSB/KJ  SK  Clerk | |
| 19 | **Annual insurance renewal review:**  Clerk said the renewal premium was slightly down on last year and as the Council is in a 3 year contract with the company recommended renewal. This was agreed. |  | |
| 20 | **Finance:**   1. The Annual Return for 2013/14 has been approved by the external Auditor BDO and there were no issues to report. 2. Accounts for approval/payment. A total of 27 payments to a value of £2898.97 were all approved. |  | |
| 21 | **Project List:**  The Project list was updated.   1. Councillor Joyce will ask Stuart about a new post for the village sign and Councillor Kiddy said he may be able to fabricate a post holder/bracket. 2. Clerk said the website was out of date as he had been unable to change it. Councillor Joyce said that Stuart had now managed it for the Bugle and will advise. 3. Computer course. Clerk advised there was enough funding remaining for another 5 week session. He asked for ideas and the suggestion of another pictures course would be favourite. Councillor Smith also suggested a family history course. 4. Allotments. Councillors Joyce and Pizey both said they had had enquiries regarding the current status. Clerk said that Charles Ryder had recently indicated that he was close to a decision on where/how this might be achieved. | KJ/SK  Clerk  Clerk | |
| 22 | **Village Events notified:**  8th November Bonfire Night |  | |
| 23 | **Matters for consideration at the next meeting:**  None requested. |  | |
| 24 | **Dates for next meetings:**  The next meeting dates are 26th November (pre-budget), 21st January (budget), 18th March 2015. The following dates were agreed 15th April (Annual Village Meeting), 20th May (Annual Parish Council Meeting - first meeting of the new Council after the elections). |  | |

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 9.03pm