**GREAT BRADLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th January 2012 at the Village Hall

**Present**:

Councillors: Rowan Sylvester-Bradley (Chairman), Simon Kiddy (Vice-Chairman), Kate Noakes and Sue Willington. Also Clerk John Barnett.

**Open Forum:**

Nothing raised

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| **Item** |  | **Action** |
| 1 | **Apologies for absence:**Councillors Karina Joyce, Anne Smith, County Councillor Jane Midwood and PCSO Kayla Packman  |  |
| 2 | **Councillors Declarations of Interest in any item on the agenda:**None declared  |  |
| 3 | **Minutes of the last meeting:**The minutes of the Parish Council meetings of 22nd November and 14th December 2011 were approved and signed together with the cheques approved at the meeting of 22nd November.  |  |
| 4 | **Matters arising from the minutes:**1. Interpretation Panel. Councillor Willington showed a rough of the panel design. She said that Les Bunyan should have stills that she has seen on a video of his. They needed to sort out which ones were required. She said that she felt the quantity of text was too much particularly in the pipeline and walks areas. It would be good to have the text fun for children. Councillor Sylvester-Bradley said that the Parish map would concentrate only on the areas where there were footpaths so the South-West corner would not be shown. They were working to the 31st January as the deadline for artwork completion. He said he would contact Shelley signs to see what they needed or could do to help.
2. Bottle bank. Councillor Willington said that she would prefer not to have a bottle bank in the centre of the village because of the noise disturbance for neighbours. Councillor Kiddy felt that it was unlikely to cause that much disturbance and could be a useful addition to the village. Councillor Sylvester-Bradley said that it could avoid unnecessary journeys to other bottle banks and provide some useful income for the village hall. He will put an article in the Bugle about the possibility of having one in the village. Clerk to inform St Edmundsbury Borough Council that a decision has not yet been made but that a textile bank would be unlikely to attract much support.
3. Digital speed display. The Clerk said that the cost of these is likely to be in the region of £2,000 and there was little definitive evidence that they made a real difference. The Clerk will contact Little Thurlow and Dullingham to ask whether they considered their displays were worthwhile.
4. Archiving the village records. Councillor Sylvester-Bradley said that he and Councillor Smith and the Clerk were to meet tomorrow at the Hall offices to make a start on all the papers.

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| 5 | **Highways:**There were no matters for reporting to Highways. |  |
| 6 | **Suffolk County Council:**No report |   |
| 7 | **Police:**PCSO Kayla Packman sent a report. There were no crimes reported since the last meeting. The Clerk reported on a recent nearby serious aggravated burglary in an isolated house in Cowlinge. All Parishioners are urged by the Police to report sightings on the new number 101 (or, of course, 999 if it’s urgent) of any transit-type vehicles and flat bed lorries or trailers acting in any way suspiciously.  |  |
| 8 | **Village Hall:**Proposal to pay the budgeted donation of £500 to the Village Hall. Councillor Sylvester-Bradley said he had contacted the Village Hall Chairman to say that he expected the Parish Council would pay the budgeted sum of £500 now but that next year’s budget had been reduced to £250. However, he did also ask for a full set of accounts from the VHMC in order that the Council would have a better understanding of their exact financial situation. Councillor Sylvester-Bradley proposed the payment of £500 to the Village Hall, seconded by Councillor Kiddy and all approved.  |  |
| 9 | **Planning applications:**None |  |
| 10 | **Correspondence:**1. ABC cabs have gone into administration so the Suffolk Link service is now reactivated for Great Bradley. Councillor Sylvester-Bradley offered to write an article for the Bugle on this. The Clerk was asked to contact Suffolk County Council to put up a notice on the timetable board.
2. Complaint received regarding the fireworks on New Year’s Eve. Councillor Sylvester-Bradley said he had received a complaint about the noise and lateness of the fireworks. Councillor Kiddy read out a letter with a similar complaint. Councillor Sylvester-Bradley said that the Clerk had established that fireworks are permitted until midnight on Bonfire Night and until 1am on New Year’s Eve, Diwali and the Chinese new Year. The Clerk was asked to reply to Councillor Kiddy’s complainant to say that the Council has no powers in this matter and that they are within their rights to have such an event at that time.
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| 11 | **New Bar-B-Q:**Councillor Sylvester-Bradley produced a draft policy for use of the new Bar-B-Q. It was thought that users should be restricted to village organisations only as it might become very difficult to coordinate otherwise. If users do not return the unit properly cleaned there are people within the village who may be willing to do this. Councillor Sylvester-Bradley will write an article for the Bugle on this. To go on the next agenda for further comments on the draft policy.  | RSB |
| 12 | **Event to mark the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee:**Councillor Sylvester-Bradley said that the Jubilee committee had met and are suggesting a day of events centring around a hog roast on the Recreation Area. The events consist of:1. Hog roast from around midday lasting through the afternoon. If wet to use a gazebo
2. Children’s tea party also on the Recreation Area unless wet
3. Exhibition of material from the village archives - Village Hall
4. Photo competition, probably with various categories or topics - Village Hall
5. Children’s treasure hunt and short walk along footpaths
6. Informal game of rounders - Recreation Area
7. Planting of a tree in the Grove on the Recreation Area as lasting memorial of Jubilee

Councillor Willington said in connection with the proposed hog roast that she had had feedback from villagers on the purchase of the Bar-B-Q and that because of the high cost it should be used at every opportunity. Councillor Willington also suggested a village photo. The Clerk said that at the Millennium in Cowlinge a village photo had been organised. He will examine the possibility.The possibility of a new flag pole with flags was also discussed together with supplying memorabilia for Parishioners. Clerk to examine availability and costs. Councillor Sylvester-Bradley said that Charles Ryder had said that he wished to have the farm walk as usual this year and that the date was 2nd June. Councillor Sylvester-Bradley said that the suggested date from the committee for the village event was Tuesday 5th June. Councillor Willington said that this might clash with all the official events throughout the country which may be televised and which people may wish to see from home. It was agreed the Clerk should research any major events planned on that day particularly in London and their timing. Councillor Kiddy said he would speak to his brother with regard to the supply of a pig and a hog roaster. The Clerk was also tasked to find alternative possible alternative hog roast suppliers. It was suggested that the availability of a hog roaster might even determine the actual day of the event itself.  | ClerkClerkClerkSKClerk |
| 13 | **Discussions with Charles Ryder:**Councillor Sylvester-Bradley outlined the results from a recent discussion with Charles Ryder:1. Charles has been exploring the possibility of joining up the Stour Valley Path at the Three Tuns, East Green, with the other footpaths near the Stour bridge on Hall Road. The plan is currently to run a new Permissive Path where the road is narrowest up the hill section to East Green. This path would be in the field on the South side and next to the hedge. It would link directly with the Stour Valley Path. It is planned to put this footpath in during August this year. The new path can go on the Interpretation Panel.
2. It is hoped that more electric power cables in The Street will be undergrounded this year.
3. It is also hoped that more telephone cables in Thurlow Road will also be undergrounded this year.
4. The scheduled work on the Recreation Area hedges will be undertaken this Spring
5. The sculpted log seat at Bradley Park Wood is on the agenda to be done.
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| 14 | **Litter pick:**The Clerk said that he has discussed this with Geoffrey Vollam and had agreed the date of Sat 31st March. Geoffrey Vollam has agreed to put an article in the Bugle. | Clerk |
| 15 | **Grasscutting contracts for 2012:**1. The Clerk said that the current contractor for the Churchyard and Recreation Area had agreed again to continue with the same prices.
2. The Clerk said that Charles Ryder had also again agreed the same price for next year for the village footpaths

Councillor Kiddy proposed accepting these prices and continuing the contracts for this year, seconded by Councillor Sylvester-Bradley and all agreed.  |  |
| 16 | **Finance:** 1. Bank account. The Clerk presented information regarding an interest bearing account in addition to the current bank account. The Cambridge BS has 3 different term accounts but none permit the withdrawal of monies within the term. Councillors felt this to be too restrictive and it was proposed to take the matter no further.
2. Accounts for payment. Councillor Kiddy proposed the payment of 2 cheques and 3 Direct Debit payments to a total of £732.80. This was seconded by Councillor Noakes and all approved.
 | Clerk |
| 17 | **Project List:**This was held over to the next meeting. |  |
| 18 | **Village Events:**The following events were notified: 1. 2nd June Farm Walk
2. Jubilee celebrations (date to be finalised)
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| 19 | **Matters for consideration at the next meeting:**1. Bar-B-Q policy
2. Interpretation panel - update
3. Bottle bank update
4. Jubilee celebrations
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| 20 | **Dates for next meetings:**The next meeting dates are 21 March, Annual Village Meeting 18 April, 23 May (Annual Parish Council meeting) and 27 June (approve 2011/12 accounts - last date before 30 June deadline).  |  |

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 9.15pm