

Bradnop Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 5TH January 2026
at Bradnop Village Hall**

Present: Councillors Day, (Chair), Bourne, Swancott and clerk. one member of public.

Apologies: Councillors Warrington, Broadhurst, and Edwards. District Councillor L Malyon

01/26	Declaration of Interests: To be taken as arise
02/26	Dispensations: None
03/26	Minutes: The minutes of the meetings held on 10 th November were reviewed, Councillor Bourne proposed accepting these minutes as a correct record, this was seconded by Councillor Swancott and agreed unanimously.
04/26	Clerks Report: Details of the clerk's report were reviewed and noted, Councillor Swancott noted that work did appear to be in progress to connect the properties to fibre which had previously been omitted.
05/26	Public Participation: Member of Public present explained they were interested in the current vacancy for Parish Councillor and gave some details of reasons for interest.
06/26	Precept: Following a full discussion and review of forecast costs Councillor Bourne proposed setting the precept at £2500, this was seconded by Councillor Swancott and carried unanimously.
07/26	Fixed Assets: No Further progress had been made, and it was agreed to discuss further at the next meeting.
08/26	VAT: The clerk reported that the VAT reclaim for purchases in 2024-25 was in progress.
09/26	Internal Auditor: A discussion took place regarding the internal auditor for the forthcoming year end audit. Councillor Bourne proposed utilising the same auditor as in previous years if they were willing to continue. This was seconded by Councillor Swancott and carried unanimously.

10/26	Accounts for Payment: Clerk advised that the collection for the Remembrance service had raised £75, Councillor Day proposed that the Parish Council supplemented this by £25, this was seconded by Councillor Bourne and carried unanimously. The following payments were reviewed, Councillor Day proposed accepting these, this was seconded by Councillor Bourne and carried unanimously. <table border="1" data-bbox="252 465 1422 629"> <thead> <tr> <th>DESCRIPTION</th><th>£</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>J Ward 2 months' Salary plus expenses of £16.41</td><td>£156.41</td></tr> <tr> <td>Royal British Legion Donations (£25 collected at service plus £25 from Parish Council)</td><td>£100.00</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	DESCRIPTION	£	J Ward 2 months' Salary plus expenses of £16.41	£156.41	Royal British Legion Donations (£25 collected at service plus £25 from Parish Council)	£100.00
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12/26	Correspondence: All correspondence received by Email had previously been circulated to parish councillors. Connect Fibre – Discussion on progress made took place. Bradnop Village Hall – Thank you received for donation to Christmas tree festival. Local Government Reorganisation – Correspondence from County Councillor Mark Deaville with draft letter to send to Prime Minister noted, Councillor Swancott proposed that the Parish Council should support the letter objecting to the reorganisation, this was seconded by Councillor Bourne and carried unanimously. The Chair of Council signed the draft letter provided by Councillor Deaville on behalf of parish council. Peak Cluster – Discussion on the proposed Peak Cluster Pipeline took place with details of local route noted. Big Tourism Conference – Details noted. SMDC Chairs Charity Burns Night – Details noted.						
13/26	New Website: New Website was now operational however it was noted that it was not showing on a google search.						

14/26	Councillor Vacancy: Due to only three members of the Parish Council being present at the current meeting Councillor Swancott proposed that the person who was interested in the current Casual Vacancy on the Parish Council should be invited to attend at 7.30 pm, just prior to the next scheduled Parish Council meeting, for a discussion with the view to being co-opted on to the Parish Council. This was seconded by Councillor Bourne and carried unanimously.
15/26	Highways Nothing new to report.
16/26	Any Other Business Deemed Urgent None
The date of the next meeting was set for Monday 2nd March 2026 At Bradnop Village Hall	