

Bradnop Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 15th September 2025
at Bradnop Village Hall**

Present: Councillors Day, (Chair), Edwards, Warrington, Bourne. and clerk.

Apologies: Councillors Torr, Broadhurst and District Councillor L Malyon.

48/25	Connect Fibre Presentation: A representative from Connect Fibre attended and provided a detailed update of the current position of installation with the main points as follows: • Connect Fibre had won contract for Northeast Staffordshire and Derbyshire • Founded in 2019 • Alternative Provider • Social Value Funding • Project Gigabyte • Difficulty in connection in Rural Areas • Community picked up because of location and lack of connection with no plan for delivery. • Companies do main village but not outlying properties. • 35 – 40 properties in the Bradnop area • Hard to reach area and some may be too expensive. • Government needs to get all properties done due to copper review. • Newsletters will be sent when letters are sent to residents. • Obligated to use Openreach ducting and overhead lines wherever they are in place. • Copper being switched off in 2027. • Government provides addresses which are to be connected. • Good quality system to ensure reliability. • Work with community and conservation area, Peak Park etc. • Trench and Ducting placed in verges, also use overhead wires and poles if necessary. • Bradnop should be starting work in next few weeks – November possibly. • SCC had put a moratorium on road closure permits. • Grants for community groups or projects may be available. • Grants and equipment for farmers and rural businesses, especially smart farming kit, security alerts etc., worth around £1500 free for two years then subscription service • A roadshow event at the end of October would be scheduled, last one held in July in Onecote • Civil engineers are Bauer. • Explain to residents the reason and the possibility of Community grants (£500) Councillor Warrington asked about cables going underground. Councillor Day queried why speeds were not always the fastest available
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49/25	Declaration of Interests: To be taken as arise
50/25	Dispensations: None
51/25	Minutes: The minutes of the meetings held on 14th July were reviewed, Councillor Edwards proposed accepting these minutes as a correct record, this was seconded by Councillor Warrington and agreed unanimously.
52/25	Clerks Report: Councillor Vacancy – Poster for vacancy had been displayed, two people had initially expressed interest, neither present at the meeting. Following a discussion and the limited number of responses received it was proposed by Councillor Warrington to extend the closing date, this was seconded by Councillor Edwards and Carried unanimously. Ash Die Back – Clarification from SCC received, Councillor Warrington proposed further clarification be sought from SCC, with Councillor Kelly copied into the email, to establish who was responsible for Trees outside the boundary walls of properties, i.e. on the roadside of walls. SPCA form – Form completed and to be returned for the free year of membership.
53/25	Pension Regulator: Clerk advised that the necessary action had been completed to comply with the pension regulations.
54/25	Backing Up of HMRC Data: Clerk advised that it would be best practice to back up the HMRC data each month to a memory stick. Councillor Warrington proposed that the clerk purchase a suitable memory stick for this purpose, this was seconded by Councillor Bourne and carried unanimously.
55/25	Banking: Clerk advised that the correspondence address for the bank had been updated and that Councillors Day, Bourne and the clerk were now registered as signatories.
56/25	Fixed Assets: Updated register of fixed assets was in progress.
57/25	VAT: Clerk noted that VAT had not previously been claimed back but that only minimal amounts were present in previous years however the purchase of the laptop may make it worthwhile to pursue a reclaim if possible. Councillor Warrington proposed that the clerk explore this possibility, this was seconded by Councillor Edwards and carried unanimously.

58/25	Accounts for Payment: The following payments were reviewed, Councillor Warrington proposed accepting these, this was seconded by Councillor Bourne and carried unanimously. <table border="1" data-bbox="268 315 1439 483"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="268 315 1216 371"><u>DESCRIPTION</u></th><th data-bbox="1216 315 1439 371"><u>£</u></th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="268 371 1216 409">J Ward 2 months' Salary plus expenses</td><td data-bbox="1216 371 1439 409">£164.71</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="268 409 1216 483">D W Banks for website build and email address set up as agreed in minute 43/25</td><td data-bbox="1216 409 1439 483">£350.00</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>£</u>	J Ward 2 months' Salary plus expenses	£164.71	D W Banks for website build and email address set up as agreed in minute 43/25	£350.00
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59/25	Plans APPLICATION NUMBER SMD/2025/0355 LOCATION School House School Lane Bradnop PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT Erection of self-build dwellinghouse and associated works. Councillors reviewed the above application and following a full discussion Councillor Edwards proposed informing the planning department that the parish council had no objection to the development providing. I. Access for parking was provided. II. Suitable method of dealing with foul sewage and water. This was seconded by Councillor Warrington and carried unanimously. Birch Lea Councillors noted that more vehicles were being seen with for sale notices at the side of the road, this raised question as to whether vehicles were taxed and MOT'd and whether permission for this were present. Councillor Edwards proposed writing to Planning Enforcement and CC'ing Councillor Malyon to request progress on enforcement due to the expansion of vehicles. This was seconded by Councillor Warrington and carried unanimously. Apesford Farm It had been noted that a very bright light was left on all night overlooking the roadway and causing a glare to drivers. Some lights were on stands on new entrance on drive. Others were overlooking and illuminating the dog walking area. Councillor Edwards proposed contacting the planning department to establish the planning status of the lights and highlighting the potential hazard to road users caused by the lights at either Apesford Farm or Paddocks for Paws. This was seconded by Councillor Bourne and carried unanimously.						
60/25	Correspondence: SMDC In Touch Newsletter - Noted. Heritage Grant Information – Not Eligible Parish Assembly – No one able to attend.						

	Scrap Shack – Noted Networking Event Parish Assembly Chair – Noted SMDC Residents Survey – Share with Councillors and place on Website
61/25	Councillor Vacancy: Covered under Clerks report
62/25	Carsington Pipeline update: Clerk provided Update from the engagement event at Ashbourne hosted by Severn Trent. Councillor Edwards added additional information. Work in progress to undertake surveys of the proposed route.
63/25	Cluster Meeting update: Clerk updated meeting on the Cluster information event hosted by SMDC, information on preferred option for Local Government reorganisation and the setting up of cluster support networks.
64/25	Website and Email Address: Clerk updated meeting that the new website was set up and in process of being populated with information in readiness for full handover, email address also set up which was a requirement of Audit.
65/25	Sneyd Charity: Councillor Edwards confirmed he was supporting Councillor Warrington with this.
66/25	Highways No issues to note
67/25	Any Other Business Deemed Urgent Remembrance Sunday – Councillors Day, Edwards and Warrington were planning on attending the service, Councillor Warrington agreed to lay the wreath on behalf of the parish council. Clerk to contact previous clerk to ask if she would again support the event as in previous years. Councillor Day would review condition of the cross. Porters Lane Query Councillors reviewed the positioning of a caravan type structure in a field off Porters Lane. Following a full discussion Councillor Edwards proposed writing to enforcement to obtain an update from them on this matter, this was seconded by Councillor Warrington and carried unanimously
The date of the next meeting was set for Monday 10th November 2025 At Bradnop Village Hall	