

BRADFIELD ST. GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
AT BRADFIELD ST GEORGE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025

Present: Cllrs P Squirrell (Chairman), T Wright, A Therin, J Peck, C Stainer, C Croot & G Mulley  
C Hibbert (clerk). WSC Cllr S Mildmay-White.  
No members of the public.

*The meeting opened at 7.30pm*

**1. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL OF APOLOGIES**

N/A.

**2. PUBLIC FORUM**

N/a.

**3. INTERESTS**

**3.1 To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest on any item in the agenda;** GM, CC and CS declared an interest in items 5.3 and 8.3 as Trustee of the VHMC. PS and AT declared an interest in item 7.1 (Grass cut contract).

**4. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 13 NOVEMBER 2024.** The minutes of the Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 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, no report was received.

**5.2 West Suffolk Council report.** WS Cllr Mildmay-White delivered her report. She highlighted the support available for those struggling with winter fuel costs and ongoing devolution discussions at county level.

**5.3 Village Hall report.** A copy of the VHMC report was received and is attached to these minutes.

**5.4 Police report.** Received and **NOTED**.

**6. PLANNING AND APPEALS**

**6.1 To receive planning notifications.** No notifications received.

**6.2 DC/24/1827/VAR variation of conditions 2 and 3 of DC/23/1309/FUL to allow for use of amended plan and amend sound condition for one dwelling at land adjacent to Fair Dinkum, Felsham Road, Bradfield St George.** Following discussion it was by majority **AGREED** to **SUPPORT** this proposal.

Discussion followed about the mud on road/ apparent lack of wheel washing facilities on Sicklesmere Road by the new housing development and it was **AGREED** to complain about this to the local planning authority.

**7. TO CONSIDER**

*AT and PS did not participate in item 7.1- CC Chaired this item.*

**7.1 Grass cutting tenders for 2025.** Tenders had been received from Top Garden Services £480 plus VAT, AT £508 and J Squirrell £636 +VAT. The meeting discussed the quotes and whether the contractors were familiar with the site, track record with the Council and value for money. It was **AGREED** to appoint AT as contractor for the 2025 season.

*PS resumed chairing the meeting.*

**7.2 Brazier quotes – FYI** Further quotes for a beacon brazier to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day had been received from Suffolk Fabrications (£1,797 plus VAT exc post ) and Gedding Mill Limited £7220 plus VAT inc post). Following discussion about the level of the quotes received and the potential difficulties of finding a suitable location at a sufficient distance from thatched rooves/ overhead wires etc it was **AGREED** not to pursue this proposal any further for the time being.

**8. FINANCES**

**8.1 To receive and approve the financial summary to 31 December 2024;** received (copy attached) and **APPROVED**

**8.2 To receive and approve the bi-monthly financial summary for Nov-Dec 24;** received and **APPROVED**.

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

Detail	Cheque no/online	Payment	Net	VAT	Gross
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	authorisation				
1.	BT	DD	26.71	5.34	32.05
2.	BT	DD	26.71	5.34	32.05
3	CH	online	575.84		575.84
4	VHMC	online	20.00		20.00
5	HMRC	online	131.00		131.00
6	Suffolk Cloud	ALREADY PAID	100.00	20.00	120.00
7	Refund Allotment overpayment SS	ALREADY PAID	2.50		2.50

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

9.1 SALC e bulletins Dec/Jan;

9.2 SARS annual report

9.3 WSC confirmation of tax base figures for 2024/25

It was **NOTED** that an allotment has become available.

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7.30pm.**

*The meeting closed at 8.10pm.*

**Attachment to item 5.3**

**Bradfield St George Village Hall Management Committee**

**Chair's Report to Parish Council - January 2025**

December's Bradfield Night went a long way to restore faith in BNs as the food from the new caterer, Casper, was a huge success. Numbers were slightly down, but this is usual for December. Those that were there enjoyed the evening. The homemade Christmas puddings were popular too, with people purchasing the excess puddings for home consumption!

We still have some way to go to fully regain our reputation, but we have made a start and have already agreed to use Casper for February's BN.

Quiz Nights are under review as numbers have been down of late and a decision will be made at the forthcoming AGM as to how we proceed in 2025.

Hall hire over December was steady with regular yoga, Rougham Pre School Christmas party (now an annual event) and a family party on Boxing Day.

Bookings for 2025 are coming in gradually.

Dates for 2025 will be decided at the VH AGM on Friday 17 January at 7.30 pm in the hall. All villagers are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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**Attachment to item 8.1 Quarterly summary to 31 December 2024**

**SUMMARY RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS  
 FOR THE YEAR ending 31/3/25**

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	2024/25		<b>Variance</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	
	£		
Precept	5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00
Allotment rents	20.00	50.00	-30.00
Misc receipts	0.00		
Grnt	0.00		
Santander interest	63.71	90.00	-26.29
VAT	119.54		119.54
	<u>5,703.25</u>	<u>5,640.00</u>	<u>63.25</u>

<b>PAYMENTS</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Misc	0.00		0.00
Admin Misc -	179.44	100.00	-79.44
Audit fees	177.00	250.00	73.00
BT line VH	240.39	440.00	199.61
Clerk's salary(inc tax)	1,277.60	2,500.00	1,222.40
Clerk expenditure	0.00	150.00	150.00
Donations		100.00	100.00
Footpaths		0.00	0.00
Grass cutting	445.00	500.00	55.00
Insurance	318.81	300.00	-18.81
PCC		0.00	0.00
Repairs/maintenance	0.00	400.00	400.00
SALC Training	0.00	100.00	100.00
Payroll service	38.00	50.00	12.00
Subscriptions	222.45	250.00	27.55
Stationery	0.00	50.00	50.00
VAT	200.06		-200.06
Vhall hire	80.00	120.00	40.00
Grants	0.00	250.00	250.00
Contingency		0.00	0.00
defib	0.00	80.00	
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	<u>3,178.75</u>	<u>5,640.00</u>	<u>2,461.25</u>

<u>Reconciliation of R &amp; P. Book</u>		<u>Santander account</u>	
Balance b/f 01.04.24	£6,352.01	Balance b/f 1/4/24	£9,117.74
Receipts	£5,639.54	Receipts	£63.71
Payments	-£3,178.75	Payments	
inter a/c tfr		inter a/c tfr	
	<u>£8,812.80</u>		<u>£9,181.45</u>
<b>TOTAL - 2A/cs</b>	<b><u>£17,994.25</u></b>		

Bank Reconciliation balances as at  
 Lloyds Balance as at 31.12.24 £8,812.80  
**less unrepresented cheques**

Santander balance as at 31.12.2 £9,181.45

**TOTAL Bank Reconciliation** £17,994.25

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