

BRADFIELD ST. GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT BRADFIELD ST GEORGE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2025

Present: Cllrs P Squirrell (Chairman), C Stainer, T Wright, G Mulley & C Croot (in part)
C Hibbert (clerk). WSC Cllr S Mildmay-White (in part). SCC Cllr K Soons (in part)
No members of the public.

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

1. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL OF APOLOGIES

P Cllrs. A Therin, J Peck and C Croot (in part). Apologies **ACCEPTED**.

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 8.2 as Trustees of the VHMC.

4. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 9th JULY 2025. The minutes of the Council meeting held on 9th July 2025 were **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED** and signed as a true and accurate record.

5. REPORTS

5.1 Suffolk County Council report. The meeting **NOTED** the report provided by S Cllr K Soons; a copy of this report will be uploaded onto the website.

5.2 West Suffolk Council report. The meeting **NOTED** the report provided by WS Cllr S Mildmay-White, a copy of which will be uploaded onto the website. Discussion followed about local government reorganisation; The Suffolk Big Weekend; updating to the electoral register.

7.4 Asset of community value – update (taken out of turn) It was **NOTED** that the former pub appears to have been removed from the WSC register of assets of community value. Upon request, Cllr Mildmay-White agreed to investigate the reasons for this.

5.3 Village Hall report. The meeting **NOTED** the report provided by the Chair of the VHMC, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

6. PLANNING AND APPEALS

6.1 To receive planning notifications. None received.

7. TO CONSIDER

7.1 Purchase of new village hall noticeboards; quotes for a new noticeboard to advertise Village Hall events were received. Following discussion it was **NOTED** that Lyward Colley maybe able to tackle the design and production of a suitable noticeboard as a project. It was **AGREED** that CS would discuss this further with them and that no further steps would be taken to purchase a replacement in the meantime.

7.2 Insurance renewal. Quotes were received from Zurich (£241) and Ansvar/Ecclesiastical (£368). It was **AGREED** to proceed with Zurich.

7.3 Footpath maintenance schedule; the meeting heard that the footpath behind the old school (footpath 15 up to junction with footpath 16) was impassable due to brambles/overgrowth which needs to be cleared. The SCC grass cut schedule for footpaths in the village was **NOTED** (limited schedule for two cuts p/a on priority footpaths only); it was **AGREED** to seek quotes to get the brambles cleared.

KS joined the meeting.

7.6 Fibre works- update (taken out of turn). The meeting discussed the fact that many road closure signs are left in situ when there is no road closure/ no clarity as to where the road closure is, which creates uncertainty and inconvenience for local traffic. The City Fibre works are ongoing; there is some damage to verge/roads.

KS requested that such problems are reported on the SCC highways defect reporting tool <https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/> and that photos and report numbers are sent to her to follow up.

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KS left the meeting; CC joined the meeting

7.5 Renewal of broadband contract for the village hall It was **NOTED** that the BT contract has come to an end; quotes from BT (£34.95 pcm – two year contract), Plusnet (£25.99 pcm two year contract) and Vodafone (£25.99pcm - two year contract) were considered. It was **AGREED** that a new contract with Vodafone should be sought as this would enable an upgrade to full fibre in the future, once the City Fibre infrastructure currently being installed is available for use.

8. FINANCES

8.1 To receive and approve the bi-monthly financial summary for July-August 2025; received and **APPROVED**.

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

Detail	Cheque no/online authorisation	Payment	Net	VAT	Gross
1.	BT - broadband	DD			TBC
2.	BT - broadband	DD			TBC
3	VHMC – room hire	online	20.00		20.00
4	Lloyds – bank charge	DD	4.25		4.25
5	Lloyds – bank charge	DD	4.25		4.25
6	HMRC – tax on wage	online	129.60		129.60
7	CH - wage	online	570.76		570.76

8.3 To note National Pay Award for 25/26 and agree consequent increased to clerk’s remuneration. The National Pay Award for 25/26 was **NOTED** and the consequent increase to the clerk’s remuneration as detailed in the clerk’s contract of employment was **AGREED**.

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

- 9.1 SALC e bulletins August/September 2025;
- 9.2 WSC Loft insulation info;
- 9.3 Request to register defibrillator on ‘The Circuit’;
- 9.4 WSC info on domestic energy efficiency upgrades;
- 9.5 Info re West Suffolk Parish and Town Forum;
- 9.6 Thriving Communities funding

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

A request has been received to change the PC meeting date to the third Thursday of every other month. The Clerk will check availability of all councillors before any change is confirmed. Subject to that, the date of the next meeting remains scheduled for **Wednesday 12^h November 2025 at 7.30pm**.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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Attachment 5.3

Bradfield St George Village Hall: Chairperson's report to the Parish Council -September 2025

There are no Bradfield Nights or Quiz nights during August, so the only event organised by the committee, since the last report, has been a very successful Beer Festival, held last Saturday September 6th. The event ran from 5pm with High Mileage, a largely acoustic band led by LH who was once a Bradfield resident, kicking off proceedings in the marquee. Later in the evening Twelfth Night took over the music slot, but they preferred to play indoors! This did not meet with universal approval as the volume was way too loud to hold a conversation or even place an order at the bar!

However, the rest of the event was successful with all the beers sold and a good proportion of the cider. DB, from Cockfield ran the BBQ which was a great success and was assisted by volunteers from the village. Although, there were some volunteers helping to run the event we did not have as many as other years, which was disappointing and, of course, meant more work for those that had volunteered.

The committee are still discussing plans to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the hall which will be at the December Bradfield night.

Two events are planned for November, the annual firework event on Nov 7th which seems to grow more popular every year and tentative plans for a Table Top Sale, details still to be finalised.

Other bookings, both regular and one off continue much as usual.

CS Chairperson

September 2025

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