



Minutes of the Annual Electors' Meeting of Bradwell Parish held on Monday 22 May 2022 at 7.00pm at the Heelands Meeting Place on Glovers Lane, Heelands.

Councillors Present: Councillors Gilpin (in the Chair), Alexander, Bradburn, Brant, Davy and Godfrey.

Staff: Philip Farquharson (Clerk)

Members of the public: 2

APM01/23 Welcome:

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

APM02/22 Minutes of the Last Meeting held on Monday 23 May 2022:

These were read and signed by the Chair and approved as an accurate record of the proceedings of that Meeting.

APM03/22 Chair's Annual Report for the year 2022-2023:

The Chair provided his report verbally. In summary, he considered it had been a tough year for the Parish Council. The Chair thanked:

- all staff members, considering they were working together as a team and that progress was being made regarding Council assets,
- all Council members, remembering they gave their time free of charge, noting they displayed dedication to the role, achieved a good balance of constructive challenge,
- Robin Bradburn for his service to the Parish Council,
- Peter Brant for his Finance and Staffing Committee work.

The Chair considered the projects worthy of note which had happened over the past year were primarily the Parish Council efforts to sustain and support the Memorial Hall in Bradwell, and the Warm Spaces activity held there which provided more than just a warm space but a place for people to come together and socialise.

The Chair summarised the grants which had been given in the year:

- To the RSPCA,
- Bellfounder House,
- Conniburrow Childrens Centre,
- all three of the Parish Council's sporting tenants (the Bradwell Sports and Social Club, the Bowls Club and the Tennis Club)
- the St Lawrence Church Council, to help support a summer fete.

Much of the business activity in 2022 had been concerning the Suffolk Punch Community Centre proposed newbuild, with the Parish Council having to jump through hoops to secure the public sector works loan and there had been some tough decisions to keep the project viable. The Chair commented that putting up the precept was something Bradwell Parish Council had always been extremely cautious about but with both aspirations and responsibilities growing, the Parish Council was left with little choice but do so.

In summary, the Chair commented that it had been a much more stable year than previous years, with a dedicated clerk that had enacted positive change on many levels. Another project which had happened was around public safety being more apparent, and the Parish Council had begun trying to make some impact on this with the movable monitored CCTV camera system scheme.

Cllr Bradburn thanked Leon Gilpin for his work as Chair of the Parish Council, and Rosey Davy as Vice-Chair.

APM04/23 Winners of the Community Award and John Newbury Photographic Competition:

The Community Award was presented to Barbara Hughes, who would also receive £50.

In absentia, the John Newbury Photographic Competition was won by Jay Clarke who would be awarded £50, and Michelle Scott won the other Community Award and would be given £50.

FSC05/23 Electors' Questions and Comments:

The following matter was discussed:

The Suffolk Punch Community Centre. The Clerk was asked to have on the agenda at the next Full Council meeting a motion to write to MKCC to clarify their misunderstanding that the Suffolk Punch Community Centre was not going ahead.

The Meeting was declared closed at 7:45pm.