

Bradfield Parish Council

Council Meeting

held at the Council Offices, Mill Lee Road, Low Bradfield, S6 6LB
30th July 2025 at 7pm

Present: - (Chairman) Councillor T Vickers
 (Oughtibridge) Councillor T Barrow
 (Stannington) Councillor J Morton
 Councillor P Baker
 Councillor C Carter
 Councillor P Roberts
 Councillor S Shepherd
 (Wharncliffe Side) Councillor V Powell
 (Worrall) Councillor S Cole
 Councillor J Paszek
 Councillor K Southwood
 Councillor J Westwood-Gray

25101. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Clark

25102. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items of exclusion.

25103. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Vicker declared an interest in item 25113, planning application numbers 25/02017/TPO and 25/02023/TPO.

25104. PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

There were no items of business.

25105. LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

The Chair welcomed Rafferty Dutton to the meeting who attended to present his idea for a Little Free Library to Councillors. Rafferty showcased his design and outlined the proposed method for its construction and installation. Councillors praised Rafferty as an impressive young individual, highlighting his enthusiastic and proactive approach.

Proposed by Cllr. T Vickers, seconded by Cllr. V Powell and

RESOLVED: That approval be given for a Little Free Library to be installed at the Millennium Green site.

25106. CHAIRS REPORT

The Chair noted he had recently attended the annual inspection of Kaye Meadows Allotments, along with the Clerk. He noted the great work being carried out on the site. The Chair also noted his attendance at the Stannington Carnival which had proved a successful event.

25107. CLERKS REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

- a) The Clerk noted an email of thanks from Oughtibridge Gala Committee for the help and guidance this year with the gala, which proved to be a very successful event. They are holding their next meeting on the 8th September to plan next year's gala, they have requested permission for the gala to be held on the 27th June 2026 and the sports night on the 17th June 2026. They are to hold a presentation evening on the 8th October 2025 at 7pm in the Parish Centre, Church Street to which Councillors are invited to attend. Councillors had no objection to the dates for the events next year.
- b) The Clerk noted an email from a local resident noting thanks to the Councillors for their support with a public footpath.

25108. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

- a) Proposed by Cllr. T Vickers, seconded by Cllr. T Barrow and
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 25th June 2025 be confirmed.
- b) Proposed by P Baker, seconded by S Cole and
RESOLVED: That the minutes of Assets, Community and Environment Committee meeting held on 9th July 2025 be confirmed.
- c) Proposed by Cllr. T Barrow, seconded by Cllr. S Cole and
RESOLVED:
- i) That the minutes of Finance & Staffing Committee meeting held on 9th July 2025 be confirmed.
 - ii) That the Parish Council adopt the ear-marked reserves programme for 2025/2026.

25109. FINANCE

- a) The report received from the Finance Officer was noted.
- b) Proposed by Cllr. K Southwood, seconded by Cllr. S Shepherd and
RESOLVED: That the June 2025 income and expenditure accounts be approved.
- c) Proposed by Cllr. C Carter, seconded by Cllr. P Baker and
RESOLVED: To authorise payments for signature as per the schedules tabled at the meeting.
- d) Proposed by Cllr. S Shepherd, seconded by Cllr. J Paszek and
RESOLVED: To approve the list of Direct Debits and Standing Orders for 2025/26.

25110. CORONATION PARK

The Chair noted an email from a local resident regarding parking issues occurring during current unapproved sports training sessions. Councillors discussed at length a proposal for organised activities to be allowed in Coronation Park, in particular ball games. Issues such as parking, space for such activities, safety of other park users and liabilities were all taken into account.

Proposed by Cllr T Barrow, seconded by Cllr J Paszek and
RESOLVED: That the Parish Council agree the following action:

- a) That organised ball games are prohibited within the Park.
- b) A notice be displayed in the Park noting that no organised activities are to take place in Coronation Park without prior permission of the Council.
- c) Groups/Clubs are offered use of the facilities at Dungworth Park for organised ball games, or signposted to other facilities in the area. Groups/Clubs within the Parish to be offered the facilities for free. A fee to be arranged for Groups/Clubs from outside the Parish.

A vote was taken, Cllrs V Powell and S Shepherd abstained. The remaining Councillors voted in favour.

25111. DEFIBRILLATOR LOW BRADFIELD

Councillors were updated on a previous funding request from a local business for the supply of a defibrillator at Low Bradfield. The business was successful in its application to Westfield Health, who will be providing the defibrillator unit.

The business has since requested support towards the cost of a secure cabinet. £114 has been raised through a Go Fund appeal, and a request has been made for a contribution of £261 from the Parish Council towards the remaining cost.

Proposed by Cllr. P Baker, seconded by Cllr. J Paszek and

RESOLVED: That an amount of £261 be awarded to The Schoolrooms, Low Bradfield, towards the cost of a secure cabinet to house a defibrillator, for the use of the general public being accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

25112. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Councillors considered the draft Information Technology Policy previously circulated.

Proposed by Cllr. S Shepherd, seconded by Cllr. S Cole and

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council adopt the Information Technology Policy as presented to the Council.

25113. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT

A schedule detailing the applications received was tabled. Ten planning applications had been received from Sheffield City Council; one was received from PDNPA.

25114. MEMBERS' REPORTS

- a) Cllr Carter informed of his complaint and subsequent response regarding the proposed siting of a 5G mast in Stannington. The proposal had now been withdrawn with suitable alternative sites being considered.
- b) Cllr Morton referred to the relatively new sport of paddleboard noting that this could be played on the tennis courts in the park.
- c) Cllr Roberts informed of a petition circulating in Stannington for a zebra crossing at the top of Church Street near to Lomas Hall.
- d) Cllr Cole expressed his dismay at the lack of transparency and clarity on roadworks notices currently being displayed around the Parish. The signage is causing confusion for motorists and in some cases dangerous situations. Cllr Paszek stated that public transport was also affected by the roadworks/unclear signage. The Clerk undertook to write to Streetsahead with the Council's concerns.
- e) Cllr Paszek wished to express her thanks to everyone that contributed to the recent Sheffield City Council communications on Improvements in Sheffield.
- f) Cllr Westwood-Gray noted that Streetsahead had responded to her complaint regarding overflowing bins on Smallfield Lane, they are to consider larger bins. They are also to start work rectifying the poor state of the grass verges in the area.
- g) Cllr Baker noted a children's event on Friday 1st August, being provided by the Local Area Committee, in Deer Park, with SWFC attending together with many other activities.
- h) Cllr Southwood stated that upon returning to the area after an extensive trip around the world her drive to Bradfield had highlighted to her just how picturesque and beautiful the Bradfield area is.

.....Chair