

BRADFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
Assets, Community and Environment Committee
held in the Council Offices, Mill Lee Road, Low Bradfield, S6 6LB
9th July 2025

Present: -	(Chair)	Councillor V Powell
	(Oughtibridge)	Councillor T Barrow
	(Stannington)	Councillor N Clark
		Councillor J Morton
		Councillor P Baker
		Councillor P Roberts
		Councillor T Vickers
	(Worrall)	Councillor S Cole

In attendance: Simon Vincent (SV) and Micheal Johnson (MJ) from Strategic Planning Sheffield City Council
Public: one

25083. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Carter, Paszek, Shepherd, Southwood and Westwood-Gray.

25084. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items of exclusion.

25085. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest.

25086. PARISHIONERS' OBJECTIONS/COMMENTS

There were no items of business.

25087. CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

- a) The Clerk noted an email from Mr Rhodes updating Councillors on the fitness/training camp for the area.
- b) The Clerk noted that the annual landlord inspection at Low Bradfield Post Office had been conducted by the Chair of ACE, Councillor Powell, and the Clerk.
- c) The Clerk reported that the annual inspection of the allotments had been carried out by the Chair of the Council, Councillor Vickers, and the Clerk.

25088. SHEFFIELD LOCAL PLAN

Councillors received a presentation from Simon Vincent (SV) and Micheal Johnson (MJ) from Strategic Planning Sheffield City Council on the Sheffield Local Plan process and the current status of the public examination. Key milestones included initial consultation in Autumn 2020, draft publication in January 2023, and submission for examination in October 2023. Hearings were held between June–November 2024, with Inspectors issuing preliminary concerns in February 2025. The examination has been paused for 8 months to allow the Council to respond.

The submitted Plan (2022–2039) proposed 370 development sites, 34,680 homes, and 184.4ha of employment land, focusing primarily on brownfield sites. The Inspectors raised concerns about insufficient housing and employment land supply and recommended increasing targets to 38,012 homes and 237.2ha of employment land—requiring an additional 3,539 homes and 53ha employment land.

Inspectors advised that exceptional circumstances may justify Green Belt release, as brownfield options have been maximised and neighbouring authorities cannot meet the shortfall. Failure to identify additional land could result in plan rejection, loss of planning control, and greater Green Belt risk.

Site selection has focused on previously promoted sites, assessed for sustainability and Green Belt impact, with priority given to locations with good public transport access.

Councillors expressed the following concerns in relation to the proposed Sheffield Local Plan:

- Lack of public consultation in Oughtibridge.
- Priority should be given to the development of already identified brownfield sites before considering greenfield or Green Belt land.

- Concerns regarding the inadequate public transport infrastructure to support additional housing.
- The impact of increased housing on local roads and traffic congestion.
- Insufficient existing infrastructure to support the proposed level of development.
- Clarification sought on whether previously discounted sites would be reconsidered if the Plan is revised.
- Concerns about the viability of development and the ability to attract developers to certain sites.
- Green Belt land should remain protected until all suitable brownfield land has been utilised.
- Additional community benefits should be sought from brownfield developments.
- Consideration should be given to park-and-ride schemes and adequate car parking provision in areas identified for development.

The Clerk undertook to submit the Councillors comments to Sheffield Local Plan consultation. Councillor Powell thanked SV and MJ for their time and presentation.

25089. NOTIFICATIONS OF DECISIONS UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT

The planning decisions made by Sheffield City Council and the Peak District National Park Authority were noted.

25090. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER THE TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT

A schedule detailing the applications received was tabled. Seven were received from Sheffield City Council and none from Peak District National Park Authority. Observations would be forwarded to the relevant Authority.

25091. MATTERS RELATING TO OTHER AUTHORITIES

There were no items of business.

25092. MEMBERS QUERIES AND INFORMATION

- a) Councillor Cole noted that the issue with the football area at Worrall Recreation Ground has now been resolved.
- b) Councillor Baker noted that Sugworth Road is expected to reopen by Friday, 11th July 2025. The parking issue related to the Stannington Gala has been resolved. Attendance at Kicks SWFC sessions at Dungworth Park has been lower than in previous years. The Stannington Pavilion is nearing completion and awaiting final approval.
- c) Councillor Vickers noted concerns regarding the lack of annual servicing of defibrillators by some private organisations within the Parish. The Clerk undertook to issue a reminder via social media and the Parish newsletter emphasizing the importance of carrying out the required defibrillator maintenance. Councillor Vickers enquired about chainsaw training for the Parish’s ground staff. The Clerk advised that a professional company has been appointed to carry out all tree works within the Parish, as health and safety regulations make it more appropriate for a registered specialist to undertake such tasks.
- d) Councillor Roberts noted her attendance at the recent STAND Trustee meeting.
- e) Councillor Morton noted her attendance at a recent STUG meeting and expressed the continuing issues with the inadequate bus services.
- f) Councillor Barrow noted that organised football training sessions are taking place in Coronation Park on Monday evenings at approximately 5:30–6:00 pm. She also reported that a small number of trees in Coronation Park appear to require inspection. Councillor Barrow expressed that the recent Oughtibridge Gala was the best to date and a brilliant day. She further noted her contact with Andy Male regarding a previous request for dog waste bins in Beeley Wood.

Chair