

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
CROSS ROADS PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2024
AT ST. JAMES CHURCH HALL, ALBION STREET, CROSS ROADS**

Present: Cllr Arana, Cllr Cotton, Cllr Clarke, Cllr Robertshaw and Cllr Underwood.
District Councillor Poulsen
District Councillor Brown
District Councillor Herd (from 7.15)
PCSO Corrinne (from 7.15-7.50)
Gemma Hobbs (Bradford 2025)
Mags Smith, Clerk
4 Members of the Public

120.24 Apologies – Apologies received from Cllr Anderson and Cllr Senior
The apologies and reason for absence were approved.

121.24 Recording of Council meetings
The right to record, film and to broadcast meetings was read and noted.

122.24 To record any disclosures of interest on the agenda.
No disclosures of interest were received.

123.24 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 16th October 2024.
Resolved: The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th October 2024 were approved.

124.24 Invited Guests

- **Gemma Hobbs – Bradford 2025**

Gemma talked about Bradford 2025, City of Culture, the website is up and running and events in Keighley can be found there. Tickets for the launch in the city centre are £2. There are two funding streams; 'Do Your Think' small grants up to £50 and the Community Chest up to £500. There will be more grants next year. Gemma is looking to promote hidden poverty and loneliness and would be interested to hear of any events in the area she can help with.

- **Report from District Councillors**

Cllr Poulsen advised that the Community Chest closes on 29th November. The replacement street lights are complete apart from some with connection issues. The flashing school light on Vale Mill Lane has been installed but is not connected yet.

There had been meetings with regard to the Brow Road junction. Highways has suggested a one way system down Brow but that would mean those leaving Haworth would have to come through Cross Roads. It will need consultation so nothing will be done yet. Likewise the drain on Brow Road has been fixed and it is waiting for heavy rain to ensure it is working correctly.

- **Report from West Yorkshire Police NPT**

PCSO Corrine reported two burglaries on Brow Top but nothing recently. Patrols have been increased in the evening. ASB is low at the moment, though there was an incident of paint being thrown at a house.

There had been an accident at Ruth Street junction with Haworth Road due to vehicles parking blocking sight lines. It was suggested that Ruth Street be made one way in, Highways would be contacted to see if this was feasible, it was agreed that double yellow lines would impact the nearby businesses.

- **Toad Patrol**

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The representative from the Toad Patrol was unable to attend but Cllr Poulsen reported that Bradford Council are paying for the toad patrol signs which is welcome news.

125.24 Public Participation.

A resident reported that there had been a burglary and car theft on Lees Bank Road early hours of this morning.

Thanks were given for a well attended Remembrance Day Service, though it was disappointing that the wreath laying was done inside so many were unable to view. It is not feasible to move the memorial outside.

A resident reported that there had been damage to the bus stop at Vale Mill Lane with youths breaking the Perspex and pulling out the timetable. It had been reported to the bus company who said it was the third time in recent weeks that damage had been done to this stop.

126.24 To consider any planning applications received.

126.24.01 New Planning Applications – None

126.24.02 Planning Applications granted – None

126.24.03 Planning Applications refused – None

126.24.04 Any other Planning matters.- None

127.24 Financial Report.

To approve the Financial Report and Payment Schedule for November 2024

GE Ellis (keys for noticeboard)	21/10/2024	30.00	IB55	35
D. Holmes (fit noticeboard)	04/10/2024	80.00	IB56	35
St James Church (Oct room hire)	30/10/2024	40.00	IB57	22
British Legion (wreath)	30/10/2024	29.49	IB54	38
Unity Trust Bank (bank charges)	31/10/2024	5.40	DD	39
Bradford CPA (payroll pt pymt)	01/11/2024	1520.00	IB58	19
Starboard (Scribe Nov)	01/11/2024	50.40	DD	20
M. Smith (fasthosts email)	28/10/2024	7.20	IB59	25
BT phone bill Nov	22/11/2024	54.32	DD	25
Starkeys (public toilets valuation)	15/11/2024	600.00	IB60	29

Total 2416.81

Resolved: That the Financial Report and payment schedule for November 2024 were approved.

128.24 To note the salary increase approved by NALC. - Noted

129.24 To consider the first draft of the Budget for 2025/26

The first draft was considered and it was suggested an inflation increase for 2025/26 should be incorporated. Projects for next year are also to be included before final approval.

130.24 To receive an update on the Public Toilets.

130.24.1 Valuation.

A valuation of £40,000 was put on the toilet blocks, the report would

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be circulated to members. This valuation would help when sourcing grants for works.

130.24.2 Report from the Sub Committee

There had been no meeting of the sub committee.

130.24.3 Electric and refurbishment.

There is nothing to report as this work is on hold until funding is found. The water has been turned off and drained for winter.

131.24 To receive an update and approve quotes for bollards and planters at the park entrance.

The quote of £3667 including VAT for the bollards and planters had been received but a further quote from Bradford Council for installation has now put the total cost up to £4,500 Those who met the Parks Dept were under the impression that the installation would be paid by Bradford Council. Cllr Herd will contact them and ask them to consider this.

Resolved: That the work on the park entrance be deferred for the time being while costs are considered.

132.24 To consider the moving of the Shepherd's Croft grit bin to Drysdale Way.

The original placing of the grit bin was to be Drysdale Way but the contractor had placed it on Shepherd's Croft.

Resolved: That Bradford Council be contacted and asked to move the grit bin to Drysdale Way.

Resolved: That Thorpe Gardening Services be contacted to fill the grit bin at the Almshouses.

133.24 To consider whether there is an appetite to establish a conservation area in the centre of Cross Roads.

Resolved: There is no appetite to establish a conservation area at present.

134.24 To receive an update from the Remembrance Service.

All went well and was well attended.

135.24 To receive an update on Christmas cards and calendar.

The cards and calendars have now been received. A list for cards to be sent has been circulated to Members, the calendars will be sold at the Light Switch on this Friday and in local shops.

136.24 Children's Play Day. – Cllr Cotton

This will be considered whilst doing next year's budget. The cost to arrange the Play Day in the park would be £795. Further information will be received at a meeting next week.

137.24 To receive an update on parking issues.

An email from Highways was read out. Copy attached to the Minutes.

138.24 To receive an update on new street signs.

Due to the absence of Cllr Senior the street signs have not yet been erected, but are in storage ready to do so.

139.24 Correspondence and items brought forward by the Chair.

The Christmas light switch on takes place on Friday 22nd November 6.30-7pm

140.24 Date of next meeting. Wednesday 18th December 2024

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.35

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