

Bradfield Parish Council

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

24th April 2019 – 7.00 pm

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| Present:- | (Chairman) | Councillor T Bagshaw |
| | (Oughtibridge) | Councillor M Cates |
| | | Councillor H Chaplin |
| | (Stannington) | Councillor C Coatham |
| | | Councillor M Butler |
| | | Councillor P Butler |
| | | Councillor M Gray |
| | (Wharncliffe Side) | Councillor S Bennett |
| | (Worrall) | Councillor J Greaves |
| | | Councillor K Habeshaw |
| | | Councillor V Priestley |

In Attendance: 38 members of the public

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Southwood and Talbot

2) CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting noting we are not expecting a fire alarm so if the alarm sounds and it is safe to do so please leave the building via the front door.

3) MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Proposed by Cllr. P Butler, seconded by Cllr. M Butler and

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Annual Assembly held on 25th April 2018 be confirmed.

4) REPORT ON BEHALF OF CHAIRS OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

The following address was presented by the Chairman of the Council

Dear friends and colleagues this, you will be pleased to hear, is not going to be a long report.

It would however be remiss of me not to thank all my fellow councillors for their support whilst I have been Chair. I would particularly like to express my thanks to Teresa and Pam. Their always available help and guidance for the members makes the difference between order and chaos. With them of course are our groundsmen, Coronation Park, Dungworth Park, the picnic area by Smithy Bridge, Birtin Cemetery are just a few of many locations in the Parish that reflect the quality and extent of their contribution. Martin joined us as a fulltime employee earlier this year and we welcomed him as we said goodbye to David Palmer who retired after more than 47 years of service to the Parish. Thanks also must go to Pam and Stuart for their caretaking duties at the Parish Council Offices and of course we cannot forget Malcolm our archivist, who takes time to support local schools and community groups in preserving the history of the parish. On a reflective note I would also like to ask you all to think about our colleague and my predecessor as Chair, Cllr Victoria Talbot who has been very ill for many months. She has made many important contributions to the life of this Council.

It has been a busy but successful year and I would like to draw your attention to just two or three significant events.

- The glorious summer enabled many village community groups to deliver stunning events many of which the Parish Council was pleased to help in kind or cash and to which I had the real pleasure and privilege to attend.
- In October the Parish Council as a founding partner in the Sheffield Lakeland landscape Project learned of our successful bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund. Already we are realising results through the Community Grant scheme. It bodes well for the economic benefit the parish will reap in futures years from that £3.4m investment.
- In November the Parish honoured and remembered all those who gave their lives in the WW1. The planting of English Oak trees in Dungworth and Coronation Parks and the placing of memorial benches at various locations was our lasting tribute to those hero's.

Whilst these public events stand out the Parish Council works in a quieter way through its committees. I would like to commend:

Cllr Habeshaw as Chair of Land and Premises who has supported a range of initiatives to help improve our parks. We have undertaken necessary repairs and improvement to some of our properties. The Christmas trees were a great success again and the local children really engaged in the Christmas card competition and enjoyed the buns at the post completion party.

Cllr Southwood as Chair of Finance & Staffing has helped the Council maintain its service to the community within a budget set for the year. All our annual accounts are subject to a full internal audit carried out by an independent fully qualified auditor, all this before being submitted for external audit. The Council continues its working partnerships with Action for Stannington, Steel Valley Project and Oughtibridge Gala Events and Donations Charity.

Cllr Bennett, Chair of the Planning Committee reports on a busy year. There are many large developments around the Parish just coming into fruition or continuing the back and forth between the planners. The brown field sites around the Dyson's developments in Stannington and the large brown field sites around the Oughtibridge Mill areas are seen to be opportunities for the enhancement of those villages. We have had many professional presentations from Builders and developers during these past four years at the council Planning Committee meetings. Each fortnight we hold a planning meeting to make observations about current Plans for consideration under the Town & Country Planning act tabled from SCC & PDNPA. We have members of the committee from each of the Parish Wards. With the local knowledge these members bring to the committee, we see the Plans from the local perspective, and discuss any problems relating to these local areas and how the prospective plans could affect the local neighbourhoods. Members regularly help out Parishioners Planning concerns and problems, both by attending site visits and by inviting Parishioners to present their concerns direct to the committee. We continually develop the effectiveness of the committee's work and encourage Parishioners to engage with the Planning committee.

Finally I would like to say that I wish the next Council all the very best in tackling the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. There is always unfinished business and this we will hand on. Thank you. Any Questions?

5) PARISHIONERS' QUERIES AND QUESTIONS

There were no queries or questions from parishioners.

6) CITIZEN'S AWARDS

The Chairman presented Special Recognition Awards;

- a) A Special Recognition Award be awarded to Jayne Waite, Claire O'Connor and Nik Dodsworth in recognition of their outstanding behaviour under immense pressure resulting in them saving the life of a 14 year old footballer following his cardiac arrest at Forge Lane football fields.
- b) A Special Recognition Award be awarded to Sheffield Canoe Club and Stocksbridge Park Steels to recognise their efforts to secure a defibrillator and to ensure its speedy re-commission following recent events.
- c) A Special Recognition Award be awarded to Jenny Morton, Mike Bramham and Andy Hay as members of the Friends of Coronation Park Group for their voluntary services for the benefit of parishioners
- d) A Special Recognition Award be awarded to Aaron King for his voluntary services as a Senior Leader of the 150th Wadsley Scouts and as a School Governor at Oughtibridge School
- e) A Special Recognition Award be awarded to Sylvia Linley in recognition of her many years service as Akela of the Stannington Scouts.
- f) A Special Recognition Award be awarded to Angie Elliott for her voluntary services in Worrall for the benefit of parishioners

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and noted light refreshments would be served.

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