

# Minutes for Bradwall Parish Council meeting Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026 8:00pm Old Hall, Sandbach

Present:

Cllr.G.Gnyp - Chairperson  
Cllr.S.Beck  
Cllr.M.Ollier  
Cllr.M.Acton  
Cllr.T.Walker  
S.Beresford -Clerk

1. **Welcome and introductions**
2. **Apologies for absence** John Wray, Damien Murray
3. **To receive any Declaration of Interests regarding agenda items** None
4. **To approve minutes** of the ordinary meeting held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
Proposed SB second MO
5. **Public Forum** –no members of the public were present.
6. **To discuss matters** and outstanding actions arising from previous meetings not covered elsewhere in the agenda

Matter	Notes	ACT
Conditions of roads	All councillors to report issues using traCE	ALL
Draft flyer to cover CBF project of ring doorbells (secure Bradwall project), council vacancies and ideas of how the CBF can be spent to be produced.	Draft has been produced Clerk to arrange the printing on card so no envelopes will be required. Note, flyers to be posted only to addressees and not to named individuals Flyer to be brought up to date and tidied up, add the first aid course to the flyer. Tim will post to all addressees Printing company (probably on line) to be found. Around £40 for 100 flyers. Flyer to be sent to all councillors and then finalised at the next meeting.	MA/Clerk GG/TW
Costs and feasibility of funding winter gritting from the CBF to be determined	Proposed gritting route map has been produced. Clerk has made contact with Steve Willis, who has suggested contacting the Council Clerk is in contact with Highways with regards this. Clerk still chasing. It was suggested Clerk speak to Chalc in regard to other Parishes and gritting of roads	Clerk
Irregularity in the asset register to be resolved	Asset register is up to date and has been updated on website <b>COMPLETE</b>	GG
VAT return	To be completed once balance sheet completed	Clerk

	This will be completed ASAP now the books have been updated. This years and last years to be completed. Clerk to see Greg's email on this subject. To be done in next 2 weeks.	
Unmetered power supply for street lighting	Correspondence has been received that from 1/10/2025 BPC will be moved to half hourly rates from non half hourly rates for the unmetered supply. This will increase our cost by £340.20/year. See item 8 below	Clerk/GG
Precept	Precept for 2026/27 the deadline is 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2025. Precept for 2025/26 was £3000.00. It was agreed to apply for an increased precept of 5% if the impact of the Scottish Power increase can be mitigated or 12% if it can't. GG proposed SB seconded The last precept payment has now been received. See finance below	Clerk
First aid training course	Clerk spoke to 3 companies and a company called HeartStart at Lymm will do it for free or a small donation as we collect our certificates. This is going to be added to the flyer to see how many parishioners are interested on taking up this offer.	Clerk

7. **Footpath Maintenance.** Footpath by bridge is overgrown and muddy only 20" wide. GG has spoken to Steve Willis to quote for this work.

8. **Unmetered electricity supply for street lights.**

GG is dealing with this matter.

Scottish Power are now billing monthly and are billing usage at the quarterly rate not an adjusted monthly rate. Unfortunately Scottish Power Business customer service all seems to be based in India and GG is failing to resolve this trivial matter.

As part of the process, GG has undertaken an audit of the street lighting in order for SP Energy Networks to agree a charge code and produce an up to date unmetered supply certificate. This is all in place.

As minuted at the previous meeting Scottish Power have increased the standing charge significantly. GG has contacted several suppliers and the only company who is prepared to quote is Clear Utility Solutions who are partnered with Chalc. They have quoted using Valda Energy an annual cost of £434.86. For the record, we had been paying £264.80 with Scottish Power, the new (correct) rate with Scottish Power would be £608.85 (currently charging £924.36). GG has proposed that we sign up to a 3 year contract with Valda Energy. MA and TW seconded. GG will progress.

We may have to write off the overcharging of Scottish Power.

## 9. Finance

a) To receive the bank account balances.

### Account Balances

Date	Account	Account No	Amount	Notes
12/1/26	BPC Current Account	...244	£568.08	
12/1/26	BPC Savings Account	...911	£2815.66	
	<b>Total BPC</b>		<b>£3383.74</b>	
12/1/26	BPC CBF current account	...908	£1946.00	Grant monies ringfenced for specific community projects
12/1/26	BPC CBF savings account	...185	£17365.65	
	<b>Total CBF</b>		<b>£19311.65</b>	

b) **Payments approval** Nothing to approve

Payee Ref No	Payee	Notes/ Invoice Ref	Amount

c) **BPC management charge to CBF.** Last year it was agreed to put a charge through for the management of the Community Benefit Fund. This was £300 and GG proposed we keep it at £300 SB and MO seconded. Clerk to transfer the money.

d) Precept for 2026/2027

Agreed by email (GG proposed and DM seconded) to apply for a precept of £3000, unchanged from the current year. Please see the mini budget below for the basis of the decision.

Precept Budget 2026/2027 with 5% added to costs	
Item	Expenditure
Street lighting utility cost	£ 437.90
430 Zurich insurance	£ 205.80
432 Chalc membership	£ 64.29
434 Parish on line Website	£ 396.90
Salary	£ 1,560.00
Bank Charges	£ 84.00
Audit cost	£ 105.00
<b>TOTAL predicted expenditure</b>	<b>£ 2,853.89</b>
Worse case if electricity supply charges are not resolved, plus £438	£ 3,291.89
CBF management charge	-£ 300.00
	<b>£ 2,991.89</b>
Bank Balance 4/12/2025	£ 3,454.83
less 7 months salary Sept-March	£ 910.00
less 3 months SP electricity costs	£ 220.00
less 3 months bank charges	£ 21.00
plus CBF management charge Feb 2026	£ 300.00
<b>Estimated bank balance 31/3/2026</b>	<b>£ 2,603.83</b>

## 10. Planning Matters

5/4886/P RIOR-1A	Prior Approval: Larger householder extension	Sandvorne Bradwall Road, Sandbach, Cheshire East, CW11 1RA	Prior approval for construction of additional storey to main body of existing dwelling, following removal of existing main roof structure.	Sandbach Town	23-01-2026
25/4 754/ CLP UD	Certificate of Lawful Use / Development - Proposed	Sandvorne Bradwall Road, Sandbach, Cheshire East, CW11 1RA	Certificate of proposed lawful use for creation of rooms within the existing loft space and introduction of dormer structure to the rear elevation not exceeding 50m <sup>3</sup> in volume. Roof light to the front elevation.	Sandbach Town	29-01-2026
25/4 709/ FUL	Full Planning	Sandbach Rugby Club Bradwall Road, Sandbach, Cheshire East, CW11 1RA	Extension to club house to provide a pavilion to house a formal event space and viewing platform for game events	Sandbach Town	28-01-2026
25/4 629/ PIP	Permission in Principle	Land To The West Of Cokesmer e Lane, Sandbach, Cheshire East, CW11 1BH	Permission in principle (PIP) for residential development of up to six dwellings on land located to the west of Cokesmere Lane, Sandbach.	Sandbach Town	13-01-2026
25/4 374/ FUL	Full Planning	Saxon Cross Holmes Chapel Road, Sandbach, Cheshire East, CW11 1SE	Proposed industrial units	Brereton Rural	08-01-2026

25/4 017/ DSC	Discharge of conditions	The Limes, 3 Sweettooth Lane, Sandbach, Cheshire East, CW11 1DB	Discharge of conditions 2,3, 4,6,8,9,13,15,20,22,24 on approved application 24/4238/FUL: Extension to the Proposed Care Home: Extension to the Proposed Care Home	Sandbach Town	03-12-2025
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It was agreed that none of the planning matters will have little impact on the parish or its residents. The councillors were encouraged to look at the plans in more detail and if they thought something might impact the Parish to email all and we would move forward from there.



### 11. Correspondence Received

<https://industry.visitcheshire.com/what-we-do/cheshireday>

The above link is to Cheshire Day the theme is **Made in Cheshire.**

They would like parishes to share a picture or story of something they are proud of or are looking forward to doing this year. Do we have anything you would like to put forward?

The councillors agreed we had nothing to put forward.

### 12. To receive and discuss matters raised by members N/A

### 13. Dates of Next Meetings agreed:-

**Tuesday** 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026 8pm Old Hall (room Booked)

**Thursday** 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026 8pm Old hall (room Booked)

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July (room booked)

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September (room booked)

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November (room booked)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2027 (room to be booked)

**Meeting closed at 9pm.**

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