
BRADLEY NEWS

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We are very fortunate during these difficult times to have a village shop on our doorstep, so a BIG Thank You to Sonhia (and her team) for providing our village with a Covid secure, fully stocked store with fresh daily bread, fresh fruit and vegetables, fresh pies and pastries and frozen food too. Not forgetting loo roll! On behalf of the whole Village we are truly grateful. *From Carol Cutter*



Bradley Village Store Christmas opening times on page 5

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Update from the Parish Council Chair

I look after a collection of old Bradley Parish Council Minute books. It's fascinating to go back and read of the things which used to preoccupy the councillors' minds. Number one on the list was usually the account for the gas street lamps, which were supplied from Kildwick. For many years in the 1930s there were extensive discussions about extending the gas main to Ings Lane, but they got superseded by long drawn out proposals to install electric lighting. A suggested interim solution was to have oil lamps. Meetings at the Village Hall were lively and well attended. It was not unusual to have over 30 residents present.

So, how different and self contained life was then. The work and the shops were in the village. Long distance and foreign travels were rare. People really cared about each other and their community. Today's crisis has highlighted how much we should respect the old values. It is heartwarming to see so many people having done so.

We have completed the first stage of refurbishments to the pavilion and playground. We have had an excellent job done. The pavilion is now weather proof with new insulation and cladding, plus repairs to the roof and windows. All the external walls have been oiled and painted. Next year, we intend to renew some internal fittings and decorations. The playground has new fencing, though vandalism during the construction meant that some further replacements were needed. Our builder had his tools taken and damaged. The football club has also suffered significant losses, so we are grateful for some residents having their CCTV cameras pointing towards the field. You will have noticed the new signs prohibiting dogs on the playing field. It's always a contentious issue trying to match everybody's requirements, but the PC feels that the message needs reinforcing to protect the sports people, and children, who also use the field.

We are aware that the removal of the trees and bushes alongside the boundary with the new houses upset many residents. However, this area had been neglected for many years and, despite appearances, the trees were well past their best. We have an imminent scheme to replant and kerbstone the area to discourage vehicle trespass.

Work has started on the canal side car park. The most recent delays have been caused by our contractors being exceptionally busy elsewhere.

Your Parish Council needs you to express your views and constructively participate in our discussions. We have very limited powers to influence wider policy, but the more informed our decisions, the greater the respect that will be afforded to them. Counter intuitively, perhaps, it has never been easier to contribute and join in via the internet whilst we cannot meet in person. All the records of council proceedings are readily available to view on the website bradleyvillage.org. If in doubt, please contact our hard working clerk, Mags.

David Cohn - Chairman, Bradleys Both Parish Council

Housing development in the conservation area of Bradley's Both

You'll see below a diagram of the red boundary of the conservation area in the village. This area was recognised in the mid 1970s to be an area worthy of protection. This area constitutes the oldest part of the village having a mix of stone houses and cottages interspersed with harmonising green spaces. There are a number of definitions for the word conservation. The one understood by most people is; "a careful preservation and protection of something, especially the planning and management of a natural resource to prevent exploitation, destruction, or neglect."

Over the years the Parish Council has endeavoured to be true to the spirit of that quotation which is reflected in the proposed neighbourhood development plan. Nevertheless when a land owner offers land for development the Parish Council (representing our community) and the district planning department are required to consider any proposal. This process has seen an erosion of green spaces in the conservation area over the decades. The Parish Council has worked to preserve and protect the fabric of this area of the parish but they **can only recommend and has no planning authority legally**.

Much comment and concern has recently been expressed regarding a development in the conservation area and the consequential loss of a green field space. As building commenced the developer sought 2 separate modifications to the size of the originally approved houses and additional houses on the adjoining site. These were vigorously opposed by the Parish Council to the district planning committee.

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Both modifications were approved by planning and the developer discontinued progressing extra houses.

The Parish Council agreed to the removal of all but one of the trees from the boundary of the development on the toilet block side of our community park as these were largely moribund and diseased. A new planting scheme is now planned of attractive trees which will in time add to the beauty of the village and provide bird habitat and blossom for insects.

For all of us in the community this development can act as a wake up call and a reminder of how exposed we are to housing expansion in an area that should be given automatic protection.

Our neighbourhood development plan takes on board this commitment to the conservation area. There will no doubt be other occasions in the future where action is required to stave off unsympathetic development.

Each month the minutes of the Parish Council meetings are posted on the website along with the agendas which are also posted in the notice board in the community park. Your views are always needed.

Councillor Andrew Slade

Autumn term at Bradleys Both Community Primary School

The children and staff returned to school in September implementing changes due to the continuation of the Covid 19 pandemic. The children have returned to school with great resilience and been keen to be back with their friends and recommence their learning in school. They have been great at following our new routines and procedures.



Our school held a Mindfulness Celebration before half term to congratulate the children on being so resilient and supportive of each other. We are all very proud of the children's approaches to school and have used opportunities that have arisen to enhance everyone's learning further.

While our Christmas festivities may have to be different this year in having to follow strict guidance, we are all looking forward to sharing this special time together in school in the coming weeks.

We are sorry that there will be no invitation to our local residents this year to come and see a Christmas nativity or performance but hope to be able to welcome you back in better times in the future.

Everyone at Bradleys Both Community Primary School wishes everyone in our local community a happy and safe Christmas.



Christmas Eve	8am – 2pm
Christmas Day	Closed
Boxing Day	Closed
Sunday 27 th Dec	8am-12pm
Monday 28 th Dec	8am-1pm/4pm-7pm
Tuesday 29 th Dec	8am-1pm/4pm-7pm
Wed 30 th Dec	8am-1pm/4pm-7pm
New Year's Eve	8am – 1pm
New Year's Day	Closed
Saturday 2 nd Jan	8am – 2pm
Sunday 3 rd Jan	8am – 12pm
Monday 4 th Jan	8am-1pm/3pm-7pm

Bradley Children - Recognition of Good Deeds

The last year has been difficult and challenging and many Bradley residents have stepped up to help others. Many children from the village have also carried out good deeds for others, and for the village, and the Parish Council would like to recognise these children.

If you would like to nominate a child to be recognised for a good deed, please email their name and details with your name to email clerk@parishcouncil.bradleyvillage.org or ring Mags on 01535 959002

Dog fouling is the issue most raised at Parish Council meetings and on Facebook sites. New signs have been erected on the playing field where dogs are not allowed at all. However, we have had complaints of dog fouling on pavements in the village and the canal towpath.

PLEASE BE A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER AND PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOGS.

If you know of an offender you can make a report on the Craven District Council website. With enough information the council can prosecute and fines of up to £1000 can be issued.

Bradley In Bloom

This year has been one of the most challenging ever, our lives have been changed beyond belief, but there is a glimmer of hope that 2021 will see a gradual return to some sort of normality.

Bradley In Bloom's project for 2020 at the village hall was curtailed earlier in the year due to the pandemic, but we are now working on the site and are confident that by early summer we will have created a beautiful space for everyone to enjoy. The borders and planters will be full of flowers, herbs and veggies and Bradley residents will be welcome to help themselves to produce. Once we have completed the village hall we are moving on to other projects, including planting bulbs and wild flowers in grass verges and other areas.

If you would like to be involved at the village hall, make enquiries about future Bradley In Bloom projects or let us have your ideas please contact Susan on 07834 347561. Please also find us on Facebook as Bradley In Bloom and "like" our page if you are interested in following our progress.

With regard to Bradley Gardening Club, we really hope that we can restart in 2021 and will let everyone know when this is possible.

**Wishing you Happy Christmas and all the very best for 2021 from
the Bradley In Bloom Committee.**

Footpath Volunteer Day Success

Thanks to all those who attended the volunteer day to help with the clearance of Dales Lane. Excellent progress was made clearing the entrance and cutting back foliage. More days will be organised once the current restrictions have been lifted. Thanks all for your continued support. Cllr Steven Wood—Footpath Committee

Bradley Village Hall

Although the village hall remains closed due to the COVID 19 restrictions the trustees have been busy revamping the hall. We have had the floor sanded and treated and the hall/foyer repainted. There are a few other improvements still to complete but we hope that it won't be too much longer before we can welcome our regular groups and the wider community back. Keep an eye on the website for details: <https://sites.google.com/site/bradleyvillagehall/home>

USEFUL INFORMATION

Your Parish Councillors:

**David Cohn, Chair ~ Andrew Slade, ~ William Barron ~ Sam Berry
Derek Booth ~ Veronicka Dancer ~ Steven Wood, Vice Chair**

At present Parish Council meetings are being held remotely by Zoom conferencing at 7.30pm on the third Tuesday of each month. All are welcome to attend. The agenda is placed on the village notice boards the week before. To access Zoom meetings download the app and follow the instructions.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9456963862>

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Meeting ID: 945 696 3862

Passcode: 814278

Agendas and Minutes can be found at www.bradleyvillage.org

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Historic Minutes
Items from a Parish Council Meeting
Held on 31st August 1951

Mr Pritchard brought a sample of water which was a dirty colour and contained a good amount of sediment. The Clerk had also received a sample and a letter of complaint. It was decided that Mr Pritchard should take the sample to R.D. Council and the Clerk write a letter of complaint.

A letter had been read from Mr Hopkinson complaining that Miss Chester had stopped him using the public footpath across the farmyard. Several others had similar complaints. Mr Pritchard proposed that we write to the R.D. Council and ask them to use their powers to prevent the farm owners from interfering with people who use the footpath.

The Clerk had asked N.E. Gas Board for tenders for lamp lighting. Mr Shorter moved we accept the tender of £3 15s 9d per lamp for all services. Approved

It was reported that commencing this term Grammar school pupils would only be conveyed free to Skipton Bus Station whereas previously they were conveyed to the school. If they wished to be taken to the school in future a charge of 16/- would be imposed. It was agreed to write to County Councillor Mrs Mitchell and ask the reason for the charge being introduced.

Bradley Methodist Church

Dec 4th Messy Workshop in a bag, Come pick your bag up from Church Car Park From 2.45pm onwards.
Dec 5th Village Christmas Tree to go up, Lights to go on 6pm (sorry no band)
Dec 6th Services resume again at 10-30am
Dec 25th There is a short morning service.

Merry Christmas to all

If you wish to comment on items in the newsletter or would like to contribute an item, please contact clerk@parishcouncil.bradleyvillage.org