

## REPORT FROM BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR IONA PARKER

### In Respect of Parish Council Meeting 19 May 2026

I would like to draw councillors' attention to these matters:

- Consultation on Public Spaces Protection Order on Dog Control - BDC is consulting on a PSPO on dog control to cover the whole of Braintree District. This is principally to exclude dogs from specific places eg children's playgrounds and to deal with dog fouling and dogs being out of control in public spaces. My understanding is that public spaces include footpaths. The PSPO gives the power to issue fixed penalty notices in the event of a breach. The consultation closes on 15<sup>th</sup> June. I would urge councillors and residents to read the accompanying documents (particularly the FAQ) and respond to the consultation as the PSPO could have considerable implications. I am concerned that it is a bit heavy handed but would be interested to know councillors' views. Here is the link <https://www.braintree.gov.uk/council/public-spaces-protection-order-pspo-consultation/1>
- Residents should by now have received a letter explaining the new waste collection service which will be starting on 1<sup>st</sup> June. Plastic sacks will no longer be collected after this date. Applications are now open for additional sacks for those needing extra collections for nappies, continence or other absorbent hygienic products. These collections will be made twice every 3 weeks, once on the week before the grey bin is collected and once on the week of the grey bin collection. Applications can be made online using this link or by phoning customer services at BDC. <https://www.braintree.gov.uk/ahpcollections>
- The Renters Rights Bill has now come into force. BDC councillors have received training on this to assist with an enquiries from residents.