



BADGWORTH
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Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday **September 13th, 2021** at 7pm at Badgworth and Biddisham Parish Hall, Biddisham.

Present

Cllrs Body (Chairman), Bowley, and White. Also in attendance was County Cllr Filmer and the Parish Clerk, Mrs H Marshall. There were no members of the public present.

109/21 Apologies: Cllr Hipwell Family Commitment; Cllr Vining Vacation; Cllr Shaw Self Isolating; Cllr Wilkie, work commitment; The apologies were accepted. District Cllr Godwin Pearson, family commitment.

110/21 Declarations of Interest None.

111/21 Dispensations None

112/21 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday July 19th 2021. Copies having been circulated, the Minutes were taken as read and approved as a true record.

113/21 County Councillor's report: Matters discussed included: Coronavirus update on local figures and 95% of residents of Somerset have had their first vaccine; the local government review and Councillor numbers; carbon reduction and replacing streetlights with LEDs; the new 48 bus route and hailing stops; Biddisham Lane Sign is listed for replacement; Biddisham Lane Small Improvement Scheme will recommence in the next few months; outstanding enforcement matters.

114/21 District Councillor's report: None was received

115/21 Community matters The Parish Fund Two applications to the Parish Council had been received for the reconnecting communities fund from the village halls to encourage users back to the halls in a safe way and raise confidence for groups. It was discussed that if a larger fund becomes available the Halls should consider applying for improvements.

Resolution: To apply to the fund for the full amounts requested by the halls. Unanimous

Proposal to bring ordinary elections forward to 2022 in line with County Council elections, it was discussed that: this will reduce ongoing costs for Parishes for elections; the first term may be extended to 5 years to bring elections in line with other Unitary authorities.

Resolution: To support the proposal. Unanimous

The Clerk read out the latest update from the **Hinkley Connection Project** including: Building T Pylons; Connecting Hinkley C Power Station; and underground cables through the Mendip Hills. A copy is available on the website.

116/21 Footpaths, to consider problems with a public footpath gate post in field adjacent to Church Lane Badgworth. Cllr Bowley reported that the gate fails to close, and animals are escaping. This could be because the post needs resetting. Cllr Bowley is to investigate the

condition of the post. It was discussed that a gate is ready to be installed in Biddisham and the post could be repaired at the same time.

Resolution: To approve expenditure up to £100 for the repair. Unanimous

117/21 Highways Tarnock Village Signs this item was deferred to the next meeting; It was raised that **2 branches on the trees** by the vicarage are very low hanging and there was concern that larger vehicles such as the waste trucks will struggle to pass. The Clerk is to write to the owner of the property.

118/21 Jubilee Field and Memorial Field Memorial Field: A resident contacted the Parish Council about branches sticking out from the hedge. The matter was investigated and brambles were found to be very overgrown. The Chairman is to speak to the hedge cutter to discuss whether the annual cut could be bought forward. No further issues were raised at either field. Free trees: The offer from the District Council to provide free trees was discussed including maintenance and costs.

Resolution: Not to take up the offer

119/21 Crime report and policing update: No matters were reported. Crime figures in the Parish were updated.

120/21 Planning: The Planning Report was reviewed. The **Request for pre application comments on change of use to 4 bedded children's home**, Burwell House, Badgworth BS26 2QY was discussed including parking; outdoor space; safety concerns regarding the adjacent roads; other similar homes in the area. The Clerk reviewed comments from 3 nearby parishes who have similar homes. The Councillors felt that they had no issue with the use but were concerned about the parking and outdoor space.

121/21 Correspondence: All correspondence was brought to the attention of the Council. **DEFRA Local Nature Recovery Strategies Consultation** was received today and closes before the next meeting, members will submit comments to the Clerk and a consensus will be submitted in response. **Emergency Preparedness Training** is being offered by the Somerset Prepared partnership in October. The Clerk is to contact Councillors again to see if anyone wishes to attend. **Somerset Waste Partnership update** has been received including Green Waste collections are to resume. There is a **Parish Conference** on the Govt reorganisation on October 7th for Chairs or Clerks.

122/21 Finance

- i. The September financial statement, having been circulated, was approved as a true record and the bank reconciliation was confirmed by Cllr Bowley.
- ii. The Payments Schedule was unanimously approved:
 - DD Clerks Salary and Mileage August £477.09
 - DD Clerks Salary and Mileage July £463.50
 - DD Data Protection Fee £35
 - Chq 845 Clerks Expenses (Phone, plaque, membership fees) £115.29
- iii. Items for consideration in the budget were discussed. No new projects were raised.
- iv. CIL report: Sedgemoor District Council have noted our email asking if we are required to submit a nil return and will be in touch if a further submission is required.

123/21 Member's Points of Information: None

124/21 Items for the Parish Magazine/social media Information on the bus service will be circulated.

125/21 Date of next Meeting: 18th October 2021 – Biddisham Parish Hall

Meeting Closed at 8.11pm

Signed F Body (Chairman) Date