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## Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday **July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021** at 7pm at Badgworth and Biddisham Parish Hall, Biddisham.

### **Present**

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

**93/21 Apologies:** Cllr White, Work Commitment; Cllr Bowley, Work Commitment; Cllr Wilkie, Self Isolating; Cllr Shaw, Self Isolating. The apologies were accepted. District Cllr Godwin Pearson, family commitment.

**94/21 Declarations of Interest** None.

**95/21 Dispensations** None

**96/21 Minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday June 28<sup>th</sup> 2021. Copies having been circulated, the Minutes were taken as read and approved as a true record.

**97/21 County Councillor's report:** Matters discussed included: The uptick in incidences of Covid in Sedgemoor; The positive uptake of vaccine; the decision on the unitary proposals should be made this week; Children's Social Care and the proposal for small family sized units; County and District are successfully running hybrid meetings; the boundary review; a question regarding face to face meetings with doctors, although outside of the Cllr's remit the response included difficulties in recruiting; the small improvement scheme in Biddisham should commence 26<sup>th</sup> July and finish by 23<sup>rd</sup> August; Cllr Filmer is to chase the reinstatement of the Biddisham Lane street sign.

**98/21 District Councillor's report:** Prior to the meeting a report was received regarding the A38 Major Road Network Scheme. The scheme was discussed, and the Council's previously submitted comments were reviewed.

**Resolution:** To add a comment to the online consultation: Badgworth Parish Council considers that there is too much staggering of speeds. The speed should be consistent at 40mph from Weare 30mph zone, through Badgworth Parish right through to Hlghbridge. This could be achieved with the use of average speed cameras. Staggering speeds causes confusion, surges in traffic speed, and may contribute to traffic jams. The increasing number of cars accessing the A38, with the airport traffic and the impacts of motorway traffic, which increases the impact on residents and road users. School children need safe access to school buses, the use of public transport should be encouraged with safe access, residents and local businesses need safe crossing and access and cycling should be encouraged with safer roads. Consistently reducing the speed from 50mph to 40mph would help to achieve this.

**99/21 Community matters** The **Covid Risk Assessment** for meetings was reviewed.

**Resolution:** To continue to encourage the measures laid out in the assessment.

**100/21 Highways Tarnock Village Signs** this item was deferred to the next meeting; The roadside edges on **Badgworth Lane/Quarrylands Lane junction**: having contacted Highways to emphasize concerns, the area was rechecked and works were undertaken. **A38 Major Road Network Scheme**: The online consultation has been submitted to Contact magazine and will be circulated on social media.

**101/21 Jubilee Field and Memorial Field** No issues were raised at either field. It was noted that there was a continuity issue with inspections at the Jubilee Field. It is understood that the system is being reviewed and the inspections have resumed.

**102/21 Crime report and policing update**: No matters were reported. Updated Crime figures in the Parish were not available. A request for information on scrap yards in the Parish was addressed and the information will be forwarded to the police team.

**103/21 Planning**: The Planning Report was reviewed and updated to include:

Application No: 03/21/00008 6 Coombes Way, Biddisham, Axbridge, Somerset, BS26 2RL  
Erection of single storey side (West) and rear (South) extensions on site of existing garage and conservatory (to be demolished).

Reference Number: 96/21/00009/JOM Proposal: Request for discharge of Requirement 6(1)(a) Soil Management Plan for Stage 7.2 of the authorised development. Location: Hinkley Point C Connection Project Applicant: ARUP Requirement: 6(1)(a)

**104/21 Correspondence**: All correspondence was brought to the attention of the Council. The following were raised: The Post Office confirmation of the relocation of the sortation of mail from Axbridge to Winscombe was noted with disappointment; Public Health leaders in Somerset urge people to proceed with caution and act responsibly as the country prepares for the easing of national Covid-19 restrictions; An updated programme for Sedgemoor Health Walks over the next quarter July- September has been posted on the facebook page and website; PCC Mark Shelford is looking for a Deputy PCC to play a vital role in an organisation that is determined to deliver an effective and efficient police service for local people. An offer of free trees for the Parish was discussed and will be added to the next agenda for further consideration.

#### **105/21 Finance**

- i. The July financial statement, having been circulated, was approved as a true record.
- ii. The Payments Schedule was unanimously approved:

DD Clerks Salary and Mileage June £552.45

Chq 841 AA Deptford defibrillator battery 'paks' £144

Chq 842 Somerset Association of Local Councils fees and Councillor Training £171.77

Chq 843 Clerks Expenses (Microsoft 365) £59.99

Chq 844 Badgworth and Biddisham Parish Hall Management Committee room hire £90

**106/21 Member's Points of Information**: Cllr Hipwell noted that the Climate change course was very interesting and will be reviewed at the next meeting. It is hoped that the Council will become Climate Accredited.

**107/21 Items for the Parish Magazine/social media** None

**108/21 Date of next Meeting**: 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 – Biddisham Parish Hall

Meeting Closed at 8pm

Signed F Body (Chairman)

Date