

## Minutes



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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held at 7pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 in the Badgworth and Biddisham Parish Hall, Biddisham.

### Present

Cllrs Body (Chairman), Hipwell, Shaw, Vining, Wilkie, Winsor and White. Also in attendance District Cllr Godwin Pearson and Mrs H Marshall (clerk). There were 0 members of the public present.

**1/20 Apologies:** County Cllr Filmer

**2/20 Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Shaw declared a personal interest in item 14/20 planning application 03/19/00022.

**3/20 Dispensations:** Cllr Vining was issued a dispensation regarding National Grid and the Hinkley Connection Project, valid for a period of 4 years until July 2022.

**4/20 Minutes** for the Parish Council Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019: Copies having been circulated; the Minutes were then taken as read and approved as a true record.

**5/20 District Cllr Report:** The report included the following matters: Planning application 02/16/00030 for outline planning permission for 53 homes in the neighbouring town of Axbridge. The following matters were then discussed: traffic impacts, environmentally beneficial improvements, reserved matters.

**Resolution:** Invite the applicants to talk to the Parish Council about their plans and reserved matters at the February meeting.

**6/20 Emergency Plan:** Cllr Winsor reviewed the purpose of the plan as a disaster recovery plan. The next step is to consider risk assessments for the villages. Cllrs Vining and Wilkie are to draft a risk assessment for Biddisham, Cllr Shaw is to draft a risk assessment for Tarnock.

**7/20 Parish Online software:** Cllr Hipwell is investigating the software.

**8/20 Annual Litter Pick:**

**Resolution:** The pick will take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Cllr Vining will lead Biddisham. Cllr Shaw is to arrange a lead for Tarnock and Cllr Hipwell will lead Badgworth.

**9/20 Website Regulations, Accessibility Statement:** The site hosts have confirmed that the website conforms to accessibility requirements. The design of the website itself requires an audit to confirm that it complies with the regulations.

**Resolution:** Cllr Wilkie is to perform a review of the website and advise on necessary changes and the Accessibility Statement.

**10/20 Highways: Signage for Biddisham Lane**, south of Coombes Way, to indicate that there is 'no turning for lorries beyond this point': Members discussed current signage and satnav systems, incidents of drivers ignoring signage and verbal advice, incidents of lorry damage caused in the Lane.

**Resolution:** To contact traffic management and discuss the issue, including whether current signage can be improved, enlarged and whether signage is a European standard.

**Biddisham Lane Small Improvement Scheme, improved signage proposal:** County Cllr Filmer has advised that the scheme will include a Vehicle Activated Sign.

**Roadworks** in the Parish were noted and information is available on the Parish Council website.

**Potholes** in Badgworth have been investigated and a number have been filled.

**Reported surface water pooling on the A38** will be checked during and after rainwater and clearance works will take place if necessary.

**Damage to the bridge on Biddisham Lane** is worsening.

**Resolution:** The Clerk is to raise the matter with SDBC again.

**11/20 Field Reports – Jubilee Field and Memorial Field:** The hedges will be cut back when the ground is firmer. No further matters reported. Cllr Vining has been in touch with the contractor to discuss the ground surfaces.

**12/20 Crime statistics** in the parish were noted.

**13/20 Cluster meetings:** Cllr Shaw offered to attend the next meeting, the date is to be confirmed.

**14/20 Planning:** The report was circulated prior to the meeting.

**Application 03/19/00022.** Having declared an interest, Cllr Shaw stated her thanks to the applicant for the amendment to the application and outlined her comments on the application and noted that these comments had been submitted to Sedgemoor District Council. Cllr Shaw did not take part in the decision regarding the amendments.

Members discussed the amendment.

**Resolution:** Badgworth Parish Council considered the amended plans and were satisfied that the plans now reflected the maintenance gap.

**15/20 Correspondence** was brought to the attention of the Council including:

Request to hear a motion regarding The Local Electricity Bill. The Clerk provided a report and information on the group requesting the motion, as requested by the Council.

**Resolution:** The motion is to be added to the next agenda to give members time to consider the information.

Sedgemoor Conversation: Cllr Hipwell to attend.

Consultation regarding strengthening police powers to deal with unauthorised encampments:

**Resolution:** support, the clerk is to complete the consultation.

**16/20 Finance:**

- i. Request for support from Contact Magazine. The balance sheet was considered.

**Resolution:** To grant £100 towards printing costs.

- ii. The **Financial statement**, having been previously circulated, was approved as a true record

- iii. To consider a **Direct Debit Payment to the District Council** for the Clerks Salary, as a lump sum will no longer be deducted from the Precept.

**Resolution:** Approved

- iv. **Resolution:** Purchase a new ledger.

- v. The **Payments schedule** was approved:

Chq 805 Clerks expenses £19.80

Chq 804 West Country Groundcare Ltd Grass cutting £1080

Chq 803 Badgworth and Biddisham Parish Hall Management Committee Room Hire £90

Chq 806 Badgworth Schoolroom Management Committee Room Hire £95

Chq 807 Contact Magazine Contribution to Print Costs £100

**17/20 Member's Points of Information:** The lights on the Tarnock compound are to be replaced with lights on a timer. The lights will be directed as sensitively as possible.

The field to the rear of the SDS site is still being used for storage. This is to be reported to Sedgemoor District Council. National Grid should be asked to provide Information on planned works and working hours.

**18/20 Items for the Parish Magazine/Social Media:** None raised

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed G Vining Vice Chairman

Date 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020