



BADGWORTH
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Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday **April 11th 2022** at 7pm at Badgworth and Biddisham Parish Hall, Biddisham.

Present

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

38/22 Apologies: Cllr Body, ill health; Cllr Bowley, work commitment; Cllr Shaw, leave; Cllr White, ill health. The apologies were accepted. County Cllr Filmer and District Cllr Godwin Pearson also gave apologies due to Purdah.

39/22 Declarations of Interest None.

40/22 Dispensations None

41/22 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday **February 28th, 2022**. Copies having been circulated, the Minutes were taken as read and approved as a true record.

42/22 The Parish Council **election** was uncontested. The members of the Parish Council will serve for the next term.

43/22 County Councillor's report Due to Purdah, no report was received.

44/22 District Councillor's report: Due to Purdah, no report was received.

45/22 Local government reform: a recent meeting to update the reform was reviewed. No matters were raised.

46/22 The Insurance Policy: the renewal quote and a quote for an amended schedule were reviewed.

Resolution: To accept the new schedule which offers improved cover at a marginally increased premium. Unanimous.

47/22 Community matters: Coronavirus: The risk assessment was reviewed and updated in line with NHS guidance. The requirement for cleaning was removed. The **Litter Pick**, having been cancelled due to a lack of support, will be arranged for next year. **Jubilee Hamper:**

Resolution: To accept the offer of a hamper from the Hinkley Connection Project for raffle at the village events. To request a further hamper. To raise funds for the events' chosen charity.

48/22 Green matters: No further matters were raised.

49/22 Highways matters: Tarnock Signs. The Clerk is to investigate the condition of the signs. **Potholes** reported at the site of the Gigaclear works on Biddisham Lane will be inspected by County Highways. **A Temporary Road Closure for The Kingsway, Mark** for 2 days from 19th April was noted.

50/22 Jubilee Field and Memorial Field Jubilee Field: It was agreed to seek quotes to replace posts on the fence with posts guaranteed for 15 years. It was decided not to

increase the cuts at the field due to cost. Cllr Vining offered to reset the gate on its hinges. The goal posts nets and clips will be checked, including for rust, prior to the next meeting. Memorial Field:

Resolution: To accept the quote for £100 to prepare, plant, protect and care for the **oak sapling** for the first year.

The Clerk reported that the District Council Landscape Officer had stated that the sapling would not qualify for a tree protection order.

51/22 Crime report and policing update: No matters were reported. Crime figures in the Parish were updated.

52/22 Planning: The **Planning Report** was reviewed. **Enforcement:** A new entrance in Badgworth had been determined not to require planning permission.

53/22 All correspondence was brought to the attention of the Council. Somerset Jubilee Parish Portraits, the Parish will submit a report. The Clerk is to contact a resident of Badgworth to discuss including their Parish project; Smaller Councils issues, it was decided to report the disproportionate costs of training; An enquiry from a local company to pitch their pizza truck in the Parish was not supported.

54/22 Finance:

- i. The end of year **financial statement**, the receipts and payments statement and income expenditure statement having been circulated, were approved as a true record and the completed accounts ledger was signed.
- ii. **The National Salary Award:** the decision at the committee meeting on the 9th March to approve the award and back date the payment to 1st April 2021 was ratified. It was noted that due to an error with the payroll the District Council will credit the increased NI contributions on the pay award. A staff committee will be arranged prior to the next meeting.
- iii. **The Payments Schedule** was unanimously approved:
Chq 855 Black Country Metalworks Ltd works Tree Guard £181.04
DD Sedgemoor District Council Clerks Salary and Mileage February £443.67
Chq 856 Sedgemoor District Council Jubilee Field lease £25
DD Sedgemoor District Council Clerks Salary, Mileage and payroll March £627.38
Chq 857 Zurich Municipal Insurance Premium £264.00
Chq 858 R Young Internal Audit £20
- iv. Quotes were reviewed to replace the broken **printer**. The cheapest like for like option was approved.
- v. **Grant Requests:** Cllr Vining is to make enquiries about the grass cutting at the churchyard. The request from the Citizens Advice Bureau was also deferred.

55/22 Member's Points of Information: A complaint about stones on a verge in the Parish was raised. Cllr Hipwell is to investigate.

56/22 Items for the Parish Magazine/social media To note the members of the Council.

57/22 Date of next Meeting: 23rd May 2022.