



**BADGWORTH**  
**PARISH COUNCIL**

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## Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday **October 17<sup>th</sup> 2022** at 7pm at Badgworth and Biddisham Parish Hall, Biddisham.

## Present

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

**142/22 Apologies:** Cllrs Bowley, Work Commitment; Vining, Leave; White, Ill health The apologies were accepted. District Cllr Godwin Pearson and County Cllr Grimes also sent apologies.

**143/22 Declarations of Interest** None.

**144/22 Dispensations** None

**145/22 Minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday **September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022**.

Copies having been circulated, the Minutes were taken as read and unanimously approved as a true record.

**146/22 County Councillor Filmer gave a report** including the following matters: the Council overspend, and the local government reorganisation long term savings; increasing social care costs; the Local Community Networks conference; planning 'innovation zones, including the Gravity zone in Bridgwater; flu and Covid vaccinations. Questions were asked and answered about consultation with other Counties on the implementation of the new Somerset Council. County Cllr Filmer is to pursue a query regarding policy on school children crossing the A38.

**147/22 District Councillor's report:** None was received. It was noted that the meeting about speeding and traffic on the A38 is still to go ahead.

**148/22 Local government reform:** Cllr Hipwell reviewed a conference regarding Local Community Networks including pilot forums and similar groups in other Unitary Councils. County Cllr Filmer discussed maintaining planning services, enforcement and offices; the new Chief Executive.

**149/22 Green Matters** No updates were received.

**150/22 Application 03/22/00012**, Works to Trees, Crown reduce height/spread of Beech (T1) by 2.5m all round, Touchwood, Badgworth Lane, Badgworth.

Members discussed controlling the height and spread of the tree. There were no objections.

**Resolution:** To support the application. Unanimously agreed.

**151/22 Resolution:** To approve the meeting dates for 2023

**152/22 Community matters: memorial sapling and tree guard** it was reported that initial discussions with the schoolroom management committee did not support planting a walnut tree in the grounds on the site of a previous tree. It was agreed the Clerk should put an article in Contact magazine and contact the local circulation groups to invite suggestions or offers of land to plant a memorial tree. The Clerk is to formally write to the Schoolroom Management Committee with a request to plant a tree.

Cllr Hipwell offered to collect some **free daffodil bulbs** from Sedgemoor District Council.

**153/22 Highways matters: Tarnock and Biddisham Village 'gateway' signs,** the decision on the funding application is awaited; The different **Speed limits along the A38** were discussed.

**154/22 Jubilee Field and Memorial Field** Jubilee Field: The Clerk is to investigate the responsibility for the four boundaries of the field. It was discussed that generally Parishioners would not want to lose this amenity.

Cllr Shaw left the meeting due to a previous commitment.

**155/22 Crime report and policing update:** No matters were reported. Crime figures in the Parish were updated.

**156/22 Planning: The Planning report was reviewed.**

**157/22 All correspondence** was brought to the attention of the Council including the following updates: Somerset Association of Local Councils Personal Safety Webinars and input for health and wellbeing training, support and grants programme; Somerset County Council Warm Spaces questionnaire.

**158/22 Finance:** It was noted that the pension auto enrolment response has been submitted to the pension's regulator.

- i. The **financial statement** for October, having been circulated, was approved as a true record.
- ii. The **budget** for 2023 2024, having been circulated was discussed including that referendum principles can be expected but haven't been announced.

**Resolution:** The draft budget was approved. Unanimously agreed.

- iii. The **Precept** 2023 2024. An increase of 4%, with regard to referendum principles, was discussed including increasing costs and the cost of living.

**Resolution:** The precept for 2023 2024 will be £9880 an increase of 4% on the previous year. Unanimously agreed.

- iv. **The Payments Schedule** was unanimously approved:

Chq 875 AVG Internet Security £54.99

Clerks salary PAYE Mileage September £499.72

Chq 876 AA Deptford Defibrillator replacement battery & spares pak £168.00

**159/22 Member's Points of Information:** None were raised.

**160/22 Items for the Parish Magazine/social media** Request for tree locations.

**161/22 Date of next Meeting:** 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022, Badgworth and Biddisham Hall.

Meeting Closed at 8.20pm

Signed F Body (Chairman)

Date 28.11.22