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Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday **February 28th 2022** at 7pm at Badgworth and Biddisham Parish Hall, Biddisham.

Present

Cllrs Body (Chairman), Beynon, Hipwell, Shaw, and Vining. Also in attendance were County Cllr Filmer and the Parish Clerk, Mrs H Marshall. There was one member of the public present.

18/22 Apologies: Cllr Bowley, work commitment; Cllr White, ill health. The apologies were accepted.

19/22 Declarations of Interest None.

20/22 Dispensations None

21/22 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday **January 17th, 2022**. Copies having been circulated, the Minutes were taken as read and approved as a true record.

22/22 Co-option to fill the vacancy for a Parish Councillor: Chairman Body welcomed the applicant. The applicant answered questions and stated their interest in the Community. Mrs Beynon was proposed by Cllr Body and seconded by Cllr Vining. Cllr Hipwell abstained from voting. Following the vote the Chairman declared that Mrs Beynon was duly appointed to the Office of Parish Councillor and welcomed her to the Council. Cllr Beynon, having been previously sent the meeting documents, then joined the meeting.

23/22 County Councillor's report Matters included: Coronavirus update and local figures reducing; Local government reorganisation; increased government funding and social care; arrangements to help refugees from Ukraine being developed; green waste collection days have not changed. Questions were asked and answered.

24/22 District Councillor's report: None was received

25/22 Grass Cutting Contract: Quotes from 4 contractors were discussed.

Resolution: To award the contract to West Country Groundcare Ltd for 4 years with an option to extend the contract for a further year.

26/22 Community matters: Queen's Jubilee Oak tree:

Resolution: The Clerk is to purchase a black iron tree guard in the amount of £150.87. The site for the sapling was agreed in the Memorial Field Biddisham. To approve the planting of the tree by a professional. To memorialise the planting. To register the oak as part of the Queens Green Canopy. To arrange a Tree Preservation Order.

Resolution: To amend the April meeting date to the 11th.

Litter Pick: The Council will invite residents to register for the litter pick and subject to interest in the project arrangements will be made for a pick on the 3rd April.

27/22 Green matters: No further matters were raised.

28/22 Footpaths It was noted that dogs in the dog walking field in Badgworth were upsetting people walking on an adjacent footpath.

29/22 Highways matters: It was agreed to request that the speed data gathering boxes should be placed between Fletchers Lane and the garage in Tarnock.

30/22 Jubilee Field and Memorial Field Memorial Field: Inspection Reports: The fence in the Jubilee Field will be repaired while the ground is still soft. No other matters were raised.

31/22 Crime report and policing update: No matters were reported. Crime figures in the Parish were updated.

32/22 Planning: The **Planning Report** was updated to include new application 03/21/00026. Amended application 03/21/00021 will be considered at the next Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting. **Enforcement:** A complaint regarding stables off Quarrylands Lane has been registered for investigation.

33/22 All correspondence was brought to the attention of the Council. The Council will write to support the Bus Partnership to retain funding. Information on a Heritage Assets List will be sent to the Schoolrooms Committee for their consideration. A request by a business to add a link to the website was not supported.

34/22 Finance:

- i. The February **financial statement**, having been circulated, was approved as a true record.
- ii. A **grant request** from Citizens Advice Sedgemoor was considered. The Council will contact the village agent to determine which agencies residents are accessing before making a decision on grant awards.
- iii. **The Payments Schedule** was unanimously approved:
DD Clerks Salary and Mileage January £ 443.67
Somerset Association of Local Councils training £25.00
Clerks Expenses (Phone Jan, and table tennis bats) £41.65

35/22 Member's Points of Information. It was raised that repairs made by gigaclear on Biddisham Lane are sinking and creating **potholes**. It was raised that the improvements to **the access** at the Farm Shop in Tarnock did not appear to be completed. The Clerk is to contact the planning department to investigate.

16/22 Items for the Parish Magazine/social media Litter pick.

17/22 Date of next Meeting: Annual Parish Meeting 21st March 2022, Biddisham Hall, Parish Council Meeting 11th April 2022.

Meeting Closed at 9.24pm

Signed F Body (Chairman)

Date