

Minutes

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

Present

Cllrs Body (Chairman), Beynon, Hipwell and White. Also in attendance were County Cllrs Filmer and Grimes, District Cllr Godwin Pearson and the Parish Clerk. There were no members of the public present.

162/22 Apologies: Cllrs Vining, leave; Shaw, family commitment due to Covid. The apologies were accepted.

163/22 Declarations of Interest None.

164/22 Dispensations None

165/22 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday **October 17th, 2022**. Copies having been circulated, the Minutes were taken as read and unanimously approved as a true record.

166/22 County Councillor Filmer gave a report including the following matters: the Council overspend and addressing the shortfall; Council Tax; the local government reorganisation and appointing staff; Local Community Networks, boundaries to be decided in January. County Cllr Filmer reported back on the policy on school children crossing the A38 including: the current arrangements were reviewed and determined safe, parental responsibility to ensure that children are accompanied.

A complaint regarding reducing speed limits in Badgworth was raised. It was discussed that there must be a need and Parish Council support, appropriate signage and roundels. The Clerk is to invite residents comments for review in January.

The Chairman thanked the County Cllrs for their support and advice.

167/22 District Councillor's report: The public meeting about speeding and traffic on the A38 will go ahead 26th January. District Cllr Godwin Pearson will draft flyers. Cllr Beynon offered to investigate printing. The Clerk is to book the hall and contact East Brent Parish Council. The Parish Council agreed to pay for the hall booking for the public meeting.

168/22 Local government reform: This had been reviewed under item 166/22

169/22 Green Matters No updates were received.

170/22 Community matters: Complaint about dog mess and dog bags hung in hedges in Badgworth. The Clerk is to circulate a reminder message to take it home. It was noted that due to bookings in Badgworth Schoolrooms, **Full Council meetings** will be held in Biddisham Hall, it was decided to continue to book 5 floating days at each hall to support the hall committees. A concern about users of the **dog walking field** was discussed. Cllr Beynon will raise the matter with the owner. **Bus Services** Cllr Hipwell reviewed a recent meeting held by the Somerset Bus Partnership including that funding ends at the end of March 2023. It was noted that the Council have circulated timetables and they are available in Noticeboards and on the website to encourage use of buses. **Spring Bulbs** Due to the delay in securing Village Gateway signs the bulbs will be offered to the local green spaces for planting. **Somerset Day** due to a lack of contacts there has been no progress on arranging celebrations.

171/22 Highways matters: Tarnock and Biddisham Village 'gateway' signs, a recent funding application will be resubmitted when further funding has been secured. No response has

been received from the Police Safety Fund. The **A38** including speed limits will be discussed at a public meeting on 26th January at the hall in Biddisham, see also item 167/22.

172/22 Jubilee Field and Memorial Field Jubilee Field: The fence was discussed including the 3 quotes for repair and cutting back the overgrowth to carry out repairs.

Resolution: To award the repairs to the fence to Jon Sealey & Sons Ltd if the price is held. The annual safety inspection was reviewed. The goal nets will be removed as recommended and offered to the Schoolrooms with the clips. Repainting the goal posts will be added to the agenda for the January meeting.

173/22 Crime report and policing update: No matters were reported. Crime figures in the Parish were updated.

174/22 Planning: The Planning report was reviewed, and **enforcement** matters were updated.

175/22 All correspondence was brought to the attention of the Council including the following updates: Cash incentives for landlords who help house Ukrainian refugees; Asylum seekers Info sheet from Somerset County Council; Advance notice of IT disruption at Sedgemoor District Council from 1st to 5th December; Closing date for the SALC health & wellbeing survey extended to Friday 23rd December 2022 and offer to win £500; Somerset Emergency Community Contacts (SECC) - Somerset Local Authorities Civil Contingencies Partnership (SLACCP) Cllr Beynon offered to be a contact. Correspondence from New Somerset Council regarding the precept had been circulated, no further action will be taken.

176/22 Finance:

- i. The **financial statement** for November, having been previously circulated, was approved as a true record. The bank reconciliation was verified.
- ii. **The Payments Schedule** was unanimously approved:
Sedgemoor District Council Clerks salary PAYE Mileage October £450.68
Westcountry Groundcare Ltd Grass Cutting £1188.00
- iii. **Resolution:** To approve the NJC pay agreement for 2022/23. To back date the pay scales to April 2022 and to approve the increase of one day to all employees' annual leave from April 2023. Unanimously agreed.

177/22 Member's Points of Information: None were raised

178/22 Items for the Parish Magazine/social media Comments on speed limit in Badgworth; the public meeting on 26th January; dog mess and bags to be taken home.

179/22 Date of next Meeting: 16th January 2023 – Badgworth and Biddisham Hall Meeting

Closed at 8.50pm

Signed F Body (Chairman)

Date 16.1.23