

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday **January 16th 2023** at 7pm at Badgworth and Biddisham Parish Hall, Biddisham.

Present

Cllrs Body (Chairman), Beynon, Shaw and Vining. Also in attendance was the Parish Clerk. There was 1 member of the public present.

001/23 Apologies: Cllr Hipwell Leave; Cllr White ill health; Cllr Bowley ill health. The apologies were unanimously accepted. District Cllr Graham Godwin Pearson and County Cllrs Filmer and Grimes also gave apologies.

002/23 Declarations of Interest None.

003/23 Dispensations None

004/23 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday **November 28th, 2022**.

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

005/23 A County Council report was received after the meeting, a copy is held in the Minute book.

006/23 District Councillor's report: None was received.

007/23 Matters arising from the Minutes: Dog walking field, Cllr Beynon is to call the owner to discuss a concern raised with the Council regarding the open gate; a further letter regarding **safety concerns on the A38** had been received, the matter is to be discussed at the A38 public meeting and the Clerk is to respond. Cllr Shaw is to contact the County Council to discuss concerns over children crossing the A38 to use the **school bus**.

008/23 Local government reform: No matters were discussed

009/23 Green Matters No updates were received.

010/23 Community matters: Litter Pick: Residents will be invited to register their interest and a date will be agreed subject to satisfactory numbers.

011/23 Badgworth Speed Limit review and survey results Matters discussed included: incidents in the village, the smaller repeater signage used in Biddisham, that speeding still occurs in Biddisham, natural/structural restrictions to speed, enforcement, entry and exit point signage, the results of the survey.

Resolution: To hold a vote at the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Parish Council will pursue a speed reduction and signage subject to the result of the vote at the Annual Parish Meeting.

012/23 Highways matters: The A38 and the public meeting 26th January it was noted that there had been a lot of public interest in the meeting on social media, Cllr Shaw is to discuss arrangements for the meeting with District Cllr Godwin Pearson; a safety concern raised with the Council regarding a **parking space in Badgworth** has been referred to County Highways.

013/23 Jubilee Field and Memorial Field Jubilee Field: The repairs to the fence have been completed and inspected. A quote for **repainting the goals posts** will be considered at the next meeting.

014/23 Crime report and policing update: No matters were reported. Crime figures in the Parish were updated.

015/23 Planning: The Planning report was reviewed. The recent **Licencing application** at Home Farm, Badgworth and the guidance given by the case officer was reviewed, as the guidance changed after the Councils response had been decided. Correspondence from the

case officer was reviewed. It was discussed that the Parish Council will be consulted on any changes to the planning application or licencing requirements. There were no updates to **enforcement** matters.

016/23 All correspondence was brought to the attention of the Council including the following updates: The Notification of external auditor appointment of PKF Littlejohn LLP for the 2022-23 financial year, for the 5 year period until 2026-27 and the fee for a certificate of exemption will continue to be £0; The Somerset Levels and Moors update had been circulated to members, the flooding guidance on the Councils website has been updated; Preparation works are set to get underway for Bridgwater's £5.3m Dunball improvements; PCC Councillor Forum invitation, no members were able to attend; A card had been received from his majesty King Charles regarding the death of her majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the clerk is to investigate obtaining a frame for the correspondence for display in the Parish Hall.

017/23 Finance: It was noted that the precept request has been submitted.

- i. The **financial statement** for January, having been previously circulated, was approved as a true record. The bank reconciliation was verified by Cllr Beynon.
- ii. **The Payments Schedule** was unanimously approved:
Clerks salary PAYE Mileage November £450.68
Clerks salary PAYE Mileage December £852.66
Chq Clerks Expenses January £33.00
Chq Hedge Cutting to Parish Sites £351.00
- iii. **Resolution:** To amend the online bank account to add Cllr Vining as second administrator. Unanimously agreed.
- iv. **Changes to the website were discussed.** The Clerk is to request that the free upgrade is held until next year so that the Council can budget for the increased cost.
- v. **Resolution:** To appoint Richard Young as the Internal Auditor for 2022 23.

018/23 Member's Points of Information: None were raised

019/23 Items for the Parish Magazine/social media If possible to include the results of the A38 meeting.

020/23 Date of next Meeting: 20th February 2023 – Badgworth and Biddisham Hall

Meeting Closed at 8.36pm

Signed F Body (Chairman)

Date 20.2.23