

Minutes

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

Present

Cllrs Body (Chairman), Beynon, Hipwell, Shaw, White and Vining. Also in attendance were Somerset Cllrs Filmer and Grimes and the Parish Clerk. 1 member of the public was present.

135/23 Apologies: None

136/23 Declarations of Interest None

137/23 Minutes of the **Parish Council Meeting** held on Monday **September 18th 2023**. Copies having been circulated, the Minutes were taken as read and approved as a true record.

138/23 Somerset Council report: Cllr Filmer reviewed: the budget and the overspend; the review of commercial assets; registering to vote; successful plastic recycling; hosts needed for Ukrainian families; highways, licences and prosecutions, the A38 scheme and financing; that the Biddisham Lane small improvement scheme is due for completion imminently; a meeting will take place in November regarding flooding on Church Lane, Badgworth. Cllr Filmer noted delays in processing planning applications and answered a query on the planning process. The next **Local Community Network** meeting agenda was discussed including general topics on the agenda and the wider groups invited to attend. Concerns were raised over what the meetings might achieve. Cllr Filmer commended Cllr Shaw on recent successful discussions to ensure that children catching the **school bus** did not have to cross the A38.

139/23 Green matters: No matters were raised.

140/23 Community Matters: Hinkley Connection Project: the Clerk is to investigate progress. Cllr Beynon offered to be a representative on the **Badgworth Schoolroom Management Committee**. Somerset Council has not yet approved the site for the **dog bin** in Badgworth;

141/23 Highways matters: The speed limit on the A38: the Clerk is to write to highways to pursue the 30mph limit in light of the Somerset Council major improvements scheme for the A38.

142/23 Jubilee Field and Memorial Field No matters were raised.

143/23 Crime report and policing update: No matters were reported. Crime figures in the Parish were updated.

144/23 Planning: The Planning report was reviewed. **The Parish Plan:** Cllr Hipwell is to investigate options to update the Parish Plan under Somerset Council. The Clerk is to establish a contact at Somerset Council.

145/23 All correspondence was brought to the attention of the Council.

146/23 Finance: The 2024 rates for the Payroll service had been received.

Resolution: The Council agreed that the rates were acceptable.

- i. The October **financial statement**, having been previously circulated, was approved as a true record. Unanimously agreed. Cllr Shaw verified the bank reconciliation.
- ii. **The Payments Schedule** was unanimously approved:

Clerks Salary and Mileage October	£464.15	H Marshall
PAYE October	£76.80	HMRC

Clerks Expenses (phone, software)	£75.53	H Marshall
Affiliation fees	£148.01	Somerset Association Local Councils

- iii. **The draft budget** was discussed, including the shortfall in general reserves, budgets for highways and the Parish Plan, provision of services by Somerset Council.

Resolution: The draft budget was amended to address the shortfall in the reserves. Unanimously agreed.

- iv. **The Precept** 2024 2025 was discussed.

Resolution: The Precept for 2024 2025 will be £14,386

- v. The **request for a grant** from Contact Magazine was discussed.

Resolution: To award £50 towards printing costs.

147/23 Member's Points of Information: No matters were raised.

148/23 Items for the Parish Magazine/social media None

149/23 Date of next Meeting: 27th November 2023 – Badgworth and Biddisham Hall

Meeting Closed at 9.00pm

Signed

(Chairman)

Date 27.11.23