

## Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday **July 17<sup>th</sup> 2023** at 7pm at Badgworth and Biddisham Parish Hall, Biddisham.

### Present

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

**101/23 Apologies:** Cllr Beynon, Leave.

**Resolution:** The apology was approved.

Somerset Cllrs Filmer and Grimes also sent apologies as they had to attend another meeting.

**102/23 Declarations of Interest** None.

**103/23 Dispensations** None

**104/23 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting** held on Monday **June 19<sup>th</sup> 2023**.

Copies having been circulated, the Minutes were taken as read and unanimously approved as a true record. The **Minutes** of the **Staffing Committee** held on Friday **June 9<sup>th</sup> 2023**, copies having been circulated, the Minutes were taken as read and unanimously approved as a true record.

**105/23 Somerset Council report:** Cllr Filmer submitted a report prior to the meeting and noted that the proposed industrial action by the waste collection services had been postponed. A copy of the report is available in the Minute book.

**106/23 Matters arising from the Minutes:** The **verges** at the A38 junction in Badgworth: The verges at this junction are cut twice during the summer period, in May and August, for visibility purposes as part of the planned verge maintenance works. Highways will check on this to determine if an additional reactive cut is required prior to the planned cut in August. **Speed reduction scheme in**

**Badgworth:** Members noted comments received from residents and the response from traffic management to the Council not taking up the scheme. No further action was discussed. The agreed **dog bin** location in Badgworth is being investigated by the Clean Surroundings team, who will then cost the project.

**107/23 Green matters:** biodiversity regulations

**Resolution:** Immediate action: To invite the cubs to make and install insect and/or bat boxes for the 2 fields; Cllr Hipwell is to talk to the resident who makes bird boxes about bat boxes for the fields. To investigate creating wildlife zones in the fields. To review later in the year.

**108/23** Cllr Bowley has been asked to investigate **bridge 5663** which is reported as overgrown and impassable. Members will contact the **Hinkley Connection Project** to arrange a meeting to discuss how the project will be completed in the Parish.

**109/23 Highways matters: Correspondence from a resident** regarding the drain outside his property. Members had previously escalated the matter to our Somerset Councillor and had contacted Highways. No further action would be taken. **Speed Indicator Devices:** It was decided to reconsider this project when information on the larger A38 road scheme was available.

**110/23 Jubilee Field and Memorial Field** No matters were raised.

**111/23 Crime report and policing update:** No matters were reported. Crime figures in the Parish were updated.

**112/23 Planning: The Planning report** was reviewed and enforcement matters

were updated. The pre application proposal for development of the field behind The Memorial Field, Biddisham Lane was discussed without prejudice to any application submitted. The development boundary in the village and access to any development was discussed. Members had no strong feelings about the proposal outline which should include some low cost housing and will wait to see the detail of any application submitted.

**113/23 All correspondence** was brought to the attention of the Council. Wedmore Village Farm grant application to Somerset Association of Local Councils: Members supported the application in principle but would like to see what other applications are received. The Clerk is to investigate.

**114/23 Finance:**

- i. It was noted that the external auditors had received and logged the **notification of exempt status, 2023**
- ii. The July **financial statement**, having been previously circulated, was approved as a true record. Unanimously agreed.
- iii. **The Payments Schedule** was unanimously approved:  
Clerks Salary and Mileage July £447.49  
HMRC PAYE July £78.20  
Clerks Expenses (Microsoft Office, Phone) £97.51  
Information Commissioners Office Data Protection Fee £35

**115/23 Member's Points of Information:** The size of a planning development under construction was raised. No action was recommended.

**116/23 Items for the Parish Magazine/social media** None

**100/23 Date of next Meeting:** 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Badgworth and Biddisham Hall

Meeting Closed at 8.23pm

Signed

(Meeting Chairman)

Date 18.9.23