

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday **September 18th 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. 1 member of the public was present.

Open Forum

Cllr Abi McGuire introduced herself and noted that she would be standing as an independent candidate in the Wells and Mendip Hills Constituency in the next election. Questions were asked and answered.

A resident raised two items from the July Minutes on the decision on the speed limit in Badgworth and the proposal for a dog bin. The Clerk reviewed the items.

118/23 Apologies: Cllr Beynon, Leave.

Resolution: The apology was approved.

Somerset Cllrs Filmer and Grimes also sent apologies.

119/23 Declarations of Interest Cllr Body declared an interest in item 126.23; Cllr Vining raised that he may have a personal, prejudicial and DPI in item 124.23, it was noted that the item was an update and there would be no discussion.

120/23 Dispensations: None

121/23 Minutes of the **Parish Council Meeting** held on Monday **July 17th 2023**. Copies having been circulated, the Minutes were taken as read and unanimously approved as a true record.

122/23 Somerset Council report: Cllr Filmer submitted a report prior to the meeting. A copy of the report is available in the Minute book. The inaugural Cheddar and Axbridge **Local Community Network** meeting was reviewed by Cllr Hipwell, who advised that the Council must always send a named representative. The minutes of the meeting are available on the Somerset Council website.

123/23 Green matters: Biodiversity regulations

Resolution: To review matters at least 6 monthly and to update the standing orders to include a biodiversity review at the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

124/23 Community Matters: A recent meeting with the **Hinkley Connection**

Project was reviewed. Security concerns had been raised and were to be addressed. The reinstatement in the Parish was outlined and National Grid will attend the October Council meeting to discuss the completion of the project and answer any questions. It was noted that there are still concerns over security and the situation is being monitored. Representation on the **Badgworth Schoolroom Committee** was discussed. The item will be added to the agenda for the October meeting. 2 incidents of **fly tipping in Badgworth** had been reported to Somerset Council; Somerset Council is currently investigating the site for **the dog bin** in Badgworth; The Clerk is to contact the local groups to remind them that **window stickers** are available from the police to deter cold callers; Cllr Shaw reviewed recent discussions with Somerset Council over their approach to children crossing the A38 to use **School buses**. Cllr Shaw is to continue with her efforts. Cllr Hipwell offered her assistance.

125/23 Highways matters: Cllr Hipwell offered to speak to a resident about an **overhanging tree in Badgworth** that had been reported to Highways. It was noted that Somerset Council will inspect all **grit bins** and will issue a status report to Councils prior to refilling.

Cllr Body left the meeting while the following item was discussed.

126/23 The Vice Chairman, Cllr Vining reviewed **awards to recognise Cllr Body's 50 years of service.**

Resolution: To make arrangements, including certification, to bestow the **honorary freeman award to Cllr Body at the Annual Parish Meeting and to nominate Cllr Body for a national honour in recognition of his 50 years of service on the Parish Council.** Unanimously agreed.

Cllr Body rejoined the meeting.

127/23 Jubilee Field and Memorial Field No matters were raised. It was noted that the Public Space Protection Orders regarding dogs to be on leads in the Jubilee Field and no dogs to be allowed in the Memorial Field had been renewed.

128/23 Crime report and policing update: No matters were reported. Crime figures in the Parish were updated.

129/23 Planning: The Planning report was reviewed. The Clerk reviewed the response from the Planning North regarding the decision on a recent application. An update has been requested on an outstanding enforcement matter at the Castle Mills site following a request from a resident; **The Parish Plan** Cllr Hipwell is to investigate options to update the Parish Plan under Somerset Council. **The pre application proposal for land to the rear of the Memorial Field:** Members raised concerns over the suitability of the proposed access and who would be responsible for the maintenance of the communal areas and the allotments. The **'creating places for people' consultation:** no response was made.

130/23 All correspondence was brought to the attention of the Council. Somerset Association of Local Councils: the response to the consultation on .gov.uk website address was agreed for submission.

131/23 Finance: Cllrs Shaw Hipwell and Body will draft a budget for consideration by the Council.

- i. **Financial Regulations Consultation**, no comments were raised.
- ii. The September **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 August	£462.55	H Marshall
Clerks Salary and Mileage September	£446.82	H Marshall
PAYE August	£70.40	HMRC
PAYE September	£75.80	HMRC
Quarterly Payroll	£25.80	PATA UK
Clerks Expenses (phone, fees)	£118.58	H Marshall
Plaque	£22.80	Hockerill Engraving
Copier Paper	£25.50	Rapide System Supplies Ltd

132/23 Member's Points of Information: No matters were raised.

133/23 Items for the Parish Magazine/social media None

134/23 Date of next Meeting: 16th October 2023 – Badgworth and Biddisham Hall

Meeting Closed at 8.50pm

Signed

(Meeting Chairman)

Date 16.10.23