

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday **February 20th 2023** at 7pm at Badgworth and Biddisham Parish Hall, Biddisham.

Present

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

021/23 Apologies: Cllr Hipwell Leave; Cllr White ill health; The apologies were unanimously approved. Cllr Bowley also gave apologies before the meeting, but these were not received until after the meeting.

022/23 Declarations of Interest None.

023/23 Dispensations None

024/23 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday **January 16th 2023**. Copies having been circulated, the Minutes were taken as read and unanimously approved as a true record.

025/23 County Council report: The following matters were discussed: Finances, the shortfall, increasing social care costs; Committees, members not yet confirmed; Planning, the Sedgemoor Local Plan will still be in place, where the Parish Councils and Case Officer recommendations differ there will be further vetting but will not automatically go to the Planning Committee; Highways, Dunball roundabout is underway, Edithmead temporary scheme is budgeted, the 40mph limit on A38 is currently likely to be extended, County Cllrs want to see a simplification of the speed limits on the A38, the Biddisham Lane Small Improvement Scheme is due for completion. Questions were asked and answered on the devolved planning department where there won't be much change initially; the consultation on the Statement of Community Involvement, which lays out how the County will consult; Drainage in Badgworth, County Cllr continues to put pressure on highways to resolve.

026/23 District Councillor's report: The following matters were discussed: the public meeting about the A38.

027/23 Highways matters: This item was brought forward. The **A38 and the public meeting 26th January**, matters discussed included the speed limit on the A38, Speed indicator devices, Average speed cameras, enforcement of speeds, a meeting with the local traffic officer to seek support for the project, criteria for 30 mph limits, County highways budgets, the different bodies involved and the need for support, pavements that need repairs and that these would not be part of the project.

Resolution: To delegate to Cllrs Body, Shaw and the Clerk to progress the project to reduce the speed to 30mph, to seek pavements and crossings, to seek an average speed camera. Unanimously agreed.

Funding application for Village Gateways: It was discussed that speed indicator devices may be permitted on the A38 and the Parish could alternatively apply for funding for a SID.

Resolution: To pause the application for funding for gateways until the options available to the Parish regarding the A38 project are clearer. Unanimously agreed.

District Cllr Godwin Pearson and County Cllrs Filmer and Grimes left the meeting.

028/23 Matters arising from the Minutes: Dog walking field, concerns raised had been discussed with the owner, the conditions of the permission had been clarified. Further

concerns had been raised by a resident. The Clerk is to investigate reporting options for the complainant; The Parish **Website** will continue to be supported and secure and the free upgrade should still be available next year.

Resolution: To budget for the increased website cost for next year, to upgrade the current website.

029/23 Local government reform: This had been discussed under item **025/23**

030/23 Green Matters No updates were received.

031/23 Community matters: Biddisham Defibrillator warranty expiry, the budget, and alternative sources of funding were discussed. Cllr Vining is to investigate funding and rental options, the replacement cost is to be added to the budget for next year, it was also felt that the halls should be offered the opportunity to take over the defibrillators when they are replaced. **Badgworth Schoolrooms Committee** confirmed that an application for funding was successful, and they hope to replace the noticeboards in Badgworth and Biddisham.

032/23 Jubilee Field and Memorial Field A quote for **repainting the goals posts** was discussed. The painting will be reconsidered when the final costs for the fence have been received. It was decided that due to weather conditions an additional cut was not required before the contracted dates. The Clerk is to contact the **grass cutting** contractor and request that the grass is cut to the edges and to ask that the fields are cut before the coronation weekend. Cllr Vining noted that he will be part of the coronation committee for the celebrations in Biddisham.

033/23 Crime report and policing update: No matters were reported. Crime figures in the Parish were updated.

034/23 Planning: The Planning report was reviewed. There were no updates to **enforcement** matters.

035/23 All correspondence was brought to the attention of the Council. Somerset Council Statement of Community Involvement – Planning, the Parish Council will request that the method for Contractors to consult should be clearly laid out to provide robust local consultation. Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioners invitation to a Councillor Forum in March was noted. No members were available.

036/23 Finance:

- i. The **financial statement** for February, having been previously circulated, was approved as a true record. Unanimously agreed.
- ii. **The Payments Schedule** was unanimously approved:
Clerks salary PAYE Mileage January £485.70

037/23 Member's Points of Information: It was noted that the Badgworth Layby was rubbish strewn. The Clerk is to report this to Clean Surroundings.

038/23 Items for the Parish Magazine/social media No matters were raised.

039/23 Date of next Meeting: Annual Parish Meeting 20th March 2023 Badgworth and Biddisham Hall Parish Council Meeting 17th April 2023 Badgworth and Biddisham Hall

Meeting Closed at 9.25pm

Signed F Body (Chairman)

Date 17.4.23