



Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday **15th April 2024** at 7pm at Badgworth and Biddisham Parish Hall, Biddisham.

Present

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

34/24 Apologies: Somerset Cllrs Filmer and Grimes, attending another meeting.

35/24 Declarations of Interest None

It was noted that interests are now on the Somerset Council website.

36/24 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday **19th February 2024**. Copies having been circulated, the Minutes were taken as read and approved as a true record.

37/24 Somerset Council report: Somerset Cllr Filmer sent a report prior to the meeting. A copy is available in the Minute book.

38/24 Matters arising from the Minutes: The **Kings official portrait** is to be offered to the Parish Hall for display; **Flooding on Church Lane, Badgworth** had been raised again by a resident, Somerset Cllr Filmer is to contact the flood team; the Clerk is to circulate an **update on the dog bin** in Badgworth regarding the location on Doles Lane.

39/24 Green Matters: the **Climate Bill** was deferred to the May meeting.

40/24 Community Matters: Cllr Hipwell is to attend the **inaugural Highways working group** and **Local Community Network** meetings; security concerns were raised regarding the **Tarnock compound** and the reinstatement, the Clerk is to write to National Grid; fly tipping on Doles Lane, Badgworth was noted; The **damaged bridge on Biddisham Lane** is being investigated by Somerset's Bridges and Structures team.

41/24 Insurance The Parish Council noted that the premium had increased due to the increase in the Precept, but was still competitive compared to the other quotes received in 2021.

Resolution: To extend the contract for a further year. To clarify the banding for the quote to inform the budget.

42/24 Highways matters: Response to request for 30mph A38 Speed Limit through the Parish and house density criteria: Members discussed the response from highways and will submit maps detailing the number and location of houses along the A38 to dispute the claim that the Parish did not meet the house density criteria for a 30mph limit. Cllr Hipwell is to raise the 30 mph speed limit on the A38 at the LCN highways meeting; Following an enquiry by a resident, highways will be undertaking any necessary works to an adopted **unsurfaced highway off Church Lane, Badgworth**.

43/24 Jubilee Field: Cllr Vining has offered to repair the **damaged fence** adjacent to the stile; grass cutting, a request for more frequent cuts and to have cuttings piled in the corner of the field were discussed including cost, finding a contractor who would carry out the work, and the hazards of the pile. It was decided not to take further action; **Complaints about the brambles** were discussed.

Resolution: An annual cut of the internal perimeter of the field is to be added to the hedge cutting schedule.

The Annual Inspection Report: It was gratefully noted that the greenery at the entrance to the field had been cut back. A previous quote to repair and repaint the goal posts was discussed.

Resolution: To address the concerns in the report, if the previous quotation is matched, the contractor is to be instructed to repair the goalposts.

Memorial Field No matters were raised.

44/24 Crime report and policing update: Crime figures in the Parish were updated. A request from the police to hold **beat surgeries** in the Parish had been passed to the halls in Badgworth and Biddisham. The Police had requested to meet with **neighbourhood watch** groups, but no groups were known in the Parish.

45/24 Planning: The planning report was reviewed. It was noted that application 03/23/00001 had been granted permission. Enforcement matters were updated;

Application 03/24/00004: Form B Procedure (Circ 14/90 - Elect.) Land opposite, Kingsway, to the North of, Bristol Road, Tarnock, Axbridge, Somerset, BS26 Replacement of 2No. 9m medium poles with 1No. 11m stout pole and 1No. 10.5m lazy leg. Replacement of 50kVA pole mounted transformer with 100kVA pole mounted transformer was discussed.

Resolution: Members had no observations and no comments.

46/24 All correspondence was brought to the attention of the Council. Members discussed the Somerset Association of Local Council's guidance regarding Councillor email addresses, but did not wish to take this forward; the Somerset Council Big Picnic Event information had been circulated; The Clerk is to pursue funding for village gateways for Tarnock and Biddisham with Bristol Airport.

47/24 Finance:

- i. **Resolution:** The **End of Year Financial Statement, summary of receipts and payments and end of year accounts**, having been previously circulated, were approved as a true record. Unanimously agreed. Cllr Shaw verified the bank reconciliation.

- ii. **The Statement of Internal Control** was discussed and approved.

- iii. **Internal Audit**

Resolution: Members were very satisfied with the extent of the Internal Audit and decided to continue to use the current auditor.

- iv. **The Payments Schedule** was updated to include the April payroll and was unanimously approved:

i47 Shaw & Sons Limited	Framed Scroll	£308.34
i49 H Marshall	Clerks salary and Mileage March	£544.05
i48 HMRC	PAYE March	£87.40
i50 PATA	Quarterly Payroll	£31.05
i52 Somerset Council	Jubilee Field Lease	£25.00
i51 Jon Sealey & Sons Ltd	Hedge Cutting	£115.20
i53 H Marshall	Clerks salary and Mileage April	£450.77
i54 HMRC	PAYE April	£110.00
i12 H Marshall	Clerks salary and Mileage May	£318.17
i11 HMRC	PAYE May	£199.60
i13 AA Deptford	Defibrillator	£1290.00

- v. **Grant Requests: Friends of St John the Baptist Church, Victim Support** The requests were discussed including supporting very local causes and the budget.

Resolution: To grant £100 to Friends of St John the Baptist Church towards the maintenance of the Churchyard.

48/24 Member's Points of Information: None

49/24 Items for the Parish Magazine/social media None

50/24 Date of next Meeting: Annual Parish Council Meeting 20th May 2024
Badgworth and Biddisham Parish Hall.

Meeting Closed at 9.07pm

Signed

(Chairman)

Date 20.5.24