

## Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday **19<sup>th</sup> February 2024** at 7pm at Badgworth and Biddisham Parish Hall, Biddisham.

### Present

Cllrs Body (Chairman), Beynon, Hipwell, Shaw, Vining, White and following co-option Cllr Spooner. Also in attendance were Somerset Cllrs Filmer and Grimes and the Parish Clerk. No members of the public were present.

**17/24 Apologies:** None

**18/24 Declarations of Interest:** None

**19/24 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting** held on Monday **15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**. Copies having been circulated, the Minutes were taken as read and approved as a true record.

**20/24 Councillor Vacancy:** Chairman Body welcomed the applicant, who outlined their work history, circumstances and interest in the role. Kate Spooner was proposed by Cllr Hipwell and seconded by Cllr Beynon and unanimously coopted. The Chairman declared that Mrs Spooner was duly appointed to the Office of Parish Councillor. Cllr Spooner signed her declaration of acceptance of office and joined the meeting.

**21/24 Somerset Council report:** Somerset Cllr Filmer gave a report including: Finances and the budget, use of reserves and capitalisation; postponing the decision on the recycling sites to see if savings can be achieved; loss of services and devolution. It was clarified that the financial situation will not affect the precept request. Reinstatement and security of the Tarnock compound. Cllr Filmer will investigate traffic light use to reduce impacts to the Parish. Cllr Shaw is to copy Cllr Filmer into correspondence regarding the compound.

**22/24 Matters arising from the Minutes:** A watching brief was agreed on development behind the Jubilee Field in Badgworth regarding planning concerns.

**23/24 Green matters:** Biodiversity actions No updates were received.

**24/24 Community Matters:** The **Local Community Network** was discussed including concern over ineffectiveness. The Council will continue to send a representative.

**25/24 Highways matters:** Cllr Beynon offered to discuss a blocked rhyne in Badgworth with residents to both sides of the ditch.

**26/24 Jubilee Field:** Cllr Spooner is to present a report at the April meeting regarding improving use of the field. The Clerk is to provide expenditure information. A meeting is to be arranged to investigate repeated vandalism of the fence by the stile. Concerns over the possibility of the sale of land at the Schoolrooms was raised. Cllr Beynon is to attend the Management Committee meeting. **Memorial Field** No matters were raised.

**27/24 Crime report and policing update:** Crime figures in the Parish were updated.

**28/24 Planning:** The **planning report** was reviewed. It was noted that application 03/23/00015 has an extension of time to consider additional information to be supplied by the applicant. Application 03/24/00001 had been resubmitted: members had no further observations.

**29/24 All correspondence** was brought to the attention of the Council. Members discussed the Crook Peak Community Car Scheme. The Clerk is to raise this service with the Village Agent. The Clerk is to nominate the Chairman for Garden Party tickets in recognition of 50 years of service.

### **30/24 Finance:**

- i. The **February Financial Statement**, having been previously circulated, was

approved as a true record. Unanimously agreed:

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

Clerks Salary and Mileage January £478.66 H Marshall

PAYE January £83.80 HMRC

Clerks Expenses (phone) £25.08 H Marshall

Clerks Salary and Mileage February H Marshall £476.97

PAYE February HMRC £83.80

**14/24 Member's Points of Information:** None

**15/24 Items for the Parish Magazine/social media** None

**16/24 Date of next Meeting:** Annual Parish Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024, Annual Parish Council Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 Badgworth and Biddisham Parish Hall

Meeting Closed at 9.04pm

Signed

(Chairman)

Date 15.4.24