

Minutes

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

Present

Cllrs Body (Chairman), Beynon, Shaw and Vining. Also in attendance were Somerset Cllrs Filmer and Grimes and the Parish Clerk. No members of the public were present.

1/24 Apologies: Cllr Hipwell leave; Cllr White ill health. The apologies were approved.

2/24 Declarations of Interest None

3/24 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday **27th November 2023**. Copies having been circulated, the Minutes were taken as read and approved as a true record.

4/24 Councillor Vacancy: No applications had been received. It was noted that there is an interested party.

5/24 Somerset Council report: Somerset Cllr Filmer gave a report including: Finances, the upcoming scrutiny committee, Council Tax, savings and funding and the budget; statutory and non-statutory service impacts including the bus service and libraries; changes to waste collection days; questions were asked and answered on the Cheddar recycling centre; fly tipping; dog bins; and causes of the current financial crisis at Somerset Council.

No further information had been received from Somerset Council regarding the **interest registered in taking over The Jubilee Field**. The discretionary and statutory services received by Badgworth Parish were discussed and it was noted that there is little detail on impacts available yet.

6/24 Green matters: Current biodiversity actions were reviewed. No updates were received.

7/24 Community Matters: The **Local Community Network** meeting was discussed including: jointly financing highway stewards, Somerset Council finances and the budget. The Clerk is to chase Somerset Council regarding approval of the site for **the dog bin** in Badgworth, copying in Somerset Cllr Filmer.

8/24 Highways matters: The **Biddisham Lane traffic scheme** appears to have commenced. **Road closures** on Church Lane, Badgworth and Poolbridge Road, Wedmore were noted. Following enquiries from Somerset Council it was confirmed that **no parking amendment orders** were in discussion and **no redundant or damaged signs** were to be reported. The Clerk is to request a repair schedule for **a bollarded off drain on the pavement in Tarnock**.

9/24 Jubilee Field: Members thanked Cllr Beynon for **repairs to holes in the fence**, it was noted that temporary fixings will be replaced in due course. **Memorial Field** No matters were raised.

10/24 Crime report and policing update: It was noted that Nathan Chard is the new PCSO for the area. Crime figures in the Parish were updated.

11/24 Planning: The planning report was reviewed. It was raised that a tin building had been erected in Badgworth and was noted. A complaint about noise at the Tap Room was noted, the resident had been advised to report the matter to Environmental Health.

12/24 All correspondence was brought to the attention of the Council.

13/24 Finance:

- i. The **January Financial Statement**, having been previously circulated, was approved as a true record. Unanimously agreed:
- ii. **The Payments Schedule** was unanimously approved:

Quarterly payroll £35.80 PATA

Clerks Expenses (phone, toner) £95.08 H Marshall

Clerks Salary and Mileage December H Marshall £737.53

PAYE December HMRC £163.58

iii. Bank Savings Account:

Resolution: To open a savings account with NatWest for the general reserves, linked to the current account. Unanimously agreed.

- iv. **Grants:** Requests and the budget were discussed. It was decided to wait and see if a very local need was submitted.

14/24 Member's Points of Information: A blocked ditch near The Grange in Badgworth does not seem to have been cleared. The Clerk is to investigate. **Social media discussions regarding exercising banned breeds** and the dog field in Badgworth were noted. **Security concerns at the Tarnock Compound** were raised. The Clerk is to contact National Grid.

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

16/24 Date of next Meeting: The Clerk is to arrange a special meeting to resolve to award the honorary freeman award to the Chair for 50 years of service. The meeting will be at 6.50pm on 19th Feb prior to the Parish Council Meeting at 7pm Badgworth and Biddisham Hall

Meeting Closed at 8.45pm

Signed

(Chairman)

Date 19.2.24