



Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday **17th June 2024** at 7pm at Badgworth and Biddisham Parish Hall, Biddisham.

Present

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

80/24 Apologies: Cllr Shaw, family ill health. The apology was approved. Somerset Cllrs Filmer and Grimes, attending another meeting.

81/24 Declarations of Interest None

82/24 Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday **20th May 2024**. Copies having been circulated, the Minutes were taken as read and approved as a true record.

83/24 Somerset Council report: Somerset Cllr Filmer sent a report prior to the meeting. A copy is available in the Minute book.

84/24 Matters arising from the Minutes: It was noted that work has commenced to **reinstate the field** at the National Grid **Tarnock Compound**. The Church warden has offered the church carpark in Badgworth to alleviate **parking issues** for the scouts group at the Schoolrooms.

85/24 Green Matters:

Resolution: To adopt the **Biodiversity Policy** as amended. Cllr Spooner is to develop an action plan.

86/24 Community Matters: Cllr Hipwell reviewed the **Local Community Network** meetings, including issues with progress on local matters and the Somerset Council agenda. It was noted that there are problems holding the highways sub committees due to the high number of LCNs taking part and the cost of hiring halls. Cllrs Hipwell and Beynon are to attend the LCN AGM.

Resolution: The speed along the A38 through the Parish is the Parish Priority.

A Request from resident for 30mph limit or crossing for residents/horses on the A38 by the Badgworth junction was discussed, including limited funds and supporting data. Cllr Hipwell will take the request to the highways sub committee to understand Somerset Council's response to the matter and the Council will continue to pursue the 30 mph speed limit.

87/24 Highways matters: A notice for a **temporary 40 mph limit along the A38** was noted.

88/24 Jubilee Field: Quotes to install the Kissing gate were discussed, only one quote had been received. The Clerk is to seek further quotes for comparison. The Clerk is to seek written permission from Somerset Council for the gates to be installed. **Memorial Field:** No matters were raised.

89/24 Crime report and policing update: Crime figures in the Parish were updated.

90/24 Planning: The planning report was reviewed. Enforcement matters were updated. It was noted that **application 49/23/00003** will be considered at the Planning Committee. No members were available to attend.

91/24 All correspondence was brought to the attention of the Council including the following matters: A request for support for campaign to improve the safety of Lithium batteries and their disposal was declined; A request for a grant from a scout was noted to have been sent to the Council in error and had been delivered to the correct address, advice on a further funding source had also been given; A rights of way briefing was noted.

92/24 Finance:

- i. **Resolution:** The **May Statement**, having been previously circulated, was approved as a true record. Unanimously agreed.
- ii. **An outstanding cheque for £25:** writing off the cheque was discussed, including that the company had changed status and the accounts had been signed off.
Resolution: To write the cheque off. If payment were requested in the future, the Council would consider it favourably.
- iii. **The Payments Schedule** was updated to include the CPRE subscription and 2 training events, and was unanimously approved:
 - I62 Payroll PATA UK £31.05
 - I63 Clerks Salary & Mileage June H Marshall £477.18
 - I64 PAYE HMRC £111.60
 - I65 Code of Conduct Training SALC £25
 - I66 Councillor Essentials Training SALC £28
 - I67 subscription CPRE £36
- iv. **Resolution:** To adopt the model **Financial Regulations 2024** as amended.
- v. **Resolution:** To purchase a **firesafe bag** to store deeds and documents in accordance with the financial regulations.
- vi. **Resolution:** To purchase a new **laptop** for the Parish Council as the current model is no longer supported and is running poorly. Quotes were noted and the Clerk is to purchase the most appropriate model within the budget.

93/24 Member's Points of Information: Parking on the road outside of Burwell House was noted, including an incident when other vehicles attended; The visibility at the Badgworth junction was discussed; The Chairman reviewed the recent investiture of the new rector in Axbridge; The Clerk is to report 2 potholes on Badgworth Lane; A recent spate of thefts in Badgworth was noted including that the police had been notified; The reduced size of Contact magazine was noted. The Clerk is to contact the editor to check that all is well with the magazine; An accident on the A38 towards Weare was noted as having just occurred.

94/24 Items for the Parish Magazine/social media None

95/24 Date of next Meeting: Parish Council Meeting 15th July 2024 Badgworth and Biddisham Parish Hall.

Meeting Closed at 8.30pm

Signed

(Chairman)

Date 15.7.24