

## Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday **15<sup>th</sup> July 2024** at 7pm at Badgworth and Biddisham Parish Hall, Biddisham.

### Present

Cllrs Body (Chairman), Beynon, Spooner and Vining. Also in attendance was the Parish Clerk. 1 member of the public was present.

**Public participation:** The poorly cut grass at the Jubilee Field was discussed. The Clerk noted that the scouts had already raised the issue and the contractor had been contacted and would visit the field to investigate on the 16<sup>th</sup> July.

**96/24 Apologies:** Cllrs Hipwell, ill health; Shaw, family commitment; White, ill health. The apologies were approved.

Somerset Cllrs Filmer and Grimes were attending another meeting.

**97/24 Declarations of Interest** None

**98/24 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting** held on Monday **17<sup>th</sup> June 2024**.

Copies having been circulated, the Minutes were taken as read and approved as a true record.

**99/24 Somerset Council report:** Somerset Cllr Filmer had noted that negotiations were proceeding with SUEZ, and there was likely to be a significant extra cost to the council.

**100/24 Matters arising from the Minutes:** It was noted that an internal cut of the Jubilee Field hedge has been added to the annual schedule.

**Resolution:** Due to continuous delays it was decided to order a dog bin. The Clerk is to arrange the installation with the sponsor and to propose that the sponsor may wish to add a dedication to the bin. The bin is to be added to the insurance schedule.

**101/24 Green Matters: Biodiversity Policy actions** will be added to the next agenda for approval and will include planning guidelines.

**102/24 Community Matters: The LCN annual meeting** is on the 18<sup>th</sup> July.

**Biddisham Bridge damage:** Somerset Council highways team are responsible for the maintenance of the structure, due to the size of the culvert, and they will progress the repairs.

**103/24 Highways matters:** A **temporary 40 mph limit along the A38 until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025** was noted. The **potholes reported in Badgworth** have been repaired. It was noted that a **temporary Road Closure on Blackford Road, Mark Road**, will commence on 22nd July 2024 until 25th July 2024 (between 07:00 to 19.00hrs) The **A38 speed limit:** The Clerk is to ask Weare and Rooksbridge Parish Councils if they would support the request for a 30 mph limit in Badgworth Parish. A recent accident between Badgworth and Weare was noted.

**104/24 Jubilee Field: 3 Quotes to install the Kissing gate** were discussed.

**Resolution:** To accept the quote for £350 from C Briggs. To request that the work commence as soon as possible **Memorial Field:** No matters were raised.

**105/24 Crime report and policing update:** Crime figures in the Parish had not been updated since the previous meeting.

**106/24 Planning: The planning report** was reviewed. No enforcement matters were noted.

**107/24 All correspondence** was brought to the attention of the Council including the following matters: The **update to the request for support for the campaign to improve the safety of Lithium batteries and their disposal** was noted.

**Resolution:** Cllr Spooner is to draft the response in **objection to the consultation to vary the Hinkley Point C construction site water discharge activity permit**, noting the Council's concerns from an environmental perspective due to the increase in chemical discharge.

**Changes to bank terms and conditions** were noted, no action need be taken.

**108/24 Finance:**

- i. **Resolution:** The **July Finance Statement**, having been previously circulated, was approved as a true record. Unanimously agreed.
- ii. **The Payments Schedule** was unanimously approved:
  - I68 Training Somerset Association Local Councils Ltd outstanding invoice June 2022 £25.00
  - I69 Clerks expenses July £112.03
  - I70 Clerks Salary & Mileage July H Marshall £463.68
  - I71 PAYE July HMRC £110.80
  - DD Data Protection Fee £35

- iii. **Resolution:** To transfer general reserves of £4000 to the reserve account.

**109/24 Member's Points of Information:** The Clerk is to investigate the areas of **subsidence** that have been marked up along the A38 for some time.

**110/24 Items for the Parish Magazine/social media** None

**111/24 Date of next Meeting:** Parish Council Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
Badgworth and Biddisham Parish Hall.

Meeting Closed at 8.00pm

Signed

(Chairman)

Date 16.9.24