



**BADGWORTH**  
**PARISH COUNCIL**

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## MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday **20<sup>th</sup> January 2025** at 7pm at Badgworth and Biddisham Parish Hall, Bristol Road, Biddisham.

### Present

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

**1/25 Apologies:** None

**2/25 Declarations of Interest** None

**3/25 Minutes** of the **Parish Council Meeting** held on Monday **November 25<sup>th</sup> 2024**.

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

**4/25 Somerset Council Report** received from Somerset Cllr Filmer, including the following matters: work has started on the Local Plan, the call for sites; campaign for foster carers for over 600 children; public consultation on the boundary commission review in the summer; the budget, confirmed redundancies. It was noted that there will be an early engagement workshop on the Somerset Local Plan on 25<sup>th</sup> February.

**5/25 Matters arising from the Minutes:** Safeguarding training: the Clerk is to contact Brent Knoll Clerk.

**6/25 Green Matters: the Tree report** was reviewed, there were no matters to discuss. A professional inspection was not considered necessary, subject to annual review. Cllr Spooner updated the biodiversity plan and reviewed the work of Badgworth Wild Gardens group in introducing bird boxes in various locations in the Parish, using donated wood.

**Resolution:** To support spending on the project for miscellaneous materials. To approve putting bird boxes in The Memorial Field, Biddisham subject to Badgworth Wild Gardens Group carrying out appropriate risk assessments.

**7/25 Community Matters:** Cllr Hipwell reviewed the recent **Local Community**

**Networks** meetings and will attend the highways sub committee on the 11<sup>th</sup> February. The Climate and Nature LCN subcommittee will be held in Badgworth on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February; it was clarified that nominated representatives can vote at meetings but voting arrangements can be decided at the meetings; **the lighting for the Biddisham defibrillator:** Cllr Vining is to report that the motion activated light needs repair, the Clerk is to circulate information on the locations of the defibrillators in the Parish and clarify that the Circuit will identify available local defibrillators during 999 calls; **Community Litter pick 8<sup>th</sup> March 2025** the information is to be sent to village groups in early February, subject to satisfactory interest in a Pick the village leaders will be Badgworth, Cllr Beynon; Biddisham, Cllr Vining; Tarnock, Cllr

Spooner. It was noted that **dumped tyres in Badgworth layby** had been reported and cleared by Somerset Council; it was noted that the **dog bin in Badgworth** had not been emptied for the 2 week period over Christmas. The Clerk is to report this for investigation.

**8/25 Highways matters: The speed limit on the A38:** Somerset Council had again refused the request for a 30mph limit in the Parish. The Clerk is to clarify the criteria that the Parish is not meeting; to publish the **information on the LCN highways subcommittee meeting** in Axbridge; it was noted that signage regarding horse riders had been removed, and new signs had been provided, The Clerk is to investigate.

**9/25 Somerset Association of Local Councils** No matters were raised.

**10/25 Jubilee Field:** The **self-closing spring** on the gate will be investigated.

**Memorial Field:** the **replacement of the fence and associated works** was discussed. Cllr Vining is to obtain estimates for budgeting purposes, it was noted that it would be necessary to cut back brambles to the fence and the tree in September to allow for the repair; The Clerk is to write to the landowner to request that the **branches in the field** are removed.

**11/25 Crime report and policing update:** Crime figures in the Parish were updated.

**12/25 Planning: The planning report** was reviewed. Report of development in the field to the South and East of the Jubilee Field Badgworth.

**Resolution:** To report the matter to Somerset Council for investigation.

**13/25 All correspondence** was brought to the attention of the Council including:

**A letter of thanks** from Contact magazine for the donation.

**14/25 Finance:**

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

- i96 Contact Magazine Grant £50
- i97 AA Deptford Defibrillator Padpak £128.40
- i98 PATAUK payroll £46.05
- i99 H Marshall Salary and Expenses December £654.12
- i100 HMRC PAYE December £163.72
- i101 Jon Sealey & Sons Hedge cutting £240.00
- i102 H Marshall Expenses (phone, lined pads, carry case) £78.46
- i103 H Marshall Salary and expenses January £458.95
- i104 HMRC PAYE January £114.80

iii. **Request for a grant from CPRE**

**Resolution:** The request was not supported.

**15/25 Members Points of Information:** There were none

**16/25 Items for the Parish Magazine/social media** to circulate information on rights of way; defibrillators; the highways subcommittee.

**17/25 Date of next Meeting:** Parish Council Meeting 17th February 2025 Badgworth and Biddisham Parish Hall. Also, *17th March*, 14th April, 19th May, 16th June, 21st July, 15th September, 20th October, 17th November 2025.

Meeting Closed at 8.50pm

Signed

(Chairman)

Date 17.2.25