

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on Monday **17th March 2025** at 7pm.

Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Badgworth Parish, held at Badgworth and Biddisham Parish Hall, Bristol Road, Biddisham.

Present

Parish Councillors: Body (Chairman), Beynon, Hipwell, Shaw, Spooner and Vining; Somerset Cllrs Filmer and Grimes; Village Agent, Kim Wilcox; Schoolroom Management Committee Chair, C Abbiss; Church warden C Talbot and Mrs H Marshall (Clerk to the Parish Council) were also in attendance. 1 member of the public was present.

Chairman of the Parish Council, Fred Body, welcomed everybody to the meeting.

1/25 Apologies Cllr G Mahoney; PCSO N Chard; Church Warden D Parker

2/25 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18th March 2024 were circulated and published prior to the meeting. The Minutes were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council.

3/25 Report by Somerset Councillor B Filmer Matters discussed included: A review of Somerset Council finances, funding the shortfall, redundancies and unfilled vacancies, the sale of assets, increasing Council Tax, parking, charges and a consultation, the boundary review, parish precepts, Local Community Network meetings, the Major Road Network scheme on the A38. Questions were asked and answered including: Speed enforcement: Cllr Filmer offered to speak to the police about enforcing in the Parish. Is a section 114 inevitable: Officers are doing everything they can to avoid it.

The Chairman thanked the Somerset Cllrs, noting that they came to almost every meeting and update Somerset Council matters thoroughly.

4/25 Report from Badgworth Schoolroom Management Committee The Chair, Camilla Abbiss, gave the report and discussed the following matters: A number of fundraising events that have been held, the hirers at the hall, maintenance issues were reviewed including a repaired leak, the kitchen window and the fire exit door. Funding for internal refurbishment is now being investigated and consultation in the village has taken place. A copy of the report is held in the Minute book.

5/25 Report from Badgworth and Biddisham Parish Hall Committee Cllr Vining read out the report, including the following matters: that the hall is in trouble, costs are exceeding income, problems attracting hirers. Funding sources were discussed.

6/25 The Church Wardens' Report, Badgworth Churchwarden David Parker's report was read out. There were no questions raised. Matters included: Choral services; residents' burials and interments; storm damage and repairs; a memorial bench; planned work to the chancel floor and footpaths; reduced income and loan repayments. The report is held in the Minute book.

7/25 Report by Village Agent, Kim Wilcox The Village Agent introduced herself and reviewed the role of the village agent including the following matters: support for adults aged 18 and over to be part of the community and access support; social prescribing link workers and links to GP surgeries; Kim is linked to the Brent community; agents linked with adult social care; home visits; carers agents to ensure they also receive care and support; self-referral and referrals; talking cafes; micro providers eg self-employed carers; visits until a solution is found. Questions were invited. It was discussed that funding is in place for the next 3 years, excellent personal experience was shared. The Clerk is to share the details of the service on social media.

8/25 Report by Chairman of the Parish Council Fred Body The Chairman's report is held in the Minute Book. The following topics were discussed: The sad loss of Cllr John White; thanks to Somerset Cllrs Bob Filmer and Tony Grimes; the speed along the A38 and the proposal for a 40mph limit from Somerset Council; the kissing gate in the Jubilee Field; the dog bin in Badgworth; support for the local Badgworth Wild Gardens group; the litter pick in Badgworth; flooding on Church Lane; The Tarnock Compound no closer to reinstatement; the damaged bridge on Biddisham Lane still not repaired; planned work at the Memorial Field; the storm damage to the War Memorial in Badgworth 35 years ago; the accounts. Thanks to fellow Councillors; welcome to new Cllr Gemma Mahoney; Farewell wishes to Cllr Hipwell. It was raised that the kissing gate is being chewed by the donkey in the adjacent field, cribbox was suggested as a deterrent, the Clerk is to investigate. A copy of the report is held in the Minute book.

9/25 The Church Wardens' Report, Biddisham: Claire Talbot gave a report including the following matters: The 6 churches in Crook Peak, 40 years bringing communities together, Biddisham as the smallest Church, the restoration target of £20,000 and £4,000 already raised, use of the churchyard by villagers, the installation of birdboxes, a photo exhibition in the Church.

10/25 Open Forum for Parishioners No matters were raised.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed:

Chairman of the Parish Council