



BADGWORTH
PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday **14th April 2025** at 7pm at Badgworth and Biddisham Parish Hall, Bristol Road, Biddisham.

Present

Cllrs Body (Chairman), Beynon, Shaw, Spooner, Mahoney and Vining. Also in attendance was the Parish Clerk. 0 members of the public were present.

36/25 Apologies: Somerset Cllrs Filmer and Grimes, attending another meeting. It was noted that Cllr Jackie Hipwell had submitted her resignation due to leaving the area.

37/25 Declarations of Interest None.

38/25 Minutes of the **Parish Council Meeting** held on Monday **February 17th 2025**. Copies having been circulated, the Minutes were taken as read and approved as a true record.

39/25 The **Somerset Council Report** had been previously received from Somerset Cllr Filmer and had been circulated. A copy is available in the Minute book.

40/25 Matters arising from the Minutes: Safeguarding training is planned for the summer; Guidance on **defibrillators**: during a 999 call if the patients condition warrants it, a defibrillator location will be notified. If there are no Circuit registered defibs within 400m, the call handler may ask if they are aware of any defibs nearby that could be used; The recent **litter pick** in Badgworth was noted as successful and a pleasant social event; **Diverting footpaths**: In summary, temporarily rerouting footpaths, for instance to fence stock, is tolerated. However, ultimately the right of way in its true route should not be obstructed and allowance should be made for access to the true route. Generally, persons using a footpath will observe the temporary route, but this cannot be enforced. The reroute can only be enforced if a formal diversion is applied for.

41/25 Green Matters: Cllr Spooner is to draft communication about no mow May and the birdnesting season for circulation on social media.

42/25 Community Matters: the warranty for the **Badgworth defibrillator** is due to expire. Funding for a replacement, guidance from the first aid/defibrillator safety trainer, and insurance cover were discussed

Resolution: to accept the offer from the church warden to pay for a spare set of pads for the Badgworth defibrillator; to obtain the same model as Biddisham subject to grant funding; to then hold 1 set of spares for both machines; to source signage to direct to the defibrillators; to investigate unlocking the cabinets and to post the access codes on the cabinets; to enquire about adding multiple contacts for notification of use from The Circuit.

Cllrs Body and Vining will meet at **the brook in Badgworth** to review recent comments regarding riparian responsibility.

Badgworth Dog bin The missed collection has been reported.

43/25 The **Somerset Association of Local Councils affiliation fees** were discussed. The Clerk is to ask to defer the increase to next year.

44/25 Highways matters: The speed limit on the A38: No further information had been received, but a response was not expected until the Summer. Following a request from a resident, it was agreed to ask Somerset Cllr Filmer to follow up on the awaited information.

45/25 Jubilee Field: A report had been received regarding the goal posts and grass cutting. Cllrs Spooner and Mahoney will draft a consultation for the Parish to understand how residents would like to see both fields managed. Subject to the results of the consultation the goal posts will be removed or painted. The condition of the kissing gate springs will be reviewed if the function deteriorates. A request to use the field was supported. **Memorial Field:** No additional matters were raised.

46/25 Crime report and policing update: No updates were received.

47/25 Planning: The planning report was reviewed and matters registered with enforcement were noted.

48/25 All correspondence was brought to the attention of the Council.

49/25 Finance:

- i. **Resolution:** The **End of Year Finance Statement**, having been previously circulated, was approved as a true record. The record book was signed. Unanimously agreed.
- ii. **The Payments Schedule** was approved. The receipts for the grant to the bird box event were reviewed.
 - i107 Rapide System Supplies Ltd Copier Paper £23.94
 - i108 Badgworth Schoolroom Management Committee Room Hire £15.00
 - i109 PATA UK Payroll £37.35
 - i110 H Marshall Clerks Salary and Expenses £490.77
 - i111 HMRC PAYE £116.40
 - i112 Somerset Council Jubilee Field Lease £25.00
 - i114 CS & RJ Spooner grant towards Bird Box Event expenses £48.71
 - i115 H Marshall Expenses (phone) £40.62
 - i116 H Marshall Clerks Salary and Expenses £478.46
 - i117 HMRC PAYE £139.88
 - i118 Somerset Association of Local Councils Ltd training £28.00
- i113 Somerset Association of Local Councils Ltd Affiliation Fees £243.12 Payment deferred to May meeting
- iii. **Resolution:** To extend the **Insurance** cover for the optional year.
- iv. The requirements for **.gov.uk email and website domains** were discussed. Cllr Mahoney and the Clerk will investigate the options for consideration.
- v. **Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance:** The information will be circulated on Social Media and consideration of a grant will be deferred to the next meeting.

50/25 Members Points of Information: It was noted that the current Somerset LCN officer is leaving.

51/25 Items for the Parish Magazine/social media to circulate information on Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

52/25 Date of next Meeting: Annual Parish Council Meeting 19th May 2025
Badgworth and Biddisham Parish Hall.

N.B. the June meeting will now be held on the 23rd June.

21st July, 15th September, 20th October, 17th November 2025.

Meeting Closed at 9.30pm

Signed

(Chairman)

Date 19.5.25