

## BADGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES

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

#### Present

Cllrs Vining (Chairman), Beynon, Mahoney, and Spooner. Also in attendance were Somerset Councillors Filmer and Grimes and the Parish Clerk. 0 members of the public were present.

Vice Chairman Vining chaired the meeting.

**144/25 Apologies:** Cllr Body, personal matter; Cllr Shaw, work commitment.

**Resolution:** The apologies were approved.

**145/25 Declarations of Interest None.**

**146/25 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting** held on Monday **September 15<sup>th</sup> 2025** Copies having been circulated, the Minutes were taken as read and approved as a true record.

**147/25 Co-option to fill the vacancy for a Parish Councillor** No applications had been received.

**148/25 Somerset Council Report** Councillor Filmer gave a report including the following matters: consultants have been engaged to identify how to save money; agency staff and the difficulty attracting and keeping staff; reduction in planning backlog; completion of the consultation on Sunday parking charges. A question was raised regarding the use of 'quiet' tarmac through the Parish due to the increase in airport traffic, it was noted that there are qualifications. Cllr Filmer is to investigate both the road surface, and information on any planning application by Bristol Airport.

**149/25 Matters arising from the Minutes:** Grant funding has been received towards the **village gateways on the A38**, final approval of details and locations is awaited from Somerset Council, including whether speed limit signs can be added.

**Resolution:** To make the signs double sided where possible, to add a black and white rural image based on Crook Peak view.

Work to repair **Biddisham bridge** has commenced.

**150/25 Green Matters:** Cllr Spooner reviewed the nature recovery strategy. The Council had no observations. The Clerk is to submit the response.

**151/25 Community Matters: Funding for the Badgworth defibrillator:** Cllrs Spooner and Beynon will start a crowd funding page towards replacing the defibrillator, in addition to seeking grant funding and use of reserves. It was noted that the Schoolroom management committee were supportive of the fundraising.

**152/25 The Somerset Association of Local Councils:** no matters were raised.

**153/25 Local Community Networks** No matters were raised.

**154/25 Highways:** The discussion regarding airport traffic noise had taken place in item 148/25. Cllr Vining is to respond to the resident who raised the matter.

**155/25 Jubilee Field: the final draft of the consultation on land use** was agreed and drop off points for hard copies were proposed. It was noted that **animals** had been **in the field** again. The Clerk is to contact the landowner. **Legal expenses for the transfer of ownership of the Jubilee Field to the Parish**, Cllr Beynon will contact local firms for quotes. The terms of the heads of agreement were discussed.

**Resolution:** The Heads of Agreement were agreed as proposed.

**156/25 Crime report and policing update:** Crime figures in the Parish were updated.

**157/25 IT Policy**

**Resolution:** To adopt the policy as drafted.

**158/25 Planning: The planning report** was reviewed. A complaint regarding to parking and vehicle access on the A38 nr The Kingsway was deferred to the November meeting.

**159/25 All correspondence** was brought to the attention of the Council. It was noted that a freedom of information request had been received; a playing pitch and facilities consultation closes in November.

**160/25 Finance:** It was noted that the pension reenrolment had been completed. The Clerk has registered for free VAT training.

i. **Resolution:** The **October Finance Statement and bank reconciliation**, having been previously circulated, were signed and approved as a true record.

ii. **Resolution: The Payments Schedule** was approved.

i144 Greenways Grounds Maintenance Grass Cutting September £55.00

i145 Badgworth and Biddisham Parish Hall Room Hire £15.00

i146 Plexus Media Ltd Website £78.00

i147 Clerks Salary and expenses October £594.62

i148 HMRC PAYE October £186.51

i149 Greenways Grounds Maintenance £99.00

**161/25 Budget:** Cllrs Beynon and Spooner will draft the budget with the Clerk for consideration at the next meeting.

**141/25 Members Points of Information:** Cllr Beynon is drafting the emergency plan. Information for vulnerable people will be made available on the website, including assisted waste collections, phone and gas registration, welfare checks. Useful telephone numbers will be updated in the noticeboards.

**142/25 Items for the Parish Magazine/social media** No matters were raised.

**143/25 Date of next Meeting:** Parish Council Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
Badgworth and Biddisham Parish Hall.

Meeting Closed at 9.27pm

Signed

(Chairman)

Date 17.11.25