



MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday **21st July 2025** at 7pm at Badgworth and Biddisham Parish Hall, Bristol Road, Biddisham.

Present

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

101/25 Apologies: Somerset Councillors Filmer and Grimes had another meeting to attend.

102/25 Declarations of Interest None.

103/25 Minutes of the **Parish Council Meeting** held on Monday **23rd June 2025**. Copies having been circulated, the Minutes were taken as read and approved as a true record.

104/25 Co option to fill the vacancy for a Parish Councillor No applications had been received.

105/25 Somerset Council Report None had been received.

106/25 Matters arising from the Minutes: It was noted that the **new website domain** has been authorised and new email addresses are underway. General Data Protection Regulations were discussed, Cllrs Shaw and Mahoney will draft an agreement regarding access to email addresses. **Grit on the footpaths** after recent roadworks has been reported and should be cleared shortly. **Policies** on the Parish Council's website have been updated to reflect the change from the District and County Council to Somerset Council.

107/25 Green Matters: Cllr Spooner proposed a light touch Climate and Carbon Change policy for the Parish, which will be drafted in consultation with Cllr Mahoney.

108/25 Community Matters: Funding for the Badgworth defibrillator: Members decided to wait until October for a grant application to be considered in full, Cllr Beynon will ask the Schoolrooms Committee if they would consider contributing towards the cost of the defibrillator from monies raised at the village barbecue.

Footpath across the field to the rear of the Jubilee Field, Badgworth, the rights of way officer considers the current arrangements temporary.

109/25 The Somerset Association of Local Councils: no matters were raised.

110/25 Local Community Networks A new contact was noted, a Somerset **active travel plan** is being created to include current bike and foot paths and a wishlist.

111/25 Highways matters: The speed limit on the A38: No further information had been received, but it is understood that investigations into retaining signage have commenced. Members and residents should notify the Clerk of any **white lines that need repainting**. **Enhanced Highways Maintenance Pilot Update** it was noted that volunteers can register to receive training for work near the highway and licences must be obtained but would not be charged for. It was noted that the National Grid **reinstatement works and traffic management on the A38** at Tarnock had been postponed.

112/25 Jubilee Field: the draft consultation on land use: The most appropriate survey host is still being investigated, once agreed the survey will be circulated; No **updates to the proposal to purchase the Jubilee Field** had been received; **the hedge cutting quotes**, having been clarified were discussed.

Resolution: The contract was awarded to Jon Sealey.

The Clerk is to request quotes **to replace the fencing in the Memorial Field**. The quotes will be considered at a meeting in August for commencement of the work in September while the ground is still hard.

113/25 Crime report and policing update: Crime figures in the Parish were updated.

114/25 Planning: The planning report was reviewed, it was noted that application 03/25/00008 had been granted permission.

115/25 All correspondence was brought to the attention of the Council. A letter of thanks for the recent grant towards the upkeep of the churchyard had been received from the Churchwarden. Cllr Spooner offered to complete the Parish Preparedness Survey. Somerset's new Local Transport Plan for consultation, members had no comments for submission.

116/25 Finance:

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

i129 Biddisham Hall Hall Hire £250

i130 H Marshall Clerks Expenses July £173.28

i131 H Marshall Salary & Expenses July £486.64

i132 HMRC PAYE July £140.81

117/25 Members Points of Information: No matters were raised.

118/25 Items for the Parish Magazine/social media No matters were raised.

119/25 Date of next Meeting: Parish Council Meeting 15th September 2025
Badgworth and Biddisham Parish Hall.
Meeting Closed at 8.17pm

Signed

(Chairman)

Date 15.9.25