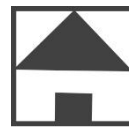


BADGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday **20th April 2026** at 7pm at Badgworth and Biddisham Parish Hall, Bristol Road, Biddisham.

Present

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

36/26 Election of the Chairman:

Resolution: Councillor Vining was proposed by Cllr Shaw, seconded by Cllr Spooner and unanimously elected. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed, and witnessed by the Clerk.

37/26 Apologies: Cllr Mahoney sent apologies due to ill health

38/26 Declarations of Interest None.

39/26 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday **February 16th 2026**

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

40/26 Somerset Council Report Somerset Cllr Filmer gave a report including the following matters: Finance: the £25m shortfall, the interim finance officer to stay in role; Somerset Rivers Authority offering funding to address flooding issues; Council Housing and Homes in Somerset as way forward; tourist tax still under consideration; Edithmead scheme now submitting final case to Government. A question regarding installing 30 mph speed limits was asked and answered.

41/26 Matters arising from the Minutes: It was noted that Cllr Beynon had completed the **SALC Parish, Town & City Council Survey**.

42/26 Green Matters: Cllr Spooner is to circulate a biodiversity report prior to the next meeting.

43/26 Community Matters: it was noted that the footpath in the field to the rear of the Jubilee Field is now unhindered.

44/26 The Somerset Association of Local Councils: No matters were raised.

45/26 Local Community Networks: the Clerk is to circulate the agenda and register Cllrs Vining and Shaw as attendees for the meeting on 30th April.

46/26 Insurance: The Clerk is to seek quotes for consideration at the next meeting.

47/26 Highways: Correspondence with highways was reviewed regarding the **new enhanced maintenance scheme**; Somerset Traffic Management team has agreed to work with the Parish Council towards completion of the **Village Gateways scheme**, a quote for installation is to be requested before ordering the structures.

48/26 Jubilee Field: The draft **Terms of Hire** point 6 was amended to include that horses and grazing livestock are not permitted in the field without the prior permission of Badgworth Parish Council.

Resolution: To approve the Terms of Hire as amended. Unanimously agreed.

Requests from the scouts to use the field. Members considered the risk assessment and insurance details provided by the Scout leader with regard to the archery event proposed, supporting local families, use of the field.

Resolution: All requests were approved including the archery event, but future requests will be subject to review if complaints are received.

Transfer of ownership: Legal fee quotes, searches, indemnities and available documentation on the were discussed, Cllr Beynon is to seek an option with minimal cost to the Parish and investigate funding from a local firm. **Memorial Field:**

Resolution: to ratify the decision to **roll the field**.

Options to improve the surface of the field were discussed, a wet winter and rolling had not resolved the cracks in the surface. It was felt that power harrowing was a solution but the field would be unavailable for the summer and could leave the ground too hard to reseed in September. The Clerk is to request a quote. The review of the **survey on the use of both fields** was deferred to the May meeting.

49/26 Crime report and policing update: Crime figures in the Parish were updated.

50/26 Planning: The planning report was updated to include: application

03/25/00020 had been withdrawn after registration; a **request for a member to provide preapplication advice** was discussed, members declined to discuss the matter informally and felt any discussion should be transparent and in a public meeting; application **49/25/00019** had been appealed, the Clerk is to respond that the Council stands by its original comments as objections had not been addressed. Members did not have information to submit in response to application **03/26/00003**.

51/26 All correspondence was brought to the attention of the Council. Thanks from **Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance** and from **Friends of St John the Baptist Church** for donations were noted. **Planning Committee Reforms:** Statutory Consultation on Draft Regulations and Guidance was noted as closing on the 23 April. It was noted that **Somerset's Health and Wellbeing Survey** Deadline is 27 April 2026.

52/26 Finance: The first precept payment has been received. A **new legal duty** to keep adequate records regarding **holiday entitlement and holiday pay rules** was noted. The Clerks Leave Request Record was approved and signed.

- i. **Resolution:** The **End of Year 2025 2026 Finance Statements and bank reconciliation**, having been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.
- ii. **Resolution: The Payments Schedule** was approved.
 - i164 Rector and Church Wardens of Biddisham Grant towards bell ropes £50.00
 - i165 Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance Grant towards equipment £50.00
 - i168 Jon Sealey & Sons Ltd Hedge Trimming Biddisham £150.00
 - i169 PATA UK payroll £40.35
 - i170 Clerks Salary and Mileage March £494.25
 - i171 HMRC PAYE March £146.48
 - i172 Somerset Council Jubilee Field Lease £25.00
 - i173 Arien Signs Ltd Field Signage £113.40
 - i174 Somerset Association Local Councils Ltd Training £25.00
 - i175 Somerset Association Local Councils Ltd Affiliation fees £245.38
 - i176 H Marshall Expenses (Phone) £43.26
 - i177 Greenways Grounds Maintenance Grass Cutting Jubilee Field £66.00
 - i178 Jon Sealey & Sons Ltd Field Rolling Biddisham £180.00
 - i179 Clerks Salary and Mileage April £486.83
 - i180 HMRC PAYE April £145.78

- iii. **A Grant request** from Friends of St John the Baptist Church towards the upkeep of the church yard was discussed.

Resolution: to grant £100 towards the upkeep of the Churchyard.

53/26 Members Points of Information None were raised.

54/26 Items for the Parish Magazine/social media to circulate information on the **Whatsapp Channel**.

55/26 Date of next Meeting: Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 18th May 2026.

Meeting Closed at 9.20pm

Signed

(Chairman)

Date 18.5.26