

BADGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday **1st June 2026** at 7pm at Badgworth and Biddisham Parish Hall, Bristol Road, Biddisham.

Present

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

Open Forum James Wadley introduced himself as a candidate for the Councillor vacancy. He discussed his career, family, membership of the Hall Committee and desire to contribute to the parish.

84/26 Apologies: Cllr Beynon, family ill health.

Somerset Cllrs Filmer and Grimes also sent apologies as they had to attend another meeting.

85/26 Declarations of Interest: None.

86/26 Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday **18th May 2026** Copies having been circulated, the Minutes were taken as read and approved as a true record.

87/26 Co-option to fill the vacancy for a Parish Councillor: The Chairman welcomed the applicant. James Wadley was proposed by Cllr McLaren and seconded by Cllr Mahoney, unanimously coopted and duly appointed to the Office of Parish Councillor. It was agreed that Cllr Wadley may sign the declaration of acceptance of office at or before the next meeting.

88/26 Somerset Council Report Somerset Cllr Filmer had sent a report which had been circulated and is available on the website.

89/26 Matters arising from the Minutes: None were raised.

90/26 Green Matters: Cllr Mahoney is to raise reports and any matters for consideration by the Parish Council.

91/26 Community Matters: a quote had been received for a green dog bin on Biddisham Lane. A resident has offered funding towards the cost of the bin. Members await a quote from Somerset Council including confirmation of any cost to empty the bin. Cllr Vining is to propose a location for consideration.

92/26 The Somerset Association of Local Councils: The Clerk is to forward training dates to Cllr Wadley. Members will consider responding to the National Association of Local Councils strategic review.

93/26 Local Community Networks: The Clerk is to confirm Cllr Wadley and Cllr Vining as the representatives.

94/26 Highways: Cllr Shaw reported on a recent meeting with Somerset Council's Traffic Management Team. The team has agreed to draft a Village Gateways scheme, including roundels, to enhance the overall project. Confirmation has been received that one of the proposed gateways cannot be installed due to the proximity of a ditch and a utility structure.

Somerset Council will provide a quotation for the scheme, which will include project management and installation costs for the entire project. Cllr Shaw will also liaise with a landowner regarding the proposed location of one of the gateways. The Clerk is to request that some of the grant funds can be reallocated to the roundels.

Resolution: To support the inclusion of roundels in the scheme; to support the use of either size option for the Biddisham gateway.

The Clerk is to seek costs for **Speed Indicator Devices** including managed schemes.

95/26 Jubilee Field: Transfer of ownership: A response from Somerset Council is awaited regarding responsibility for the watercourse to the south west of the field. Cllr McLaren is to investigate the condition of the **goalposts**. **Memorial Field:** An item was approved for posting on the website reviewing the issues and proposed action on the field.

Members discussed **the survey on the use of both fields**. Cllr Mahoney is to draft a proposal for low cost interventions to increase the amenity and nature value of both fields for consideration. Longer term goals will be considered during budget setting.

96/26 Crime report and policing update: Crime figures in the Parish were updated.

97/26 Planning: The planning report was reviewed.

98/26 All correspondence was brought to the attention of the Council. Letter of Support Request – **Dementia Wellbeing and Connection Project:** the Chairman is to send a letter in support of the application for grant funding.

99/26 Finance:

- i. **Resolution:** The **May Finance Statement and bank reconciliation** were updated to include bank interest received on the reserve account and were approved as a true record.
- ii. **Payments:** None had been received.

100/26 Members Points of Information It was noted that the update that Cllr Shaw had requested on the **reinstatement of the National Grid bell mouth access in Tarnock** was still awaited.

101/26 Items for the Parish Magazine/social media to announce **new Councillor, James Wadley**.

102/26 Date of next Meeting: 20th July 2026.

Meeting Closed at 8.57pm

Signed

(Chairman)

Date 20.7.26