

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on Monday 19th March 2018 at 7pm.

Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Badgworth Parish, held in Badgworth and Biddisham Parish Hall.

Present

Parish Councillors: Mr F Body (Chairman), Mr C Abbiss (Vice Chairman), Mr D Combe, Mrs E Shaw, Mr G Vining, Mr J White,

Also present: County Councillor B Filmer, District Councillor J Denbee, PCSO J Dade 7599, Mrs H Marshall (Clerk to the Parish Council),
1 member of the public was present.

1/18 Apologies

Mrs Kim Wilcox (Village Agent), Mr Mike Forbes Mendip Community Transport, St Margaret's Hospice

2/18 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 20th March 2017 were circulated prior to, and were available at, the meeting. Minutes are also available on the Parish Council website. The Minutes were proposed, seconded and confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council.

3/18 Report by District Councillor John Denbee Topics discussed included: serving on the Audit Committee; council tax, adult social care, Avon and Somerset Police; Sedgemoor net debt; new housing including a development in Cheddar and shared equity housing; housing benefits; Biddisham Lane junction; low unemployment; new chief executive for Sedgemoor. Questions were asked and answered on the following topics: Pot holes and the Hinkley lorries. The Clerk is to write to Highways England regarding pot holes on the M5 junction 22 to 23/24 and blocked surface drains on the A38 between Kingsway, Tarnock and Rooksbridge. Chairman Body thanked Cllr Denbee

4/18 Report by County Councillor Bob Filmer Topics discussed included: The new leader of Somerset County Council; serving on the Audit Committee and Scrutiny Committee; the Ofsted inspection; school admissions; the library consultation; 'home first' initiative; County Council income and borrowing; business rates and the 'pooling' scheme; broadband roll out; the productivity plan; council tax increases; small improvement schemes. Questions were asked and answered on the following topics: That council tax income is kept locally; Broadband company coverage. Cllr Filmer is going to follow up an area in the Parish that is not yet covered by either firm currently installing structures. Chairman Body thanked Cllr Filmer.

5/18 Report by PCSO Jake Dade 7599 Topics reviewed included: the Cheddar team, consisting of two PCSO's and a beat manager; the new office at the Kings of Wessex Academy, which will not be open to the public; the 17 crimes logged in the Parish including 4 burglaries, 2 thefts from vehicles, 5 assaults, 1 harassment, and 2 criminal damage. Questions were asked and answered on the following topics: whether there would be a hatch phone in Cheddar office, this is not yet known; the area covered by PCSO Dade; the increase in crime numbers; the length of time between a report and attendance, this is often dependent on the need for intelligence to be gathered; whether Weston Super Mare station is shut, the station is located near junction 21, much work is now carried out in cars which increases visibility and problem areas can be targeted. Chairman Body thanked PCSO Dade

6/18 Report by Village Agent, the Clerk read out the report from the Village Agent which included an expansion in agents and coverage in Somerset; 9 carers agents now work in the area; funding; work in the Parish and referrals. A copy is held in the Minute book.

7/18 Report by Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr F Body The Chairman's report is held in the Minute Book. The following topics were discussed: thanks to Mr S Babbington who

stepped down as Councillor and Chairman; welcome to new Councillor Mrs E Shaw; planning applications; the development plan; defibrillators; drainage; highways; thanks to fellow Councillors. A summary of the report is to be submitted to Cllr Coombe for Contact magazine. **8/18 Report from Badgworth Schoolroom Foundation, Mr D Parker** The report is held in the Minute Book. The following topics were discussed: the programme of church improvements; funding applications; key improvements and maintenance for the Schoolrooms; grants applications.

9/18 Financial Statement, Mrs H Marshall The report is held in the Minute Book. The following topics were discussed: Income and expenditure; the precept and Council Tax Support Grant for 2018/2019 for £8,000; grants to Contact Magazine, The Merchant Navy, in support of their 'Fly the Red Ensign' campaign, Mendip Community Transport, St Margaret's Hospice, and the churchyard in Biddisham; availability of the annual return and accounts on the website; thanks were given to the Councillors for their support this year. Chairman Body thanked the Clerk for her help through the year.

10/18 Report on Parish Rights of Way, Mr R Stiddard: The report is held in the Minute Book. The following topics were discussed: Having carried out a full survey, there were no major issues to report; two problems with pedestrian gates are awaiting resolution by the landowners. Cllr Denbee raised reports of sheep worrying. It was suggested that Cllr Stiddard be notified of the problem for suggestions to resolve the matter and an article should be placed in Contact magazine.

11/18 Open Forum for Parishioners Land for sale opposite St Congars Church was discussed as being agricultural land, a covenant by the Diocese was also discussed; land adjacent to the church yard at St Congars Church was discussed, it was noted that it is currently used as grazing land.

Chairman Body thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.19pm