**Minutes** 

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held at 7pm on Monday 21st January 2019 in the Badgworth and Biddisham Parish Hall, Biddisham.

**Present**

Cllrs Body (Chair), Hipwell, Shaw, Stiddard, Vining, White. Also in attendance Mrs H Marshall (clerk) and 4 members of the public

Open Forum

The applicant (item 5.19) spoke on the following matters: the site history; the proposal; materials; permission for a livery at the site; access; business; holiday lets; land at the site. A resident spoke with regard to the application on the following matters: the generation of traffic; noise; the access and properties opposite the site. A resident spoke on the following matters: personal experience of traffic generated by holiday lets; a request for an update on National Grid; funding for works to the access to Biddisham Lane. The number of horse boxes on the Parish roads was discussed.

Cllr Vining joined the meeting during the open forum.

**1/19 Apologies for absence**: Cllr Coombe, resolution was passed to accept the apology;

**2/19 Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Vining declared a personal, prejudicial and Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in National Grid and a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in Item 5.19, the planning application. Cllr Shaw declared a personal interest in National Grid.

**3/19 Dispensations:** Cllr Vining was issued a dispensation regarding National Grid and the Hinkley C Connection Project, valid for a period of 4 years until 16th July 2022

**4/19 Minutes** for the Parish Council Meeting 19th November 2018:Copies having been circulated; the Minutes were then taken as read and approved as a true record by the Parish Council.

**5/19 Application 03/18/00018** This item was moved to the beginning of the meeting. Having declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in the item, Cllr Vining left the room. The Council discussed the application including matters raised in the public forum and the number of stables in the village. The decision was discussed: 3 members supported and 1 member did not support the proposal. Resolution: To support the proposal, but due to concerns regarding the access and the generation of traffic, support is subject to a satisfactory recommendation by Highways following their ‘further consideration’ of the proposal.

Cllr Vining returned to the meeting.

**6/19 Elections**: The Clerk reviewed the arrangements for the upcoming elections on May 2nd including: the submission of nomination forms; the period for Purdah; training; information will be posted on our Facebook page and website as it becomes available.

Cllr Shaw joined the meeting.

**7/19 Annual Litter Pick 2019**: The Council discussed the cancellation of last year’s litter pick due to bad weather. The Council agreed that the event will be held on Saturday April 6th this year. Cllr Stiddard will lead Tarnock, Cllr Vining will lead Biddisham and Cllr Hipwell will lead Badgworth. The Council will produce leaflets to be hand delivered. Cllr Hipwell offered to arrange delivery of leaflets to any Badgworth residents not on the local email circulation list.

**8/19 Defibrillator training:** Cllr Shaw has contacted a trainer and is awaiting a response. Enquiries will also be made into training/presentations by St John’s Ambulance and any charges for discussion at the next meeting.

**9/19 National Grid**: There will be a presentation to update the Parish Council at the February meeting, including details of a public meeting to be held in early March. It was noted that the motorway bridge closure at Junction 21/22 is not related to the Hinkley Connection Project. (There will be limited access by prior arrangement. Tel 0300 123 5000) It was noted that vegetation is now being trimmed to clear the route including tree topping and cutting back hedges, to minimise the impact to wild animals and birds nesting. Cllr Shaw raised concerns regarding the access to the Tarnock compound and the drop off point for the school bus directly opposite the compound. Maps of the proposed access were distributed to the Councillors. The Council decided to contact Somerset County Council on the following matters: for assurance that alternative school transport arrangements have been made; to request that speed limits for the area are confirmed as a request for a 30mph speed limit was made by the Council; to enquire whether a footpath will be put in place and to request a meeting to discuss the issue; to enquire whether school transport have been informed.

**10/19 Contact magazine:** The council discussed the request for a grant and considered the benefit to the community and the budget. Resolution: To grant £200 towards printing costs.

**11/19 Highways: Grit bins:** County Highways will refill the grit bins this year and this will be carried out in the next few weeks. Gritbins on Biddisham Lane were discussed including the accessibility and length of the lane and that the lane is level. It was decided not to pursue placing grit bins on the Lane. **Tarnock speed limit:** A response from traffic management is awaited regarding a review of the speed limit **Speed vans** in the Parish: A response from the police speed enforcement team is awaited.

**12/19** **Drainage** It was reported that works to the drainage system on Badgworth Lane are to be carried out in the next few weeks.

**13/19 Jubilee Field** Cllr Coombe had reported to the clerk that there were no matters to be addressed. **Memorial Field**. The inspection report was received. No action is to be taken this month. **Open Space, Sport and Recreation Study Survey** Cllr Stiddard will complete the study.

**14/19** **Crime statistics** in the parish were reviewed and the monthly police report was noted.

**15/19 Cluster meeting**: The Minutes were discussed including: village agents; health and well being and social care; together teams providing services for residents; grants; Huntspill Energy Park; Sedgemoor Local Plan; Neighhbourhood Plans; economic development; planning performance; Hinkley News. There will be a joint cluster meeting in the spring.

**16/19** **Planning matters in the Parish:** **The Parish Plan** was discussed Cllr Hipwell is to contact Sedgemoor District Council to investigate the benefit of a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish including the impact of the Sedgemoor Local Plan (2011-2032) and likely costs involved for discussion at the February meeting. **CIL report:** This has been submitted with a nil return. **Enforcement** matters were updated including the Castle Mills Industrial Site.

**17/19 Correspondence** was bought to the attention of the Council, including the following time

sensitive correspondence: Somerset Village Halls Week commencing 22nd January.

**18/19 Finance: The Precept for 2019/2020 has been submitted at £8,300.** The **financial statement** for January, having been previously circulated, was approved as a true record.

**The schedule of payments was approved:**

Chq 775 Clerks expenses January £30.27

Badgworth Schoolroom Management Committee £95

Rapide System Supplies Ltd £13.80

Badgworth and Biddisham Parish Hall Management Committee £90

Contact Magazine £200

**19/19 Member’s Points of Information** A request for pre-application advice was raised. The Chairman and Cllr Stiddard proposed to visit the site as requested. The closure and condition of footpaths in the Parish was raised. This item will be added to the agenda in February.

**20/18 Items for the Parish Magazine/Social Media:** Elections 2019; Litter Pick; Dog worrying.

Meeting closed at 9.35pm

Signed Cllr Body (Chairman) Date 25th February 2019