**Minutes**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held at 7pm on Monday 22nd July 2019 in the Badgworth Schoolrooms.

**Present**

Cllrs Body (Chair), Hipwell, Shaw, Wilkie, Winsor and White. Also in attendance Mrs H Marshall (clerk). There were 3 members of the public present.

Public Forum

The applicant spoke about item 131/19. The following matters were discussed: amended parking and drainage scheme included on amended plans; the site, being on a tight corner; the use; the adjoining culvert and drainage, the applicant noted that it will be kept clear.

**127/19 Apologies:** Cllr Vining, County Cllr Filmer and District Cllr Godwin Pearson.

**128/19 Declarations of Interest:** None

**129/19 Dispensations:** None

**130/19 Minutes** for the Parish Council Meeting 24th June 2019:Copies having been circulated; the Minutes were then taken as read and approved as a true record by the Parish Council.

**131/19 Application 03/19/00017 (as amended)** Matters discussed included: Previous site visit and response; Consultee and public comments; parking; drainage. Resolution: to support, on the basis that the amended plans address the Council’s concerns.

**132/19 Community Matters: Consultation on polling districts** and places closes 2.8.19 and is available on the website. The Council decided that the response should be on an individual basis. There was no update on the **fence in the Jubilee Field**; The replacement **defibrillator door** has been received and will be fitted as soon as possible; The **Parish Plan** will be discussed at the September meeting, Cllr Shaw will assist Cllr Hipwell. **Gigaclear** will attend the September meeting to update the Parish Council on works in the Parish.

**133/19** **National Grid Update**: It was noted that National Grid traffic is still using Fletchers Lane. It was suggested that signage should be installed at the entrance to Fletchers Lane and at the access to the compound to clarify access. (Eg No access to Fletchers Lane/The compound) It was noted that there will be a road closure on the Webbington Road for construction of the haul road from 29th July which is expected to last until 19th August followed by traffic lights until 3rd September. It is hoped to complete the works sooner. There will also be closures at Tower head on the A368 and Castle Hill between Winscombe and the A38. Further details are on the National Grid website.

**134/19 Footpaths**: **AX2/15** The footpath is blocked, the adjoining landowner has allowed access via his land on a temporary basis. The landowner stated that whilst they wouldn’t stop anyone using this land at present, no formal agreement has been reached and no permission to use his land has been granted. The Council decided to encourage the Rights of Way Officer to resolve the issue. Cllrs Wilkie and Hipwell are to contact the District Cllr as necessary to seek support. **AX2/12** The map showing the position of the footpath was noted with regard to application 03/19/00018, as the Parish Council had queried comments made by the Rights of Way officer. It was noted that Gigaclear had tarmacked the footpath when they carried out works in the area. The gate position had been moved back by the owner.

**135/19 Highways:** County Cllr Filmer had advised the Clerk that to review the extent of the speed limit along the A38 would be at a chargeable cost to National Grid. It was decided to write to National Grid and ask for their support to increase the extent of the 40mph limit for the remaining period of the project. It was noted that the Parish Council had asked for sight of the traffic plan at various stages of the project. **Haul roads**: The Clerk is to write to National Grid asking for clarification of how drainage will be managed on these roads. **Compound Gate:** The Clerk is to seek clarification as to whether there should be a gate to close off Fletchers Lane when the haul road is used. **Visibility Splay at Badgworth junction**: The Clerk is to request a further cut as low cars cannot see traffic approaching from the Axbridge direction. **Bridge damage on Biddisham Lane** The matter was reported to highways who responded that it was not their responsibility. The Drainage Board is to investigate and will contact highways if necessary. **Temporary closures** of Kingsway, Mark Parish and Pilcorn Street, Wedmore Parish were noted.

**136/19** **Drainage:** No further matters were raised.

**137/19 Jubilee Field Report:** A problem with the gate being left open and cows fouling the field was raised. Resolution: Purchase a combination chain lock. The number is to be shared with the Schoolrooms Committee and the grasscutters. The Inspection report was received. **Memorial Field:** The inspection report was received. No matters were raised.

**138/19** **Crime statistics** in the parish were reviewed and the monthly police report was noted.

**139/19 Cluster meetings**: No further dates or information have been received.

**140/19** **Planning** matters in the Parish were reviewed.

**141/19 Correspondence** was bought to the attention of the Council. A letter from NHS services regarding the future of mental health services and the impacts on Taunton, Wells and Yeovil hospitals was received.

**142/19 Finance:**

1. The Financial Statement, having been previously circulated was approved as a true record. The receipt of the precept was noted.
2. Correspondence has been received from Natwest regarding additional security for online payments.
3. The Payment schedule was approved.

Chq 797 Somerset Association Local Councils Training £50

Chq 798 Clerks Expenses July £87.90

**143/19 Member’s Points of Information:** No further matters were raised.

**144/19 Items for the Parish Magazine/Social Media:** Entries agreed previously are to be resubmitted.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed Cllr Body (Chairman) Date 16th September 2019