**Minutes**

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting, held at 7pm on Monday 24th June 2019 in the Badgworth Schoolrooms.

**Present**

Cllrs Body (Chair), Hipwell, Vining (Vice Chair), Wilkie, Winsor and White. Also in attendance District Cllr Godwin-Pearson, County Cllr Filmer and Mrs H Marshall (clerk). There were 2 members of the public present.

Public Forum

The applicant spoke about item 109/19. The following matters were discussed: The need, the change of use from agricultural land; restrictions on where to place the garage due to broadband cables; the access and comments from the footpaths officer regarding crossing the footpath.

**102/19 Apologies** Cllr Shaw Resolution was passed to accept the apology.

**103/19 Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Vining declared a personal, prejudicial and Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in National Grid. Registrable interest forms were received for submission to the monitoring officer. The table of registered interests was approved to be published. Training for the Code of Conduct was noted as 6.30pm 10th September 2019 at Bridgwater House.

**104/19 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

**105/19 Minutes** for the Annual Parish Council Meeting 13th May 2019:Copies having been circulated; the Minutes were then taken as read and approved as a true record by the Parish Council.

**106/19 Co-option**: Chairman Body welcomed the applicant. The applicant briefly introduced herself and stated the experience she could bring to the Council. Ms Winsor was proposed by Cllr Hipwell and seconded by Cllr Wilkie. The vote was made by a show of hands and the majority supported the proposal. The Chairman declared that Mrs Winsor was duly appointed to the Office of Parish Councillor. Cllr Winsor signed the declaration of acceptance of office, which was witnessed by the clerk. Cllr Winsor was given the general notice of registerable interests to complete and agreed that her contact number could be made available on the Parish Council website. Cllr Winsor then joined the meeting. Resolution Cllr Winsor to be Safety Officer for the Jubilee Field, replacing Cllr Wilkie.

**107/19 County Council Report:** County Cllr Filmer gave a report, including the following matters: the budget and the improving financial situation; the resulting impact on certain budget areas; Small Improvement Schemes should now address 60 schemes across the County, it is hoped this will include the Biddisham Lane junction scheme; salting and gritting routes are to be reviewed; Libraries, including a scheme to encourage children and a call for volunteers. Questions were asked and answered on the following matters: whether young people use libraries; whether additional money is going to social care and special needs; is new housing affecting the budget; what the increase in the 60 Small Improvement Schemes were; the Biddisham Lane scheme was reviewed; the 40mph temporary speed limit reduction and the poor signage notifying the change. The Chairman thanked County Cllr Filmer.

**108/19** **District Cllr Report:** District Cllr Godwin-Pearson gave a report including the following matters: The new group at Sedgemoor District Council; speed limits in local villages; accidents concerning horses are highest in the South West; planning applications. The Chairman thanked District Cllr Godwin-Pearson.

**109/19 Application 03/19/00018** Matters discussed included: Previous site visit and withdrawn application 03/19/00008; Consultee and public comments including right to cross the footpath; the footprint, the extension of the curtilage; current use of the land as grazing; principle of change of use. Resolution to object due to amount of land to be incorporated into residential curtilage and taken out of agricultural use; to seek clarification of the consultee comments regarding the adjacent footpath; to include the Parish Councils original comments regarding the building.

**110/19** **National Grid including Tarnock Compound Update:** There will be occasional traffic management until turning circle is completed and letters have been sent to residents along A38 apologising for recent disruption; A recent break in and security at the site at the site was discussed, there are motion activated cameras on site that connect to a 24hr call centre and residents can call the 24hr 0800 377 7347 team number. There will eventually be 24 hr manned presence on site; National Grid were not able to move the 40mph restriction zone back to the Biddisham village sign as requested by the Parish Council as a result of guidance by the County Council. The Parish Council will once again approach the County Council; It was noted that a lorry tried to turn, around blocking Fletchers Land last week. The driver has been reprimanded.

**111/19 Badgworth Defibrillator cabinet.** Correspondence with the manufacturer regarding the rusting door was discussed**.** It was decided to request a free of charge replacement door and include an increased amount in the budget, to eventually replace the cabinet.

**112/19** **VE day 8th May 2020 –** It was decided to contact the church wardens and request that the Parish Council is represented.

**113/19 The new website** [**www.parish-council.com/badgworth**](http://www.parish-council.com/badgworth)is now active and continues to be populated on an ongoing basis. The previous websites have been cancelled.

**114/19** **Annual Civic service** invitation 3 pm Saturday 5th October. The Chairman is to attend.

**115/19 Gigaclear** update was noted including: that the Rooksbridge cabinet will be completed by October 2019. It was decided that Gigaclear could attend the July 22nd meeting to update the Council and residents on the connection dates within the area.

**116/19** **Footpaths** in the Parish: Biddisham layby: Somerset Rights of Way are now dealing with the landowners directly regarding replacing the footpath access.

**117/19 Highways:** Gigaclear have various roads in the area closed over the next few months. Matters reported by the Council: Speed signage on Biddisham Lane has been repaired; The hedge on Church Lane opposite the church will be cut back in September; The pothole on Quarrylands Lane has been repaired; No action is to be taken on the overgrown hedge on Quarrylands Lane.

**118/19** **Drainage:** County Cllr Filmer has visited Church Lane with the Parish Council to review the issue and will continue to try to make progress.

**119/19 Jubilee Field Report:** No update on the fence repairs were received.No further matters in the field were raised. The Inspection report was received. **Memorial Field:** A community BBQ was held last week. No matters were raised about the field. Resolution: Cllr Wilkie is to be added to the Community Events in the Biddisham Open Space Committee. Cllr Hipwell reported that the Parish Council will be kept up to date with a funding application for the play area in Badgworth.

**120/19** **Crime statistics** in the parish were reviewed and the monthly police report was noted.

**121/19 Cluster meetings**: No further dates or information have been received.

**122/19** **Planning** matters in the Parish were reviewed, including training dates for new Councillors.

**123/19 Correspondence** was bought to the attention of the Council.

**124/19 Finance:**

1. It was decided to approvedirect debit payments for the Axe Brue Drainage Board annual rates payment.
2. A request for a grant from Citizens Advice was received and will be considered with any other requests in February.
3. The Financial Statement, having been previously circulated was approved as a true record. The receipt of the precept was noted.
4. The Data Protection fee direct debit payment notification on 3/8/19 for £35 was noted.
5. The Certificate of Exemption was noted as logged by the External Auditors.
6. The Payments Schedule was approved:

Chq 792 Somerset Association of Local Councils Training £25.00

Chq 793 Axe Brue IDB rates £3.44

Chq 794 Sedgemoor District Council uncontested election fees £100.00

Chq 795 CPRE membership fees £36.00

Chq 796 Clerks Expenses June £21.51

**125/19 Member’s Points of Information:** Concern was raised about the integrity of the bridge by Chestnut Farm, Biddisham Lane. The damage will be reported to County Highways.

**126/19 Items for the Parish Magazine/Social Media:** New Councillors, new website. Gigaclear may attend the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 20.43pm

Signed Cllr Body (Chairman) Date 22nd July 2019