**Minutes** 

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held at 7pm on Monday 25th February 2019 in the Badgworth and Biddisham Parish Hall, Biddisham.

**Present**

Cllrs Body (Chair), Hipwell, Shaw, Stiddard, Vining. Also in attendance County Councillor Filmer, Mrs H Marshall (clerk) and 1 member of the public

Open Forum

The Chairman introduced Mr Neil Adams and Mr Paul Cumpstone of the Hinkley Project Team and Mr Richard Sanderson of Balfour Beatty. The Hinkley Point Project team gave a presentation to the Council including: a review of the overall project; addressing communications; works in our area; traffic management, it was discussed that traffic lights will be manned during working hours and that it is hoped that traffic lights will be removed over the Bank Holidays; vans are identifiable; community drop in events to address concerns; Questions were asked and answered on the following topics: lighting of compound will point downwards and to be working hours only, exceptionally the security booth will be lit at all times; programme of works; depth of cables; community commitments including funding, planting, stem grants, schools initiatives; additional compound in Tarnock, part of the overhead line phase, will be a bell mouth entrance, the team will share what information they have at the public meeting; fencing, detail to be sent to the Council; compensation scheme for landowners: the team will look in to this; Cllr Shaw is to attend a meeting regarding the school bus stops. The presentation slides are to be available on the Council website and Facebook page.

**21/19 Apologies for absence**: Cllrs Coombe and White, resolution was passed to accept the apology

**22/19 Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Vining declared a personal, prejudicial and Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in National Grid and Cllr Shaw declared a personal interest in National Grid and a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in Item 27/19, the planning application.

**23/19 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

**24/19 Minutes** for the Parish Council Meeting 21st January 2019:Copies having been circulated; the Minutes were then taken as read and approved as a true record by the Parish Council.

**25/19 County Councillor** **Report:** County Cllr Filmer gave a report including the following matters: Finance: the overspend stopped and building back reserves; the business rates pilot scheme now active, investment in business generation; Gritting routes now under review; Drain clearance under review; The bus service review no longer taking place; shortfall still needs to be addressed; Council Tax increase; new housing; the Biddisham junction Small Improvement Scheme, which is in phase 1 consideration; training for new Cllrs and the new Local Plan; support to extend the speed restriction zone in Tarnock and Biddisham.

**26/19** The policy regarding responding to **Councillor’s Planning Applications** was discussed including the following topics: historical issues; that committee decisions are triggered by a differing response from the case officer and Parish Council; offence; public opinion; off-site meetings; disclosable pecuniary interests. Resolution: to respond to Councillor’s applications in the same manner as residents applications.

**27/19 Application 03/19/00002** Having declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in the item, Cllr Shaw left the room. County Cllr Filmer also left the room. Matters discussed included: the classified road; the height of the fence; materials; location; surface rights; hedging. Resolution: Support subject to approval by Highways.

Cllr Shaw and County Cllr Filmer re-joined the meeting.

**28/19 National Grid**: The Chairman reviewed a recent meeting arranged with National Grid and Balfour Beatty at the Tarnock Compound site to raise matters of concern. Matters discussed included the drop off point for the school bus directly opposite the compound, a further meeting is take place; it was discussed that a zebra type crossing at the entrance could be installed for pedestrians; Speed limits in the area will be 40 mph; Detailed drawings of the proposed access are available online. Letters should have been distributed to properties within 500 metres of the cable area. A copy is available on our website.

**29/19 Defibrillator training:** Cllr Shaw has contacted a trainer and is awaiting a response. Cllr Hipwell discussed a quote from a local provider. Resolution: The Chairman is to contact a first responder to arrange training.

**30/19** **Elections**: The date for the commencement of Purdah is the 18th March. It was noted that the local litter pick will not contravene Purdah regulations.

**31/19** **Annual Parish Meeting** – The Council decided that refreshments should be provided at the APM. Cllr Shaw is to ask the Hinkley Connection Team to contribute. Resolution To authorise expenditure to the amount of £75.

**32/19** **Broadband**: Gigaclear, the report having been circulated it was noted that they have mostly finished works in the Parish. The report is available in the Minute book.

**33/19** **Parish Plan:** Cllr Hipwell reviewed discussions with Sedgemoor District Council. Matters discussed included: a neighbourhood plan as not appropriate; a Parish Plan, a supplementary planning document, was recommended; the existing plan; village design statement; next step - a consultation; matter to be raised at Annual Parish Meeting; Cllr Hipwell to make further enquiries on the existing Parish Plan.

**34/19 Footpaths:** Concerns were raised about locked footpaths. Cllr Stiddard asked that all queries should be directed to him in the first instance.

**35/19 Highways: Tarnock speed limit:** Traffic management advised that the stance on speed limits has not changed. **Speed vans** in the Parish: The Parish Council have identified locations for speed data gathering boxes for the police speed enforcement team **Temporary 40mph limit** along the A38 for the Tarnock compound. Resolution: To contact Highways and request that the zone be extended to include the lorry business and the houses before the Biddisham village sign. Cllr Filmer requested that he be copied in to correspondence **Gigaclear works** were noted from Badgworth Court to Nottinghill Way from 7th March for 6 days. **Grit Bins** – it was decided to wait until the policy on refilling bins is reviewed by the County Council before topping up the bins.

**36/19** **Drainage** It was noted that the works onBadgworth Lane had been completed. An issue with school bus and poor communication was noted. Cllr Skinner reviewed the drainage problem on Church Lane. Neither the District nor County Council will accept responsibility therefore no progress can be made. Cllr Filmer will try again to progress the matter.

**37/19 Jubilee Field** A number of fence posts in the field were reported as loose. The Chairman and the Clerk will investigate further. **Memorial Field**. The inspection report was received. No matters were raised.

**38/19** **Crime statistics** in the parish were reviewed and the monthly police report was noted.

**39/19 Cluster meeting**: There will be a joint cluster meeting in the spring and area cluster meeting in the early summer.

**40/19** **Planning matters in the Parish:** A further new application was noted.

**New Applications**

03/19/00001 Erection of a two-storey extension to rear (North) elevation on site of existing single storey extension to be demolished 5 Badgworth Lane, Badgworth BS26 2QY

03/19/00002 Erection of a 1.8m high timber fence on the front (South) and side (West) elevation, The Mill House, Bristol Road, Tarnock, Axbridge BS26 2SN

03/19/00004 Erection of a single storey extension on rear (East) elevation, Touchwood, Badgworth Lane, Badgworth BS26 2QW

03/19/00005 Display of 3 internally illuminated fascia signs and 1 internally illuminated freestanding pole sign, Tarnock Garage, Bristol Road, Tarnock, Axbridge BS26 2SL

03/19/00006 Conversion of garage to habitable accommodation to form annex and demolition of existing store room, 2 Blackthorn Close, Biddisham, Axbridge BS26 2RN

**Decisions made by Badgworth Parish Council**

03/18/00018 Erection of a building to provide 6 stables, a tack room and feed room, Home Farm Badgworth, Axbridge BS26 2QN Support subject to satisfactory recommendation by Highways.

**41/19 Correspondence** was bought to the attention of the Council. With regard to a request for support from the Frankie Howerd OBE Trust, the Council felt that they had insufficient information to write a letter of support. The Clerk is to request further information.

**42/19 Finance:** The RLT2 funds were noted as £866.39. Cllr Hipwell is to enquire about play area equipment that could be supported by the funds.

**43/19 Grant requests** were discussed including benefit to the community. Resolution: To grant a donation of £100 to Mendip Community Transport.

**44/19 The schedule of payments was approved:**

Chq 782 Clerks expenses February £15.54

Chq 783 Mendip Community Transport £100

Chq 784 Jon Sealey & Sons Limited £90

**45/19 Member’s Points of Information** No matters were raised.

**46/19 Items for the Parish Magazine/Social Media:** Litter Pick; Elections; Dog worrying.

Meeting closed at 9.55pm

Signed Cllr Body (Chairman) Date 15th April 2019