

BADWELL ASH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING BADWELL ASH VILLAGE HALL THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER 2017 7.30 PM

PRESENT:

Councillors Christopher Evans (CE) (Chairman), Bim Patel (BP), Diane Donat (DD), David Smith (DS) and Clive Morris (CM).

IN ATTENDANCE:

Christopher Garman (CG) (Parish Clerk) and 7 members of public.

1. PUBLIC FORUM

A letter was read with concerns and objections in respect of the planning application listed under agenda item 7.2. The applicant clarified some of the issues.

2. APOLOGIES

Councillors Clive Hawkins (family commitment) and Ed Walsh (working).

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

3.1. BP declared an interest in agenda item 7.2.

3.2. No requests for dispensations.

4. MINUTES

4.1. The minutes of the meetings held 26 October and 9 November 2017 had been previously circulated.

It was resolved that these were an accurate record of these meetings.

4.2. There were no matters arising.

5. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

5.1. A report was circulated concerning the forthcoming changes to the Data Protection Regulations. Options for the appointment of a Data Protection Officer are being considered. The eight recommendations contained within the report were noted.

5.2. The days, times and frequency of future meetings were considered noting that the Village Hall was no longer available on a Thursday evening.

It was resolved that future meetings would be on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm from 7 February 2018 with an interim meeting on 17 January 2018.

5.3. CG gave feedback on mobile telephone coverage. It was noted that coverage depended on the airtime provider but was considered either fair or good across most of the Parish.

5.4. CG gave feedback on the consultation in respect of school transport changes. SCC are presenting three options. All are encouraged to take part in the consultation and express their views.

5.5. Correspondence had been previously circulated, and it was considered none needed further discussion.

6. ENVIRONMENT

6.1. BP gave a report on progress of the Community Speedwatch Group. The new SID is working, and the data was discussed. The redundant school signage was impeding the siting of the SID and CG will again contact SCC Highways about arranging for the signs to be removed.

- 6.2. The feedback from residents concerning issues for vehicles exiting Austin Close was considered. It was decided that the matter had been fully explored and that the Parish Council would take no further action. This would be advised to SCC Highways and was now up to them to make any changes they feel necessary.
- 6.3. The relocation of the defibrillator was still work in progress. The better option would be siting it on the wall to the shop and this will be explored further. However, it was noted that if this could not happen, then siting it at the Village Hall would be the next best option.
- 6.4. The play equipment project is still moving forward.
- 6.5. CG reported that the responses to the issue of permissive footpaths had been insufficient to take forward further. Therefore, it was decided in the circumstances not to take any further action.

7. PLANNING

- 7.1. There was nothing to report on previous planning applications.
- 7.2. Planning application number DC/17/04849 relating to land at The Broadway, Back Lane, Badwell Ash, IP31 3DR was considered. The possible impact of the proposed development was noted.

It was resolved to advise MSDC that the Parish Council had no objections.

8. FINANCE AND POLICIES

- 8.1. The following cheques were considered for payment:
 - £89.40 to Dean Clarke – Community Street Cleaner salary for November 2017
 - £135.30 to Sarah Brown – Badwell Broadsheet
 - £36.00 to CAS – membership subscription
 - £173.16 to Vertas – grounds maintenance
 - £22.96 to Business Services at CAS Ltd – additional insurance premium
 - £3810.00 to Westcotec Ltd – purchase of SID

It was resolved that the above cheques can be issued.

- 8.2. A grant request was considered from Badwell Ash Playing Field and Recreation Ground of £2075 towards the improvements to the Village Hall toilets. The works and costings were reviewed.

It was resolved to make a grant to Badwell Ash Playing Field and Recreation Ground of £2075.

- 8.3. A draft budget for 2018/2019 had been previously circulated. The comments from the external auditor were noted. Also, there was discussion on possible projects and the continuation of improvements to the existing street lighting. The draft budget will be discussed further at the next meeting when the precept will be set.
- 8.4. The exclusion of the public from agenda item 8.5 for confidentiality reasons was considered.

It was resolved to exclude the public from agenda item 8.5.

- 8.5. CONFIDENTIAL

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 17 January 2018 at 7.30 pm.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Christopher Garman
Parish Clerk
23 December 2017