

**BADWELL ASH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**BADWELL ASH VILLAGE HALL**  
**WEDNESDAY 3 JULY 2019**  
**7.30 PM**

**PRESENT:**

Councillors Clive Hawkins (CH) (Chairman), Diane Donat (DD), Chris Evans (CE), Clive Morris (CM),

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

14 members of the public.

**1. PUBLIC FORUM**

- 1.1 Concern was expressed again this month regarding the condition of Footpath 11 and whether a voluntary working party needed to be formed to clear the exit onto Hunston Road.

It was requested that a dog bin be provided for Footpath 8 to encourage owners to use this rather than let their dogs foul the footpath.

It was reported that the hedge and grass verge were very overgrown and proving a nuisance at the rear of the White Horse pub.

It was reported that the memorial post on the village green was 'split' near the base. Both benches also needed to be cleaned and preserved.

- 1.2 Jane Storey, the County Councillor, was welcomed back after a period of illness. Jane gave a verbal report from Thedwastre North, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.
- 1.3 There was a warm welcome extended to Rick Meyer, our new District Councillor. Rick also gave a verbal report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Rick reminded the Parish Council that both he and Jane had access to Locality Budgets should funds be needed for a specific purpose within Badwell Ash.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Councillor Richard Morris (RM,) Ed Walsh (EW), and David Smith (DS).

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

3.1 None

3.2 None

**4. MINUTES**

- 4.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 31 May 2019 had previously been circulated.

**It was resolved that these were an accurate record of the meeting.**

- 4.2 Matters arising – none

5. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 The Clerk reported that Roy Le Grice's funeral had taken place in Badwell Ash church on 19 June. It was agreed that a letter of condolence be sent to the family on behalf of the Parish Council reiterating their thanks for the land behind the village hall that Mr Le Grice had given to the village some years ago.
- 5.2 It was agreed to publicise the visit of Charlotte Ditchburn from SCC Footpaths division on 4 September in the Badwell Broadsheet.
- 5.3 The Clerk reported that an application for the adoption of the village telephone box had been made and received by BT. There would follow a 90 day period of consultation before a decision was made. Further details should be available at the next PC Meeting in September. If our application was accepted, the PC intends to relocate our defibrillator machine into the telephone box making it a more central site for village use.
- 5.4 The Clerk reported she had attended a 2 Day 'Clerk's Course' at SALC and received a certificate for this.
- 5.5 It was agreed that the condition of the Badwell Ash notice board was poor. It was therefore agreed that a new notice board be commissioned to replace this. The Clerk would explore possibilities for re-siting this from within the primary school's boundaries now that the school had been sold. Councillor Morris agreed to obtain a quotation from the gentleman in Long Thurlow who made one for them.
- 5.6 A fresher first aid and CPR course was discussed and it was agreed to approach SARS to undertake this in return for a donation. The Clerk would discuss possible dates with SARS depending on their availability and that of our village hall.

6. ENVIRONMENT

- 6.1 The Chairman reported that a very favourable meeting with Tony Bass from MSDC had been held and possible sources of funding discussed. A survey of residents had also been carried out and everyone was unanimous in their approval of the need for a children's playground sited on the land owned by the Parish Council at the village hall. A working group was proposed to manage the intended Playground project and report back to the PC at regular intervals. Councillor Richard Morris was proposed to head up this working group. Dominic Cotton was also proposed.

**It was voted unanimously that the formation of this working group be implemented with immediate effect.**

- 6.2 Footpath 11 was again discussed in depth as the majority of this is now completely inaccessible due to the recent ploughing of the field. The top third of the path exiting on to Hunston Road is completely overgrown and a voluntary working party was discussed in an attempt to clear it. However the PC were advised that this really wasn't an easy task due to the depth and thickness of the woods around it to be tackled by household gardening equipment. It was therefore resolved to wait until September when Charlotte Ditchburn of SCC was due to report back to the Council regarding the landlord's obligation to reinstate this footpath in its entirety.
- 6.3 As requested and agreed Councillor Smith had taken down an old school sign outside the village church. However it is understood that there is another school sign nearer to the outskirts of the village (Walsham le Willows end) and this would be the proposed site for the second SID sign we are borrowing from Gt Ashfield. The Chairman agreed to have another word with Councillor Smith about this and report back.

## 7. PLANNING

- 7.1 Progress of recent planning permissions were as follows:
- DC/19/02467 14 St Marys Crescent – **Planning Permission granted.**
- DC/18/04952 Land to the north of Woodside Cottage, Long Thurlow – **Planning Appeal upheld.**
- DC/19/01891 Land at Dovedale Close – **Planning Permission granted (conditions met).**
- 7.2 The Parish Council discussed a planning consultation letter relating to planning application DC/19/02694 Land to the rear of Back Lane accessed off The Broadway. This related to a slight change of houses/design. There were no objections to this from the Parish Council.
- It was resolved to advise MSDC that the Parish Council had no objections to this request.**

## 8. FINANCE AND POLICIES

- 8.1 The Councillors considered the issue of the following cheques and confirmed their agreement that these be issued.
- £310 for salaries – June 2019  
£10.80 – D Clarke expenses for April 2019  
£161.97 & 52.11– Clerk's expenses for May & June 2019  
£371.31 – Vertas Q4 & Q1 grounds maintenance  
£232.20 – HMRC employers income tax
- It was resolved that these cheques could be issued.**
- 8.2 The Clerk reported that the internal audit had been successfully completed. As a consequence the Parish Council were advised that no external audit for 2018/19 would be required.

8.3 The problems we have been experiencing with Barclays Bank were again discussed in relation to their tardy handling of our accounts and poor response times to requests. Discussion followed regarding changing bank accounts to another provider but it was decided to discuss this again when all Councillors were present at a meeting.

8.4 The Clerk provided the Income and Expenditure sheet for Q1 which was on budget and in a healthy condition.

**It was resolved that these were an accurate record of our finances and were approved and signed accordingly.**

9. NEXT MEETING

The Date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Wednesday 4 September and Charlotte Ditchburn from SCC Footpaths Division will be in attendance.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Carole Rose  
Parish Clerk

8 July 2019