

**BADWELL ASH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**BADWELL ASH VILLAGE HALL**  
**WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2019 at 7.30 PM**

**PRESENT:**

Councillors Clive Hawkins (CH) (Chairman), Chris Evans (CE), David Smith (DS) Ed Walsh (EW).

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

1 member of the public.

**1. PUBLIC FORUM**

1.1 No comments or queries.

1.2 County Councillor Jane Storey tabled a report in her absence.

1.3 District Councillor Richard Meyer – no report tabled in his absence.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Councillor Diane Donat (DD), Clive Morris (CM) illness. Richard Morris (RM) on business.

**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 6 November 2019 had previously been circulated.  
**It was resolved that these were an accurate record of the meeting and signed accordingly.**

4.2 Matters arising – it was noted that the new playground had been advertised as being 4m x 3m which was clearly an inaccurate measurement.

It was also noted that the new SID at the Walsham end of the village was not working effectively probably due to plant overgrowth. Dave Smith agreed to take a pair of loppers and investigate.

**5. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

5.1 All correspondence received had been circulated.

5.2 A query was raised about the plaque for the memorial bench next to the telephone box. If the bench was to commemorate the headteacher of Badwell Ash VC school (Celia Wellard) then we would get a plaque made. However it was suggested that the bench was bought with a donation by another benefactor. The Clerk to check the old minutes for confirmation either way.

5.3 The Clerk had circulated a comprehensive report from the Footpaths Officer which the Councillors found very helpful. It was agreed to raise an agenda item in March to discuss the cutting schedule by SCC and involve the Footpaths Officer in his recommendations.

## 6. ENVIRONMENT

- 6.1 No report available but the Councillors noted that the three potential plans had been circulated via the Broadsheet and we awaited the choice by the villagers. The Chairman proposed a note of caution as regards the costings in that no allowance had yet been made for insurance, maintenance and ground works which all needed to be calculated before spending the entire budget on equipment.
- 6.2 The Chairman and Clerk had conducted an annual appraisal for the Street Cleaner recently and highlighted certain inconsistencies and reported complaints. The Street Cleaner had actually decided he had too much work on at the moment and regretfully tendered his resignation to take effect on 31 March 2020. An advert for a new street cleaner would be composed in the new year with the possible option of splitting the role to 1 hour per week for a Long Thurlow applicant and 3 hours per week for a Badwell Ash applicant. To be further discussed at the January meeting.
- 6.3 Councillor Smith is due to put the new backplate into the telephone box this week after which we are clear for the CHT to install the new defibrillator (date to be agreed). It was agreed to leave the painting of the telephone box until the Spring. It was suggested that we place a collection tin for donations towards the annual upkeep of the defib into the Fish and Chip shop (with their agreement) and a possible second one in The White Horse (again with their co-operation).
- 6.4 The Clerk had received an email from Patrick Bond in Long Thurlow offering to make a new noticeboard for the village for the same price as the Long Thurlow noticeboard made in the last couple of years. The Clerk to write and accept. It was agreed to have a smaller locked noticeboard made for the sole use of the Parish Council to be sited next to the telephone box on the outside of the flint wall. Hopefully this will be completed in the Spring using CIL funds for this project.  
**Voted unanimously.**
- 6.5 The Clerk was asked to report the corroded village sign and defective 30 mph signs to SCC Highways Department for rectification. All in a very poor condition and could be a safety issue.

## 7. PLANNING

- 7.1 Progress of recent planning permissions were as follows:
- DC/19/04602 Church House and Corner Cottage, The Street, Badwell Ash, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3DH – **PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED.**
- DC/19/03797 Land North East of Broadway Bungalow, The Street, Badwell Ash, Suffolk – **PLANNING PERMISSION REFUSED.**
- DC/18/02804 - APP/W3520/W/18/3217433 - Cadogan House, Long Thurlow, Badwell Ash IP31 3JA – **APPEAL DISMISSED.**
- 7.2 The Clerk reported on a very cordial meeting she had held with the developer of the Old School site. The existing planning permission for two executive houses was going ahead with work starting after Christmas. The developer was very keen to work with the Parish Council regarding the access road to the village hall and assured them that all construction traffic would be kept on site and not impede the access road. The developer confirmed that the approach and access road would all be upgraded towards

the end of the project. He had also offered the PC all the old green metal railings for possible use around the new playground.

## 8. FINANCE AND POLICIES

### 8.1 The Councillors considered the issue of the following cheques:

£309.80 – Salaries November

£460.00 – CHT (emergency GSM phone)

£162.00 – CHT Annual Support

£2120.00 – CHT Defibrillator, cabinet and installation

£146.98 – Clerk's expenses (Oct & Nov)

**It was resolved that these cheques could be issued.**

### 8.2 The draft Budget for 2020/21 was discussed and it was unanimously agreed by the Parish Councillors to allow for a 15% uplift in the precept required from MSDC for the next financial year. This was mainly to ensure there were sufficient funds to hand for the street light replacements throughout the village which was the sole responsibility (and cost) of the Parish Council. The Clerk also shared a draft statement on the use of CIL funds for the current year which, when agreed, would be published on our website in March 2020.

### 8.3 The Clerk would now complete the Precept forms required by MSDC and submit them for the new financial year ahead.

### 8.4 Our banking arrangements with Barclays Bank were discussed and the Chairman highlighted the numerous problems we had, and were still, encountering which made our financial dealings extremely difficult. The Parish Councillors therefore agreed to look into changing banks and the Clerk would draw up letters to progress this.

## 9. NEXT MEETING

### 9.1 The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Wednesday 15 January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Carole Rose, Parish Clerk  
9 December 2019