

BADWELL ASH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2020

PRESENT:

Councillors Clive Hawkins (CH) (Chairman), Ed Walsh (EW), Diane Donat (DD), Richard Morris (RM).

IN ATTENDANCE:

None

1. PUBLIC FORUM

The Chairman welcomed everyone back to the first full Parish Council meeting held in public since March 2020. The meeting was held inside the village hall with the Councillors socially distanced from each other. The Chairman also welcomed Stephen Russell as a new Parish Councillor to replace Chris Evans who resigned in February 2020.

1.1 None

1.2 County Councillor Jane Storey – email report tabled in her absence.

1.3 District Councillor Richard Meyer – email report tabled in his absence.

2. APOLOGIES

David Smith (DS) and Clive Morris (CM).

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

3.1 Councillor Donat in relation to 6.10

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4. MINUTES

4.1 The minutes of the Extraordinary Planning Meeting held on 6 August 2020 had previously been circulated.

It was resolved that these were an accurate record of the meeting and signed accordingly.

4.2 None.

5. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Following a request to Councillor Jane Storey for a contribution from her Locality Budget, confirmation had been received of a generous donation of £2500 for which many thanks were recorded. This money to be used towards installing solar SIDs at each end of the village provided we receive permission from Suffolk County Council.

5.2 Stephen Russell to be co-opted to the Parish Council pending the next Annual Meeting 2021. Proposed by Councillor Donat and seconded by Councillor Walsh. **This was unanimously approved.**

5.3 It was agreed to repeat the advert for a Street Cleaner in Badwell Ash in the Broadsheet, the Hexagon, the village shop and the Nextdoor app in the hope of generating applications from outside the village.

5.4 It was agreed to renew the current Parish Protection Insurance policy for another year when it becomes due on 1 October 2020. This is organised for us through CAS Ltd. The

Clerk would add the two new additions of the defibrillator and the new play equipment to the policy to ensure we are fully covered.

- 5.5 The Clerk had taken the BA laptop back to 121 Computers for a refresh and update. Whilst still working, it has become very slow and possibly in need of an upgrade. Councillor Morris to investigate an upgrade and report back.

6. ENVIRONMENT

- 6.1 Playground project – The French drains on the playing field had been successfully installed. The play equipment is due for installation between 23 September and 2 October. The Chairman and Clerk had worked with Proludic to ensure everything was in hand. It was agreed to leave the purchase of tables and benches until the Spring of 2021 before installing. It was also agreed to seek quotes for the repair and replacement of the wooden fencing and gateways to the playground to ensure maximum safety for children and general security. The Parish Council was still within the budget estimated for this exciting new facility. The Chairman to purchase a bag of grass seed in readiness for patching after the equipment has been installed.

This was unanimously approved.

- 6.2 The moles had made a small reappearance on the playing fields and Tim Crease had been contacted to attend to eradicate these if at all possible.
- 6.3 Councillors Walsh and Morris had completed the assessment for a new post for Richer Road for a solar SID and this had been submitted to SCC for their approval. The existing poles at the Hunston and Walsham ends of the village are already in place and suitable.
- 6.4 The new resin surface surrounding the telephone box and memorial bench is being renewed this week and should only take a fortnight to complete.
- 6.5 The upgrade to street lighting in The Street and Richer Road had been completed. It was generally agreed that this was already showing a huge improvement. The remaining street lights in Back Lane and Long Thurlow to be scheduled for upgrade in the next financial year.
- 6.6 The noticeboard in Long Thurlow was in need of attention and Councillor Morris was asked to follow up with Patrick Bond who constructed the noticeboard. It needs either oiling or preserving with a suitable medium.
- 6.7 Once the resin area around the telephone box is done, it was agreed to start restoring and painting the telephone box itself. The Chairman to purchase sandpaper and a working party formed to make a start on this. We already have the red and gold paint donated by BT when the telephone box was purchased. It was agreed to seek alternative contractors to replace the telephone door as Councillor Smith has indicated he does not wish to do this himself.
- 6.8 Andy Tindall, who has been the Footpaths Officer for the Parish Council, is moving out of the area and so has relinquished this role. Councillor Russell has very kindly offered to do this instead and the Clerk will forward him all the relevant maps and correspondence to date.
- 6.9 The Parish Council had received complaints regarding the overhanging hedges outside The Wurlie and Badwell House. The Clerk wrote to both households and they have since trimmed the offending hedges for which the Parish Council was very grateful.
- 6.10 Following a recent accident on the pavement leading to Austin Close due to the amount of stones and gravel being deposited there, the Parish Council sought advice from our District Councillor and SCC regarding remedying this hazard. As Austin Close is a private road, maintained by the residents, it was agreed to write to the residents asking them

to meet and take action in the form of either repairs or resurfacing of the surface of Austin Close. Once this had been attended to, the Parish Council would ask SCC to make any necessary repairs to both the pavement and road surface caused by all the stones. Councillor Donat offered to mediate with the residents of Austin Close.

7. PLANNING

- 7.1 To consider a planning consultation request letter relating to planning application - DC/20/03485 - Moat Farm House, Long Thurlow, Badwell Ash, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3JF. **It was resolved to advise MSDC that the Parish Council had no objections to this planning application.**
- 7.2 To consider a planning consultation request letter relating to planning application - DC/20/03350 - Cadogan House, Long Thurlow, Badwell Ash, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3JA. **It was resolved to advise MSDC that the Parish Council unanimously rejected this modified planning application and that its comments on previous applications and appeals for this site still stand.**
- 7.3 To consider a planning consultation request letter relating to planning application - DC/20/03656 - 6 The Row, Long Thurlow, Badwell Ash, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3JD. **It was resolved to advise MSDC that the Parish Council had no objections to this planning application although it would prefer to see a tiled roof rather than the proposed plastic/fibreglass alternative.**
- 7.4 To consider the consultation letter relating to the naming of new houses within the development at Moat Farm House. This application invited the Parish Council to offer up a name for the proposed road leading to this development of three barns. **It was resolved that the Parish Council had no objections to the proposed name of Cutcheys Field but offered three alternatives, namely Triple Close, Three Ways Close or Three Barn End.**

8. FINANCE AND POLICIES

- 8.1 The Councillors considered the issue of the following payments:
£265.04 – Salaries August
£3072.00 – Ashwell Construction (French drains)
It was resolved that these payments could be made. The Chairman and Vice Chairman signed an approval for these to be paid by BACS.
- 8.2 The Clerk tabled a copy of the bank reconciliation for the Councillors' approval. **This was unanimously approved as accurate.**
- 8.3 MSDC had requested a written and signed statement regarding CIL payments for the financial year 2019-2020. This had been prepared by the Clerk in her role as RFO and was agreed by the Parish Councillors for submission to MSDC.
- 8.4 NALC had belatedly published the new payscales for staff effective April 2020. It was agreed that the Chairman contact SALC to amend the hourly rate for the Clerk to be effective as of the date of this meeting.

9. NEXT MEETING

- 9.1 The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Wednesday 14 October.

Carole Rose, Parish Clerk
12 September 2020