

Badgeworth Parish Council

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MINUTES

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 17th July 2025 at Witcombe & Bentham Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Present:

Cllrs. R McKay (Chair), K Azam (from item 7), N Cottell, M Howe, J Jones, N Marshall (Vice).

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Borough Councillor R Vines, & County Councillors Ben Evans (Brockworth Division) also representing Richard Stanley (Severn Vale Division)

15-minute public comment – 12 residents were present. Questions were asked regarding a recent planning appeal decision, the status of the Green Belt, and a long-standing enforcement issue.

- 1. Apologies** – were received from Cllr R Norman. It was agreed to accept the apologies of Cllr D Cooper until the meeting in January 2026 for specific circumstances.
- 2. Declaration of Interest & dispensation requests** –
Cllr R McKay declared an interest in item 10b (allotments)
Cllr N Cottell declared an interest in item 10b (Badgeworth Village Hall)
- 3. Minutes of the meeting** held on 13th May were agreed and signed
Matters Arising not included as an agenda item.
 - **Noticeboard removal** – still to be arranged
 - **Cllr Sekhar** had formally resigned (there was some confusion at the May meeting), TBC Democratic Services informed, notices placed, and PC advised that a co-option could take place
- 4. Election of Chair** – Cllr McKay agreed to remain as Chair, so no election was required.

NB. It was agreed at this point to discuss items on the agenda in a different order.

5. Planning

- a) Geen Belt/Grey belt Strategic & Local Plan**- there was detailed discussion relating to changes in guidance regarding the Green Belt and the implications for the Parish. It was agreed to seek a meeting with Tewkesbury Borough Planning Officers to clarify.
Shurdington Neighbourhood Development Plan – it was agreed that the area to be used would be that determined as the Shurdington settlement area in the Tewkesbury Local Plan, which includes small areas of Badgeworth Parish. This is on the assumption that there would be no costs to Badgeworth PC
- b) Enforcement Issues** – no recent update had been given by Tewkesbury Borough Council regarding the ongoing issues in Badgeworth Lane.
- c) Delegated Comments to note:**
25/0010/TWREG3 Application for the removal of existing two-storey modular office accommodation and its replacement with new two-storey modular office accommodation, to be used as a temporary facility for a maximum period of five years. **Bamfurlong Depot, Golden Valley Interchange, Bamfurlong Lane, Staverton. NO OBJECTION**

d) Planning Decisions

- **24/00428/FUL** Replacement barn for agricultural use. **Orchard Farm, Bentham Lane, Bentham. REFUSED**

Appeals Lodged

- Appeal against refusal of planning permission for Construction of new highway access, vehicle track and hard standing along with other associated operational development for agricultural use. **Part Parcel 8072, Badgeworth Lane, Badgeworth.**

Appeal Decisions:

- **APP/G1630/W/24/3352537** The appeal **ALLOWED**, and planning permission is granted for additional caravans at **Brookside Stables, Cold Pool Lane, Badgeworth.**
- **APP/G1630/W/25/3359791** Change of use of barn to include alterations and extension to create a new residential unit. **Cider Barn (Cyder Barn), Cold Pool Lane, Badgeworth, DISMISSED**
- **APP/G1630/W/24/3355688** Erection of a one and a half storey self-build cottage replacing existing barns/outbuildings (together with associated works). **Greenway Farm, Little Shurdington, DISMISSED**
- **APP/G1630/W/25/3361517** The appeal **ALLOWED**, and planning permission is granted for the material change of use of land for the stationing of caravans for residential purposes with dayroom and hardstanding ancillary to that use at **Wexford Park, Cold Pool Lane, Badgeworth.**

e) Parish Council response to planning applications received

- **25/00406/FUL** Proposed two storey extension. **19 Field View Lane, Witcombe. NO OBJECTION**
- **25/00494/CLE** Application for Certificate of Lawful Existing Use for the continuous use of an ancillary outbuilding as an independent dwelling (Use Class C3) for a period of over 10 years. **Yew Tree Cottage, Green Lane, Witcombe. NO OBJECTION**
- **25/00315/FUL** Redevelopment of the site to provide for the erection of 34 dwellings including associated access, parking, landscaping and infrastructure. **Greenway Nurseries, Main Road Shurdington (Shurdington Parish). Detailed response, NO OBJECTION**

6. To Receive Reports from the County and Borough Councillors.

County Councillor Ben Evans gave a detailed verbal report about the beginnings of the budget setting process, and about the impending reorganisation of local government in Gloucestershire

County Councillor Richard Stanley sent a detailed written report about potential speed limit changes, Councillor surgeries, implications of TBC reduced grass cutting & local government reorganisation <https://badgeworthparishcouncil.gov.uk/meetings>

Borough Councillor Robert Vines spoke in detail about local Government reorganisation and issues at TBC.

7. To consider Co-options to the Badgeworth Ward of the Parish Council

3 candidates had put themselves forward for the 2 vacancies on the Parish Council in the Badgeworth ward. They are Katie Azam (Badgeworth ward resident), Simon Oliver & James Robins (Bentham ward residents). After each candidate introducing themselves, then questions from Councillors, it was agreed:

- To co-opt Katie Azam to a Badgeworth Ward vacancy (proposed NC, seconded NM – unanimous)
- Not to fill the remaining Badgeworth Ward vacancy at this stage (proposed NC, seconded MH – 1 Councillor voted against)

8. Finance & Insurance

a) Balances at the bank – currently are £26,096.95. £800 received from Witcombe & Bentham Village Hall towards the defibrillator scheme (note: contribution from Badgeworth Village Hall made earlier this year)

b) Banking services – the application for a charge card for Parish Council expenses is in hand.

c) Payments authorised for the following:

Already paid (as expenditure previously authorised – proposes NC, seconded NM)

Payee	Details	Date of invoice	Amount (ex VAT) £	VAT £	TOTAL £
GAPTC	Independent Internal Audit	30/3/25	210	0	210
Clear Councils	Annual Insurance Policy	25/4/25	1502.44	0	1502.44
Countrywide GM	May grass cutting	23/5/25	316	63.20	379.20
Countrywide GM	June Grass cutting	27/6/25	138	27.6	165.60
Badgeworth VH	Room Hire	13/5/25	25	0	25

Agreed to be paid (proposed NC, seconded NM)

Payee	Details	Date of invoice	Amount (ex VAT) £	VAT £	TOTAL £
M Harvey	Bus shelter cleaning July 2025	13/7/25	80	0	80
Clerks Expenses	July payroll	10/7/25	47.12	3.33	50.45
Clerks Expenses	August payroll	10/7/25	26	0	26

d) Clerk's salary –authorised payments & BACS (including any HMRC payment) for July & August. (proposed NM, seconded JJ).

9. Parish Council Administration & Assets

a) Financial Regulations – were reviewed and updated.

b) Assets:

- **Badgeworth Village Hall** - Hedge opposite BVH –quote for trimming awaited (Cllr Cottell declared an interest in this item)

Cllr Marshall took the Chair for the following item:

- **Allotments at Bentham** (Cllr McKay declared an interest in this item and took no part in discussion or decision)– 3 quotes for removal of an asbestos shed had been received: West Country Asbestos Removal £575, Asbestos Free £695 +VAT, Gloucester Asbestos £950 +VAT. It was agreed to accept the quote from Asbestos Free as this was the most comprehensive in terms of removal and certification. (proposed NM, seconded JJ). Expenditure would come from the allotment budget and reserves.
- **Other assets**
- c) Trees on Village Greens** – a quote of £800 +VAT was received from Matt Hale for the tree surgery identified. This was agreed (proposed NM, seconded NC) with expenditure coming from the maintenance & contingency budget.
- d) Defibrillators** – the new defibrillators have been delivered and installed at Witcombe & Bentham Village Hall, and shortly at Badgeworth Village Hall. Donations were made from both Village Halls to allow this project to go ahead.

10. Community & Environment

- a) Litter on Little Witcombe Estate** – possible community litter picking. Agreed to get a poster from TBC for display.
- b) Affordable Housing Needs survey. GRCC** – the report had been received. This was noted.
- c) Badgeworth Green** – damage to NO PARKING sign on Village Green. Agreed that Cllr Cottell & Clerk would investigate new sign and bring quotes to future meeting, and budget provision made for next year.
- d) New grant funding to boost energy efficiency of community buildings** – noted

11. Highways

- a) Missing Link Scheme** – scheme continuing according to plan.

12. Ward Reports. Councillors to **report** upon **minor issues** which have not been included on this Agenda.

- **Footpath and hedge opposite Shurdington Primary School** needs clearing and cutting back
- **Church Lane Badgeworth** – road surface breaking up (more than potholes) – report to Area Highways.
- **Badgeworth Village Hall Road crossing** – visibility is poor because of uncut verges especially from the Shurdington direction, which makes this dangerous for pedestrians crossing from the car park to the Village Hall – request Highways for a sign.
- **Gloucestershire Airport** – Gloucester City Council & Cheltenham Borough Council have announced a preferred bidder for the sale of the airport.

13. Date of the next meeting: 16th September 2025, Badgeworth Village Hall at 7.00pm

The meeting finished at: 9.30pm

Signed..... Date.....