

Badgeworth Parish Council

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MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2021 held virtually via Zoom at 7.00pm.

Present:

Cllrs. Nigel Cottell (Chairman), Chris Haines MBE, Dave Hitchcock, Mike Howe, Jill Jones, Neil Marshall

Clerk: Mrs. H Jones

County & Borough Councillor Robert Vines

Debbie Harwood, Chair, Brockworth Parish Council (re. A46)

15 minutes for public comments:

The Chair of Brockworth Parish Council spoke about the amount of new development onto the A46 and the consequent traffic issues. Whilst a large amount of housing will be built between Brockworth and Leckhampton there are no significant proposals to improve the road. Badgeworth PC was requested to join with other Parish Councils in approaches to County Highways.

1. **Apologies** - none.
2. **Declaration of Interest** – none.
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2021** were agreed and signed.
Matters Arising not included as an agenda item.
A46 overgrown pavement was reported to Highways but not considered to be an issue. Agreed that Clerk & Cllr Jill Jones would take photographs and report again
4. **To Receive a Report from the County and Borough Councillor.**
Both Councils have recently set their budgets for the forthcoming year.
Gloucestershire County Council set a budget around £483m, an overall increase of 4.75% on Council Tax (this includes 2.76% Adult Social Care Levy and 1.99% Council Tax). The increase in the Levy will raise an additional £8.73m for Adult Social Care services. This represents an increase in cash terms of £14.825m
For a Band D taxpayer this means an increase of £63.90 up from £1345.32 to £1409.32 for 2021/22.
Tewkesbury Borough Council set a budget of £9.270.575
For a Band D taxpayer this is an increase of £5 or 4.02%, making a requirement of £129.36
The total Band D council tax on our Council Tax bills will be £1871.99 which will be an increase of £84.36 or 4.72%
5. **Planning**
 - a) **Delegated Comments to note:** none
 - b) **Planning Decisions, Appeals & enforcement issues**

Decisions – none formally reported by TBC. Delegated consent granted for 20/01043/FUL Demolition of existing barn, byre and pig pens and replacement with single dwelling. Dog Lane, Witcombe

Enforcement – Barn, Badgeworth Lane. Being monitored by TBC Officers
Access and works on agricultural land in Cold Pool Lane – TBC are aware.

c) To agree Parish Council response to planning applications received:

- 21/00088/FUL Removal/Variation of condition 1 of the planning application ref number 16/01285/FUL at **Brookside Stables, Cold Pool Lane, Badgeworth**. Detailed response. **OBJECT** to removal of condition but accept short term temporary extension to allow suitable site to be found.
- 21/00003/FUL (and 21/00004/LBC) Conversion of existing barns into 3No. dwellings. **Bentham Manor, Dog Lane, Witcombe. NO OBJECTION** in principle to residential development but echo concerns of County Highways regarding access onto narrow lanes.
- 21/00010/CLE Certificate of Lawfulness for the use of the dwelling house for a period of more than 10 years by persons not employed or last employed solely or mainly and locally in agriculture. **Little Syringa Farm, Sandy Pluck Lane, Bentham. NO OBJECTION**
- 21/00157/FUL Replacement of existing agricultural building for continuation of bee farming activities. **High Meadow, Shurdington Road, Shurdington. SUPPORT**

6. Community & Environment

a) Asset checks –reports were received from Councillors that assets have been checked. An action plan would be prepared for the next meeting to prioritise works required.

b) Allotments

- **Tenancy agreements & rents** – agreed to keep rents at current rates for 21/22
- **Water trough at the lower end of the site** – update on trough and pipework, Cllr Haines to investigate.
- **Gatepost update** – Cllr Haines will adjust the hinges. Minor issue
- **Rubbish and burning on allotments** – agreed that a further inspection would take place. Agreed that a tenancy will be terminated if rubbish was being brought to the allotments for burning.

c) Bentham Ward Project – update regarding plaque near Bentham Green. Receive quotes and authorise expenditure. Permission has been given by the Management company to site the plaque. A quote for a slightly larger bronze plaque 14” x 21” has been received of £850 + VAT. It was agreed that the plaque could be ordered, but not until a mounting stone had been sourced. Cllr Haines would do this (Proposed CH, seconded DH)

d) Badgeworth Ward/Village – project at crossroads and discussion about funding. A small project has been designed by residents and will be funded by that group. However, a ‘licence to cultivate’ is required from County Highways. It was agreed that the Parish Council would support the cost of this licence which could be around £250 (proposed DH, seconded CH)

e) Trees on Village Greens - Tree inspection: agreed the 2 yearly tree inspection at a cost of £285 plus VAT. (Proposed CH, seconded JJ)

- f) Community Heartbeat defibrillators** – annual service plan. The Clerk gave details of issues encountered regarding the annual service plan and annual maintenance checks. It was agreed that the Clerk & Chair would look at the information along with those responsible for the 2 defibrillators.
- g) Dog waste bin** – request to have waste bin in Church Lane, Bentham (between allotment road and A46). Cllr Hitchcock had investigated and there is evidence of a need for such a bin. It was agreed in principle. The Clerk would contact TBC about siting and costs and provide details to the next meeting.

7. Highways

- a) **Badgeworth Lane** – update on discussion document of issues circulated to other authorities. The document has been shared with surrounding Parish Councils and it is apparent that there are significant mutual concerns. A meeting will be held with representatives of PC's along the A46 to encourage a joint approach to County Highways. A letter of support would also be prepared to be sent to Brockworth PC.
- b) **Bentham sign** – permission has been given by Highways for sign. It was agreed that a sign would be ordered up to a cost of £100 and installed. (Proposed CH, seconded JJ)
- c) **A417 improvement scheme Public Rights of Way proposals** – a response would be sent seeking clarification of the PROW at the end of Dog Lane.
- d) **Salt/Grit bin Sandy Pluck Lane** – problems were encountered leaving the lane in the recent icy weather which could have caused an accident. It was agreed that one would be ordered, and this would be included in the assets action plan for pricing etc. (proposed JJ, CH seconded)

8. Finance

- a) **Independent Internal Audit** – was received from GAPTC. No major issues identified. Action would be taken where appropriate for the minor issues.
- b) **Bank reconciliations & unrepresented cheques** – Cllr Hitchcock had checked the 2 most recent reconciliations and also sampled various transactions. It was agreed that Cllr Hitchcock and Clerk would agree process for dealing with 2 historic unrepresented cheques of a small amount.
- c) **Payments authorised for the following:** (Proposed CH, seconded JJ)

Payee	Details	Date of invoice	Power to spend	Amount (ex VAT) £	VAT £	TOTAL £
Clerk	Expenses: February 21 (inc. Office 365 subscription)	23/2/21	LG(FP)A 1963 s 5	98.24	13.73	111.97
Clerk	Expenses: March 21	25/2/21	LG(FP)A 1963 s 5	44.65	3.73	48.38
Badgeworth Village Hall	Hall hire (agreed to support)	1/2/21	LGA 1972 s.134(4)	80	0	80
GAPTC	Independent Audit	17/2/21	LGA 1972 s.111	175	0	175

PATA	Payroll services	26/2/21	LGA 1972 s.111	23.75	0	23.75
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d) Clerk's salary –payment authorised & BACS (including any HMRC payment) for February & March 2021 (Proposed CH, seconded JJ)

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

- **Gloucestershire Way** – footpath blocked by landowner. Has been reported already but more pressure needed.
- **Pilcroft Close/Pilcroft Way** – the corner and underlying pipe are being damaged by the refuse lorry
- **Overgrown public footpath near Norman's Brook** – will be reported
- **Airport Consultative Committee** – there is a new Managing Director of the airport who hopes to build better relationships with the local community.
- There are still issues around **Badgeworth Green** with lorries causing damage on the corners

10. Date of next meeting – 20th April 2021. 7.00pm by Zoom. Clerk advised that legislation to hold virtual meetings continues until early May 21. Advice should be clearer by the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 21.33pm

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