

Badgeworth Parish Council

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MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 5th March 2020 at Witcombe & Bentham Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present:

Cllrs. Chris Haines MBE (Chairman), Nigel Cottell, Steve Faulkner, Mike Howe, Neil Marshall

Clerk: Mrs. H Jones

Borough & County Councillor Robert Vines

1. **Apologies** – Cllrs Dave Hitchcock and Jill Jones had sent their apologies.
2. **Declaration of Interest** – there were none.
3. **To approve excluding the general public for discussion of confidential items** – Finance and Personnel. Agreed.
4. **The minutes of the last meeting** held on 23rd January 2020 were agreed and signed.
Matters Arising not included as an agenda item.
Bentham Green development – TBC Planning Officers had confirmed that the green area has been finished off in accordance with plans and planning conditions. Meetings had been held between residents and the developer. It was agreed that contact would be made with Lioncourt Homes to attempt to improve the visual appearance of the central green.
5. **Report from the County and Borough Councillor**
Details of the Council Tax were given. For a Band D taxpayer,
 - County Council will increase by £51.62
 - Police & Crime Commissioner up by £6.76
 - Tewkesbury Borough Council up by £5
 - Badgeworth Parish Council – no increase (on average other Parish Councils are putting their part of the Council Tax up by £0.77)
6. **Planning**
 - a) **Delegated Comments, Planning Decisions & Appeals**
Delegated Comments:
 - 20/00069/FUL. Erection of a single storey side and rear extension at **2 Chosen View Shurdington Road, Shurdington** –NO OBJECTION**TBC Decisions:**
 - 19/01180/FUL. Replacement of existing conservatory with a single storey rear extension and installation of a roof light. **2 Mill Corner, Mill Lane, Witcombe.** PERMIT
 - 18/01241/FUL – **The Cot, Green Lane, Little Witcombe.** Various small works. PERMIT
 - 18/00377/CLE - **Shed at rear of Azalea Cirencester Road, Little Witcombe** Certificate of lawful use granted

Appeals

- 19/00246/FUL (APP/G1630/W/19/3241428) Appeal against non-determination of an application for planning permission. Proposed change of use of land to a private Gypsy and Traveller site consisting of 1 pitch of 1x Mobile Home, 1x Touring Caravan. **Parcel 5762 Land Adjacent Rudgeley House, Cold Pool Lane Badgeworth.** It was agreed that the Parish Council would notify the Planning Inspectorate that they would attend the hearing

b) **Update on enforcement issues within the Parish**

Nothing heard regarding the barn in Badgeworth Lane. Clerk to chase again.

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

- 20/00071/FUL. Proposed use of land for the storage of commercial vehicles for a temporary period of five years and then as a car park in association with the Airport. Associated development includes hard standing, fencing and lighting. **Parcel 7 Gloucestershire Airport** – concerns to be expressed: inappropriate in Green Belt, concerns about noise & traffic with 24-hour opening. If TBC to grant permission, restrictions should be put on hours of operation, types of vehicles and lighting.

7. Community Issues

- a) **Maintenance:** To receive reports on any maintenance issues regarding Parish Council assets, and approve expenditure as necessary (see item below)
- b) **Asset checks** – asset checks had been carried out by Councillors, but some were outstanding in the Bentham Ward. It was agreed to seek a quote for the cleaning of the bus shelters on the A46
- c) **Badgeworth Green** – the green has been damaged by heavy vehicles driving across the edge. It was agreed to seek a quote from the grass cutters for the repair.
- d) **Badgeworth Ward Project** – the noticeboard had been received. A meeting would be held with a contractor for installation. Installation would be agreed up to a maximum of £150. (proposed MH, seconded NM)
- e) **Bentham Ward Project** – no further progress at present.
- f) **Bentham Allotments** – 2 new tenants had been found. One large plot is still vacant and available. There has been no progress on the track.
- g) **Badgeworth Village Hall** – the storage shed has been delivered and constructed.
- h) **Defibrillators** – annual maintenance contract for each at a cost of £135 +VAT to start April 1st was authorised
- i) **Faster Broadband, Green Lane Little Witcombe** – it was agreed to support efforts of residents in finding solution to slow broadband by sending an email to the appropriate organisation

8. Highways

- a) **Badgeworth Lane** – the Area Highways Manager had responded that the existing speed limits are appropriate and that there are regular speed checks close to Shurdington. Members agreed that the speed limits are not appropriate and the fact that speed checks are carried out regularly clearly indicates that the limit is not appropriate. The speed survey paid for by the Parish Council showed a significant number of vehicles travelling in excess of the speed limit at the edge of Shurdington and this must be addressed. The Clerk was requested to contact the Highways manager again.

9. Finance

- a) **S.106 Cold Pool Lane development.** The Clerk reported an error in the VAT element of one of the S.106 refunds from TBC, therefore it was necessary to authorise a return of overpaid element to TBC of £468.02. This was agreed and would be paid once an invoice from TBC was received.
- b) **Banking Issues** – issues had now been resolved and Lloyds had agreed £250 compensation to the Parish Council.
- c) **Payment was authorised and issue cheques/pay by bank transfer:**
 - **Holy Trinity PCC £100** Donation agreed at PC meeting 23/1/20 *LGA 1972 s.214(6)*
 - **Expenses** February (£75.88+£11.33VAT= £87.21) & March (£28.49+£1.33VAT=£29.82) *LG(FP)A 1963 s 5*
 - **Badgeworth Village Hall Management Committee** – hall hire x 4 £80 *LGA 1972 s. 134(4)*
- d) **BACS payments previously authorised**
 - Greenbarnes Ltd Noticeboard & posts. 19/2/20. £558.81 (£465.67 + £93.14 VAT) *LGA 1972 s.111*
- e) **Clerk’s salary** –authorised payment & issue cheques for February and March 2020.

10. Miscellaneous

- a) **Parish Council communication and website** – Cllr Marshall gave a presentation about possibilities for the website and communications. It was agreed that the Clerk & Cllr Marshall would look at possibilities regarding PC communication and improvements to the website to ensure that it is fully compliant. Proposals and costs would be brought back in the autumn for inclusion in the budget.

11. Personnel Issues (Confidential item)

- a) **Receive report from Personnel Working Group** – staff review and actions. A report was received and agreed (confidential)
- b) **Pensions regulator – re-declaration/re-enrolment.** The duties of the Parish Council were noted. Confirmation that there are no staff to put into a pension scheme.

12. Ward Reports.

- **Footway, Badgeworth Lane opposite Shurdington Primary School** – Clerk to report that footpath is severely overgrown and almost unusable.
- **Elm Gardens, Badgeworth Road** – Clerk to report possible planning breach to TBC.
- **Airport Consultative Committee** – Cllr Marshall reported on a recent meeting. Problems with runways and radar tower will result in significant expense for the airport operators.

13. **Next meeting:** 21st April 2020. Badgeworth Village Hall. 7.00pm – **NOTE: NOW CANCELLED DUE TO COVID19. SEE WEBSITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

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