

# Badgeworth Parish Council

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## MINUTES

**Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on 30th April 2019 at Badgeworth Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

### **Present:**

Cllrs. Chris Haines MBE (Chairman), Nigel Cottell, David Hitchcock, Mike Howe, Neil Marshall  
County & Borough Councillor Robert Vines

3 members for the public.

Clerk: Mrs. H Jones

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT April 2019**

As usual it has been another busy year for the Parish Council (PC).

#### **Planning and Enforcement**

As required the PC has commented on all planning applications within the parish boundaries. Most were for private dwellings.

Of note is the application for accommodation for flying students at Staverton Airport and extension to the recycling centre at Shurdington Sand pits. Both are still to be determined.

Following the enforcement on the land next to Rudgeley house, Cold Pool Lane, a caravan was moved to Church Lane, Badgeworth. When this was forced to be moved the owner located it in Badgeworth Village Hall car park. After much effort by the Clerk and Cllr Cottell, and making use of the Parish Council insurance, the van was removed. The PC have now paid for a height Barrier for the car park.

Councillors continue to be involved with enforcement issues on several sites in the Parish particularly on a site in Badgeworth Lane.

#### **Joint Core Strategy and Local Plan.**

The PC continues to monitor the JCS and Local Borough Plan and was surprised to see a large increase in the number of proposed houses at Shurdington on fields that are in Badgeworth Parish.

#### **Highways**

Councillors are still concerned about parking outside of Shurdington Primary School.

It is also still concerned about the speed of traffic through Badgeworth

The PC has noted the preferred route 30 for the proposed improvements to the A417 missing link. However recent reports of budget cuts may delay the start of this scheme.

#### **106 Money**

It was found there was still 106 funds available for Badgeworth Village Hall, so funding has been available for further improvements

Tewkesbury Council have still to allocate 106 funds for a bus service for the Bentham Green Development.

**Cold Pool Lane Sports Pitches.** It is unbelievable that problems at this site have still not been resolved. Tewkesbury Borough Council has recently stated legal issues will be resolved in a few weeks

### **Council Precept.**

This remains at last year's level.

### **Vacancies**

There are still 3 vacancies on Badgeworth Parish Council, and anyone interested in being co-opted should contact the Clerk

### **Allotments**

Council members have been involved in moving piles of rubbish from the allotments, arranging a new water supply and generally overseeing the site.

### **Thanks**

The Chairman would like to thank fellow Councillors for their support and efforts over the past 12 months. Also, for the support of Borough Councillor Robert Vines.

In particular the Chairman wishes to thank the Clerk, Helen Jones, for her excellent work in running the Council.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT FROM CLERK. Finances 2018/19**

**Receipts** were £18796. This was an increase of £5890 from the previous year. This was mainly due to the receipt of some of the remaining S.106 funds from Tewkesbury Borough Council relating to the Cold Pool Lane development

**Payments** – were £17187. This was an increase of £5367 from the previous year. This was a result of expenditure of the S.106 funds on Badgeworth Village Hall improvements and the purchase & installation of a height restriction barrier to the Badgeworth Village Hall car park

### **Expenditure V Budget**

The budget for 2018-19 was £14130. Expenditure was £17187. This increase was mostly due to S106 expenditure on the Badgeworth Village Hall and the height restriction barrier. Tewkesbury Borough Council notified the PC of the remaining S106 funds within the financial year, so the budget had not included this. The increased expenditure was covered by the increase in revenue from Tewkesbury Borough Council to cover the S.106 expenditure.

### **Reserves**

The amount held in the bank is £19143 an increase of £1609. The Parish Council has benefitted from TBC covering the costs retrospectively of emergency repairs to the Badgeworth Village Hall in 2016-17 from the S106 funds

## **REPORT FROM BOROUGH & COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBERT VINES**

Badgeworth us a great place to live. As residents we have the fifth lowest Council Tax in England for payments to the local authorities. New Government figures for County Council Tax requirements put Gloucestershire as the third lowest in England once figures take into account that some County Councils have responsibility for Fire & Rescue, whilst some don't. Gloucestershire does control and has responsibility for its Fire Service. So as Council Tax payers we come out pretty well.

You might be aware that the Police & Crime Commissioner would like to take over the Fire & Rescue Service. Indeed, this has happened in other parts of the country. It is not something I would support, and I think that the way the Fire Service operates is the very best way for our county.

As you are probably aware the Joint Core Strategy for Cheltenham, Gloucester and Tewkesbury has been adopted. This mainly concerns itself with the strategic housing sites with a vision for the future until 2031. The additional plan, the Tewkesbury Borough Local Plan will identify sites that may have potential for new homes, has been out for consultation. I am led to believe that it may well be considered by Tewkesbury Borough Council probably around July 2019 after all the responses to the consultation process have been taken into consideration.

Obviously, we have no idea of the makeup of the Council as there are elections on May 2<sup>nd</sup> with all seats being contested, so every successful candidate will have overcome challenges from others.

The Parish Council should also go to the polls on Thursday, but unlike your neighbours in Brockworth and Churchdown, Badgeworth has not reached sufficient numbers to trigger an election.

Whatever happens on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, I will still attend Parish Council meetings as I am still your County Councillor as the next County elections are in 2021.

Hopefully once the dust settles after this week's elections, the Parish Council can find some residents to bring the Parish Council up to the full complement.

**The meeting closed at 20.00pm**

**Signed..... Dated.....**