

Badgeworth Parish Council

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MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 25th January at Witcombe & Bentham Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present:

Cllrs. Chris Haines MBE (Chairman), Nigel Cottell, David Hitchcock, Mike Howe, Jill Jones & Doug Nelson

Clerk: Mrs. H Jones

Also, in attendance: Borough & County Councillor Robert Vines & 3 residents

1. **Apologies** – No apologies received.
2. **Declaration of Interest** – Cllr. Hitchcock declared an interest in item 6(a) – planning application at Hillview, Bentham and took no part in discussions.
3. **The minutes of the meeting** held on 12th December 2017 were agreed as a true record and signed.
4. **To receive the resignation of Cllr Jim Hunt** – Cllr Hunt had given his resignation from the Parish Council because of ill health. Members of the Council wished to formally record their appreciation of his hard work for the local community over the years, and especially during his time as Chairman of the Parish Council
Arrangements for the filling of vacancies on the Parish Council – The vacancy in the Bentham Ward created by Cllr Hunt will be formally advertised by TBC. The vacancy in the Badgeworth Ward to be filled by co-option would be advertised again once it was known whether the Bentham vacancy could also be filled by co-option.
5. **To Receive a Report from the County and Borough Councillor** – Cllr Vines spoke about the budget setting process at TBC and GCC. He also spoke about the Vision 50 event to be held at Cheltenham Racecourse shortly. Cllr Jones would be attending on behalf of the PC
6. **Planning** – to agree the response of the Parish Council to the following applications:
 - a) 17/01280/FUL Erection of a double garage on land Near Hillview Bentham Lane Bentham – Cllr. Hitchcock declared an interest and took no part in discussions. The following response was agreed: The Parish Council requests that the Planning Officer considers that this site is in the AONB and Green Belt and that there already is a garage on the site. Potentially this proposal could increase the amount of traffic in the lane.
 - b) 17/01371/FUL Erection of 3 summerhouses for display purposes at Shurdington Nurseries Little Shurdington - Support
7. **Assets, responsibilities & environment**
 - a) **Little Witcombe Village Green – to discuss progress regarding the maintenance of eastern section of green (TBC owned).** Officers at TBC have confirmed that there are new managers at UBICO and that they are confident

that it will be cut more regularly in 2018. The maintenance will be closely monitored by TBC. It was agreed that the Parish Council would continue to monitor.

- b) **Badgeworth Green – to discuss the problem of damage to the Village Green by vehicles.** This issue was discussed at length. Members felt that there is little that can be done as parking restrictions would not be allowed and there is now far more traffic generally – home deliveries, events at Church etc.
- c) **Gloucestershire Airport – to discuss complaint re. low flying helicopter traffic over Badgeworth and take action as necessary.** It was agreed that management at the airport would be asked if the helicopter pleasure flights could be routed away from built up areas.
- d) **Cold Pool Lane – to discuss the problem of littering and fly tipping and take action as necessary.** UBICO have been informed about the litter. Unfortunately, the lane is not suitable for a community litter pick because of high traffic speeds and other factors.

8. Highways

- a) **Dark Lane & Dog Lane – discuss problem of lorries using lane as cut through, and request for ‘Access Only’ sign.** It was agreed that County Highways would be requested to investigate whether a “road unsuitable for HGV/long vehicles” sign could be erected.

9. Website –

- a) **To discuss whether changes are needed to allow for a ‘News’ section and authorise expenditure if agreed.** It was agreed that a ‘News’ section would be included at a one-off cost of £90.

10. Finance

- a) **Budget & Precept 2018/19 – to agree the budget and set the precept for April 2018 – March 2019.** A draft budget had been circulated. A budget of £14130 was agreed (attached) and the precept set at £12000, with the difference being taken from bank reserves. It was further agreed that the reserves would be allocated as indicated.
- b) **Transfer of funds** – It was agreed that the amount of allotment expenditure in current year would be transferred from the allotment account to Treasurers Account.
- c) **Payments**
Payment was authorised and cheques issued:
 - Clerk’s expenses - £88.92 (includes Office 365 subscription of £59.99)
 - Mrs. S Jacques - £30 refund for 3 x allotment keys.
 - Tree surgery, Little Witcombe - £420 (£350 + £70 VAT).
 - Badgeworth Village Hall hire x 7 (2017 & 18) - £105
- d) **Clerk’s salary** – payment was authorised & cheque issued.

11. Ward Reports.

- a) **Hand rail on western end of green at Little Witcombe** – a quote would be sought for repair

- b) **Visibility problems at Badgeworth crossroads** – Cllr Cottell and Nelson had carried out some clearing. Cllr Cottell will liaise with the landowner to find a solution.
 - c) **Footpath opposite Shurdington School** – Cllr Howe requested that Highways be informed of the need for this to be cleared.
12. **The next meeting would be held on March 6th at Badgeworth Village Hall.**
13. **On March 20th the Annual Parish Meeting will be held at Badgeworth Village Hall. This will be a more relaxed event with refreshments and a chance for residents to come and chat with their local Parish Councillors**

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed.....

Dated.....

BADGEWORTH PARISH COUNCIL AGREED BUDGET 2018/19

Item		BUDGET
		18/19
		£
Salaries		5,600.00
General Admin/Expenses		250.00
Office		208.00
Grass Cutting		2,400.00
Subscriptions		550.00
Room Hire		225.00
Donations		432.00
Insurance/Legal/Accounts		1,200.00
Maintenance (inc. trees)		1,000.00
Contingency		500.00
Badgeworth Village Hall - specific project (guttering)		1,000.00
Training		200.00
Allotments		300.00
Website		265.00
	TOTAL	14,130.00

Allocation of reserves		
Badgeworth Village Hall		5000
Election fees		6000
General contingency		5000
	TOTAL	16000