

Badgeworth Parish Council

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MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 5th March 2019 at Badgeworth Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present:

Cllrs. Chris Haines MBE (Chairman), Nigel Cottell, David Hitchcock, Mike Howe, Jill Jones, Neil Marshall & Doug Nelson
Clerk: Mrs. H Jones
Borough & County Councillor Vines
4 residents

Public session: A number of residents attended and raised questions regarding update ongoing traveller issues.

1. **Apologies** – There were none.
2. **Declaration of Interest** - there were none.
3. **The minutes of the meeting held on 17th January 2019, and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 5th February 2019** were agreed as a true record and signed.
4. **Report from the County and Borough Councillor.**

Gloucestershire County Council has set its budget for 2019/20 this represents an increase of 3.9%, from 2018/19. The 2% levy raises an additional £5.6 million for Adult Social Care services.

The recommended budget for 2019/20 contains:

- £32.547 million of extra investment into services, particularly those for older people and vulnerable children and adults
- £4.388 million to cover for increased costs due to inflation and pay awards.
- £20.755 million of efficiency savings to be delivered.
- £181.534 million of new capital investment in roads, schools and other services

Tewkesbury Borough Council has also set its budget for 2019/20 at £8,772,830.

Council Tax Band D is set at:-

£ 119.36 an increase of £5 which is an increase of 4.37%

This will probably keep the Council as the fifth lowest District Tax in England.

Recently Cllr Vines hosted a meeting at Tewkesbury Council Offices for residents of Badgeworth together with representatives of the Parish Council to meet with the responsible officers of TBC regarding the recent traveller situation within the parish. This enabled views to be aired and questions answered about the current position and also any future issues that may arise.

5. **Planning**
 - a) **Tewkesbury Local Plan** – it was agreed that an email would be sent to TBC Planning Officers making them aware of the strength of feeling regarding the allocation of Site D

for residential development at Shurdington and the manner in which it was brought forward.

- b) **Delegated Comments, Planning Decisions & Appeals –**
- **Delegated Comments from PC - 19/00027/FUL** Proposed rear and side extensions. Wenallt Badgeworth Lane Badgeworth – No objection but amendments to roofline suggested
 - **Planning decisions: 18/01262/FUL** Erection of a single storey and two storey rear Extension. 1A Bryerland Rd, Witcombe. PERMIT
- c) **To agree Parish Council response to planning applications:** None had been received.

6. Community Issues

- a) **Maintenance:** To receive reports on any maintenance issues regarding Parish Council assets and approve expenditure as necessary.
The defibrillator cabinet at Witcombe & Bentham is leaking and has other issues. A quote has been given from an electrician to sort it out. It was agreed that this quote would be accepted up to a limit of £125 (new cabinet would cost £500+)
Allotments – an inspection visit has been carried out. All appears well other than some barbed wire still on 2 plots.
- b) **Traveller sites in Badgeworth** – a meeting was facilitated by Cllr Vines at TBC Offices with 4 residents, 2 Parish Councillors, Clerk, TBC legal, planning, housing & environmental officers and a representative of the MP
- Constructive legal advice was given regarding potential future trespass
 - Clarification was given about the legal/planning situation on the site adj. to Rudgeley House
 - Issues relating to the long-term temporary consent for the other traveller site were also discussed.
Councillor Vines was thanked for his assistance in arranging the meeting and ensuring that the right people attended.
- c) **‘Wheels on the Green’ – to discuss request and agree response for permission to use the green for a small classic car event on Little Witcombe Green (Parish Council side) in July 2019.** Various issues were raised regarding arrangements. It was agreed that contact would be made with TBC for advice regarding the use of their side of green, and then further information sought from the organisers. The item would be discussed again at the end of April.
- d) **Tree Survey 2019** – the tree survey report was received regarding trees on Village Greens. It was agreed that the Clerk would seek quotes for the work to 2 trees to be carried out in the late autumn
- e) **Dog Waste Bin request, Green Lane, Little Witcombe – to discuss whether a dog waste bin is needed near Green Lane, Witcombe, and if so, agree expenditure.** (requested by resident). It was agreed that TBC would be contacted to ask whether S106 monies from Bentham Green development (specifically for dog waste bins) could be used to fund bins near Bentham Green and Green Lane. Cllrs Hitchcock and Haines to agree siting.
- f) **Dog waste bin request, Cold Pool Lane housing development – to discuss whether a dog waste bin is needed on estate at Cold Pool Lane, and if so, inform TBC to go ahead using S106 funding allocated for this purpose.** It was agreed that a bin should be placed near the balancing pond on the perimeter walk using remaining s.106 monies

- g) **Litter picking equipment – to discuss whether the Parish Council should acquire litter picking equipment and authorise expenditure as necessary.** It was agreed that Cllr Jones would liaise with TBC and a local resident who has been litter picking to arrange suitable equipment.
 - h) **Badgeworth & Shurdington Welfare Trust** – the Parish Council had been asked to support the nomination of an individual. The Clerk had requested, and was awaiting details of the terms of reference of the organisation.
7. **Finance**
- a) **Receipts** were noted:
 - Receipt of £2808.12 from S.106 funds to Badgeworth Village Hall equipment (cooker & hood, projector & screen)
 - The submission of VAT reclaim for last 13 months (£790.63) was noted.
 - b) **Donation request from Witcombe & Bentham Village Hall** - £100 to contribute to the 2019 annual inspection of the playground area situated next to Witcombe and Bentham Village Hall. Cllr Hitchcock proposed, and Cllr Cottell seconded the proposal of a £100 donation which was agreed, and a cheque issued.
 - c) **Independent Internal Audit** – it was agreed to appoint GAPTC as Independent Internal Audit as cost of £160 (+ expenses)
 - d) **Cheques issued** –the issuing of cheques for expenditure authorised at meetings held 17/1/19 & 5/2/19 was noted.
 - **Just Projectors** - £1010.19 + £202.19 VAT (S.106 funds)
 - **Rangemaster (reimbursement)** - £1329.17 +£265.83 VAT (S.106 funds). Up to date quote agreed by Cllrs Howe & Hitchcock
 - **Barriers Direct** - £2014.53 + £402.90 VAT (price same as quote given)
 - e) **Payment was authorised and cheques issued:**
 - £55.88 expenses. February 2019
 - £24.13 expenses. March 2019
 - £318 (£265+ £53 VAT) Tree Maintenance Ltd – 2 yearly inspection of trees on Village Greens
 - £75 – Badgeworth Village Hall Management Committee. 5 x hall hire.
 - £23.50 PATA Payroll services. Jan-March 19
 - f) **Clerk’s salary** - Payment was authorised and cheques issued for February & March 2019.
8. **Ward Reports.**
- The issue of 2 unauthorised sites in Badgeworth was highlighted and the lack of action by TBC. This would be an agenda item at the next meeting.
 - **Speeding** in Badgeworth Lane, and speed and volume of traffic in Cold Pool Lane was highlighted – agenda item for next meeting
9. **It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would now be held on April 30th, 2019 before the regular meeting of the Parish council at Badgeworth Village Hall**

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

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