

Badgeworth Parish Council

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MINUTES

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

Present:

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

Clerk: Mrs. H Jones

23 residents

There was a period of 60 minutes for local residents to make their views known. Strong feelings were expressed. The points raised included:

- Frustration about the planning situation regarding the unauthorised traveller site adjacent to Rudgeley House. What can be done to force the reinstatement of the site, and the alleged abuse of the planning system?
- The response of County and District Councils and Police to the travellers in Church Lane and the Village Hall Car Park, was considered inadequate. Residents feel very let down by TBC particularly regarding the environmental problems caused by the generator, and intimidation not being acted on by the Police.
- The confused planning situation regarding the traveller site at Brookside Stables, and the lack of enforcement on other sites locally where unauthorised residential use continues needs to be explained.

1. **Apologies** – apologies were received from Cllr Jill Jones.
2. **Declaration of Interest & Dispensations** – Cllrs Howe and Cottell declared an interest as Members of the Badgeworth Village Hall Management Committee.
3. **Travellers in Badgeworth Village** - To receive information regarding issues relating to travellers in the Village Hall car park, and around Badgeworth and agree actions taken, and further action that may be necessary.

Church Lane

Tuesday 15th January 2019 – Travellers left site adjacent to Rudgeley House.

Caravan & vehicles sited in small layby in Church Lane. Generator installed

16th – 24th January 2019. Severe noise & disturbance to neighbouring residents (particularly by generator – which was confiscated) and reports of intimidation.

Slow response from authorities. Site visited by County Highways and Environmental

Health (EH) Officers and actions taken. Generator later returned by EH after undertaking that they would leave location. Caravan & vehicles left 24/1/19

Badgeworth Village Hall Car Park

- Travellers (single caravan & vehicles) accessed the Village Hall Car Park mid-morning on Thursday 24th January 2019 whilst the hall was in use. Generator in operation.
- Advice was taken from TBC and the GAPTC about action to take
- The Parish Council insurers were informed who confirmed there was cover for the legal steps necessary to deal with the trespass
- Thursday 31st January & Friday 1st February 2019 – the travellers were visited by enforcement officers supplied by the PC's insurers/legal services.
- Sunday 3rd February 2019 – the travellers left the Village Hall Car Park. Rubbish has been left on the site. The car park sign has disappeared. A gate to the field has been damaged.

It was agreed that an email would be sent to Borough & County Councillor Robert Vines, as the elected representative of the area, to formally request a meeting regarding the issues caused by the travellers in Badgeworth Village (to include the history of the site adjacent to Rudgeley House). 3 residents would represent the local residents, along with 2 Parish Councillors. The email would further request that Cllr Vines be supported by Officers from Environmental Heath, Planning & Legal Services from TBC)

4. Height restriction barrier to Village Hall car park & other works - To discuss whether a height restriction barrier and other items are required for the Village Hall car park and agree quotes for purchase and installation.

- It was agreed that the car park is vulnerable to continued trespass without a height restriction barrier. Estimates (see appendix) had been received from 3 companies, only one of which provides installation. The Clerk advised that insurers had reminded the PC about the liability of such a barrier, and it was agreed that it would be prudent to ensure that the supplier was also responsible for installation as this is specialist equipment.
- This expenditure is not in the 18/19 budget. The Clerk confirmed that current spending is under budget and this expenditure may well be accommodated. In addition, the Parish Council has an amount allocated for contingencies in the reserves if needed.
- As the site needs to be surveyed for an exact price, Cllr Hitchcock proposed, and Cllr Nelson seconded an amount (inc. VAT) up to £3000 for supply and installation of a height restriction barrier and any associated works. Final

quotes are to be agreed by Cllrs Hitchcock & Nelson before purchase, and a cheque would be issued as soon as possible and reported to the next meeting. This was agreed.

- Locum Clerk - To agree a locum Clerk to cover leave, and agree expenditure as required.** It was agreed that Cllr Marshall would hold the phone and laptop during the Clerk's absence. Ruth Warne (Innsworth PC Clerk) would act as emergency locum if necessary, on the Clerk's hourly rate. Advice can also be given by GAPTC.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed.....

Dated.....

APPENDIX

Height Restriction Barrier. Quotes. 4/2/19				
Supplier	Details	Cost £	VAT £	Inc. VAT £
BARRIERS DIRECT	Height Restrictor - Swing opening - 7m double leaf opening height barrier. Delivery usually 15 days	1,057.53	211.49	1,269.02
	Installation	957	191.4	1,148.40
		2,014.53	402.9	2,417.43
WORKPLACE DEPOT	Car park height restrictor NO OPTION FOR INSTALLATION	1078	215.6	1,293.60
BROXAP	Height restriction barrier.BX01 5522 NO OPTION FOR INSTALLATION	1326	265.2	1,591.20