

MINUTES OF A BADGEWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE BADGEWORTH VILLAGE HALL ON
THURSDAY 3 MARCH 2015

Present: Cllr C Haines Chairman
 Cllr M Bruckshaw Vice Chairman
 Cllr N Cottell
 Cllr J Hunt
 Cllr M Howe
 Cllr D Hitchcock
 Cllr Mrs J Jones
 Cllr Dr. H. Makins

In Attendance: Cllr Vines Borough and County Councillor

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were none.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 22 JANUARY 2015

The Minutes were confirmed and signed as a true record.

4. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Cllr Vines updated the Council on budget meetings both at County Council and Borough Council level in which a zero per cent increase be applied to the Council Tax. He Also detailed the allocation of the Active Together County Councillors Grant Scheme and reported that his Highways Grant funds are to be increased to 22.5k .

5. PLANNING

- a. Applications and decisions by Tewkesbury Borough Council.** The schedule of Parish Council recommendations and decisions by Tewkesbury Borough Council had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Council also agreed that Cllr Howe will draft a joint response with Shurdington Parish Council in regards to the Local Plan Consultation on behalf of the Council. It was also agreed to provide a copy of the Council comments in regards to the planning applications for the Greenway Hotel to Shurdington Parish Council.

6. FINANCE

- a. **Accounts for payment.** The following accounts were presented for payment:

Clerks Salary/Office (Feb/Mar)	800.32
HMRC	180.20

Total Invoices 980.52

The accounts were approved for payment.

- b. **To conduct a review of the Allotment Rental Charges.** The Council conducted a review of its charges and agreed to make no change.
- c. **To consider a request for a grant towards the churchyard upkeep for St Peter's Church.** The Council agreed to a grant of £100.00 and asked that details of the intended expenditure be provided to the Council.
- d. **To consider and agree a contractor to undertake the Parish Grass Cutting for 2015.** The Parish Council considered three quotations and unanimously agreed to appoint All Garden Maintenance as its contractor.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. **To receive an update and discuss the concerns regarding the youngsters walking to school along Badgeworth Lane.** The Chairman reported the details of a recent meeting with the Highways Stakeholder, Daniel Tiffany, in which he is very supportive of a scheme to install a new footpath along Badgeworth Lane and is going to progress it through the priority works programme, he did indicate that funding will have to be found. The Council confirmed its total support for this very important scheme and agreed to ask the Stakeholder how much external funding was needed to ensure that the footpath is progressed.
- b. **To receive an update on the Cold Pool Lane Sports Pitches.** It was agreed to hasten a response to the Council's letter to the Borough Councils Chief Executive, discussions were held regarding the possible allocation of some further Section 106 Community Funds.

8. REPORTS

- a. **Badgeworth Village Hall Committee.** There was nothing to report.

9. WARD REPORTS

- a. **Defibrillator Training.** Cllr Dr H Makins reported a very successful training event with over 40 attendees.

- b. **Request for Funding towards the Witcombe Play equipment maintenance.**
The Chairman detailed a request from the Witcombe Village Hall asking for the Council to consider a grant towards the annual maintenance of the Play Equipment. The Council agreed to a £200.00 grant for 2015.

10. **Pursuant to 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it is resolved that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the Public and Press leave the meeting.**

The Council agreed to this proposal and the public withdrew, the Clerk also left the meeting at this point.

11. **To consider a report from the Personnel Committee.**

Having regard to the recommendations of its Personnel Committee, the Council agreed the following:

THAT there should be no increase, at the present time, in the hours of work of the Clerk (the present monthly hours of work fall within the minimum hours band recommended in the national SLCC survey for a Council of this size).

THAT the Council approves an ex-gratia payment of £300 (equivalent to 5.5% of the annual salary) to the Clerk in recognition of the additional work he has undertaken in respect of the Section 106 Agreement for Badgeworth Village Hall.

THAT the impact on the Clerks workload relating to the Cold Pool Lane development should be kept under regular review.

THAT the Council considers, as a separate matter, the future development of the Council's web site.

THAT the Clerk's annual appraisal should be undertaken in April 2015.

THAT, in future, the Committee is established as a Personnel Group which meets informally and makes recommendations to the Council.

12. **Date of the Next Meeting.**

The next scheduled meeting will be held in the Witcombe & Bentham Village Hall on Thursday 16 April 2015 at 7.30 pm.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT ???????? PM