

# Badgeworth Parish Council

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## MINUTES

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at Badgeworth Village Hall at 7.00pm.

### Present:

Cllrs. R. McKay (Chair), K. Azam, D. Cooper, N. Cottell, M. Howe, N. Marshall (Vice),

Clerk: Mrs. H Jones. County Councillor Ben Evans, Borough Councillor D. Harwood (Brockworth).

10 members of the public

15 minutes for public comment: several comments were made about the planning application for 126 houses, the Strategic Local Plan options and the HELAA map indicating possible development sites. Clear concern at the large number of potential dwellings within Badgeworth Parish but close to Shurdington village many of which already have planning applications or indications that an application is imminent. A feeling that this is 'unplanned' development with adverse implications for the area.

1. **Apologies** – accepted from Cllr. Norman. Noted that Borough Councillor Vines was unable to attend.
2. **Declaration of Interest & dispensation requests** – Councillor Cottell – Badgeworth Village Hall.  
Councillor McKay – allotments.
3. **Minutes of the meeting** held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025 were agreed and signed.  
**Matters Arising not included as an agenda item** – the Parish Councillor vacancy in the Bentham ward has been reported to TBC and notices published.
4. **Report from the County Councillor Ben Evans** –
  - **Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)**: central government now assessing proposals. LGR is affecting many things notably planning.
  - **GCC Children's Services** have been inspected by OFSTED as 'Good'.
  - **Budget** setting is being done but note that the 'Fairer Funding Settlement' from central government has not been helpful to Gloucestershire and will result in a loss/cut. It is noteworthy that the financial status of all the councils (District/Borough/County) will impact on LGR**Report from Brough Councillor Vines (via email)** the TBC Planning Committee scheduled for Tuesday 20 January will not be going ahead as there are currently no items requiring consideration. This is because the planned applications were not in a position to be fully presented to Members due to outstanding issues that still need to be resolved. The team is actively progressing several applications in preparation for the February committee.
5. **Finance & Insurance**
  - a) **Balances at the bank and budget update** – The total balances at the bank are: £19379.70 (plus CIL £9875.76). Budget update was presented (see appendix)
  - b) **Banking services** – forms have been completed for new signatories. No progress re. charge card
  - c) **Budget & Precept 2026/27**
    - **Budget 2026/27** was discussed and agreed to be set at £18757 (proposed NM, seconded NC)
    - **Precept 2026/27** was discussed and agreed. The precept would be set at £15970. This is a £4.94% increase which is £19.61 per year for a Band D property, an increase of 90p per year. (proposed NC, seconded NM)

d) **Independent Internal Audit 25/26** – it was agreed to appoint the GAPTC as Independent Internal Auditor to carry out audit March 2026 and agreed that GAPTC is both independent and competent to carry out the audit. Cost £250.

e) **authorised payments for the following:**

**Already paid (as expenditure previously authorised) (proposed NM, seconded RM)**

Payee	Details	Date of invoice	Amount (ex VAT) £	VAT £	TOTAL £
Witcombe & Bentham Village Hall	Hall Hire July & November	29/9 & 5/12/25	40	0	40

**Agreed for payment (proposed NM, seconded RM)**

Payee	Details	Date of invoice	Amount (ex VAT) £	VAT £	TOTAL £
Shurdington Parish Council	Contribution to grass cutting (areas in Badgeworth cut by Shurdington)	5/1/26	50	0	50
Countrywide	Grass cut November 25	20/11/25	138	27.60	165.60
Expenses (clerk)	January 2026 (includes Microsoft Office 365 annual subscription of 84.99)	7/1/26	116.11	17.67	133.78
Expenses (clerk)	February 2026	7/1/26	26	0	26

f) **Clerk's salary** –authorised payments & BACS (including any HMRC payment) for January & February 2026 (proposed DC, seconded NM)

## 6. Planning

a) **Strategic Local Plan** – after much discussion it was agreed that option 3 of the Spatial Strategy was preferred as it gives the most protection of the Green Belt. Concerns to be expressed that the Strategies were formulated before the publication of the Green Belt Review. Also concern that the 4 options are very light in detail.

**The HELAA sites document** – responses would be grouped together into 3 areas: Badgeworth village, in and around Shurdington, Little Witcombe & Bentham.

b) **Enforcement Issues** –no updates had been provided. Clerk to chase TBC enforcement again.

c) **Delegated Comments to note:**

- **25/00920/FUL** Refurbishments including single storey rear extension, new dormers, new garage, following removal of old garage, solar panels to new extension flat roof and a dropped kerb. **37 Lambert Avenue, Shurdington. NO OBJECTION**
- **25/00929/FUL** Replacement of existing barn with a new barn for the purposes of general storage associated with the management and maintenance of the land. **Orchard Farm, Bentham Lane, Bentham. NO OBJECTION**
- **25/00940/FUL** Conversion of existing single storey, flat roof, double garage with the addition of first floor to provide a home gym/games room with home office above. **Ivy Cottage, Dog Lane, Witcombe. OBJECTION**

d) **Planning Decisions.**

- **25/00775/CLE** Lawful Development Certificate (Existing) application to establish the occupation of the entirety of the property edged in red by persons who are not working in agriculture, horticulture or forestry in breach of condition C on planning permission T.3431 **2 Rosedale Nurseries, Elm Gardens Drive, The Reddings. GRANT CERTIFICATE**
- **25/00839/FUL** Domestic extension to existing dwelling. **Barn Cottage, Dryhill Farm, Crickley Hill, Witcombe. PERMIT**

- **25/00736/CLE** Lawful Development Certificate (Existing) to establish the use of land as residential garden (Use Class C3) associated with the dwelling known as Yew Tree Cottage and erection of associated carport **Yew Tree Cottage, Green Lane, Witcombe.** GRANT CERTIFICATE

**e) To agree Parish Council response to planning applications received**

- **25/00965/FUL** Full planning application for the erection of 126 dwellings (not less than 50% affordable housing) and associated vehicular access, public open space, landscaping and all associated infrastructure including the demolition of the existing property known as Shimba with associated outbuildings. **Longlands Farm, Shurdington Road, Badgeworth.** After a detailed discussion it was agreed to OBJECT to this proposal. Green belt, highways and traffic, drainage, impact on settlement. It was further agreed to make general comments regarding the piecemeal development of plots in and around Shurdington Village with no apparent regard to the cumulative impact of so many extra dwellings. (proposed DC, seconded NM)
- **25/00994/FUL** Removal or variation of Condition 2 (Use for a period of 5 years and Personal Occupancy) of planning permission 19/00246/FUL (Proposed change of use of land to a private Gypsy and Traveller site consisting of 1 pitch of 1x Mobile Home, 1x Touring Caravan). **Parcel 5762, Land Adjacent Rudgeley House, Cold Pool Lane, Badgeworth.** It was agreed that the detailed reasoning from the appeal decision should be respected, and that the permission is restricted to the named family. TBC should have regard to the Green Belt/Grey Belt classification regarding the temporary or permanent permission. (proposed MH, seconded DC)
- **25/00993/FUL** The proposals are for the conversion of the existing garage into an annex and erection of new car port adjacent to the existing garage. **Highfield, Green Lane, Witcombe.** **NO OBJECTION** in principle but TBC asked to look at the size of the car port and the design of the garage conversion.
- **25/01052/FUL** Erection of gazebo (retrospective). **The Kneeling's, Dog Lane Witcombe.** **NO OBJECTION**

**f) S106 obligations. To discuss and agree without prejudice the S106 obligations in respect of community infrastructure 25/00965/FUL erection of 126 dwellings Longlands Farm Shurdington Road Badgeworth.** The information and figures submitted are noted. However, there is an expectation that funds are put forward to mitigate against the increase in traffic (road situation/congestion in the vicinity is terrible). Footpath/cycleway from Shurdington to Badgeworth, GP provision, Primary School does not have capacity.

**7. Parish Council Administration & Assets**

**a) Badgeworth Village Hall –**

- **Update on review of management agreements:** clerk to contact GRCC again and arrange a meeting.
- Audited accounts and annual report Yr end April 5<sup>th</sup> 2025 were received.

**b) Allotments at Bentham –** most tenants wanted to keep the access key arrangements unchanged.

**c) Parish Council assets –** agreed that the Clerk would circulate the spreadsheet for the annual inspection of assets.

**Badgeworth bus shelter –** has deteriorated significantly, and provision is made in the budget for 26/27 for repair. Agreed to obtain quote for discussion at the next meeting.

**8. Highways**

**a) Missing Link Scheme –** the works are progressing as expected.

**b) Public Rights of Way –** a report from the Cotswold Warden had been circulated. Much work has been carried out within the Parish, not just the area covered by the Cotswold national Landscape.

**9. Ward Reports –** none.

**10. Date of the next meeting:** 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at Witcombe & Bentham Village Hall at 7.00pm  
**Meeting finished at 9.00pm**

**BUDGET UPDATE**

**TO 31 DECEMBER 2025**

<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
	<b>PAID</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>% OF BUDGET SPENT 31/12/24</b>
<b>SALARY/PAYE</b>	5737.08	7500	76%
<b>HOME OFFICE</b>	234	312	75%
<b>GENERAL EXPENSES</b>	135.16	575	24%
<b>BANK FEES</b>	54	0	N/A
<b>GRASS/HEDGE CUTTING</b>	1666	1866	89%
<b>ROOM HIRE</b>	135	135	100%
<b>SUBSCRIPTIONS</b>	690.24	600	115%
<b>INSURANCE/LEGAL/ACCOUNTS</b>	1712.44	1750	98%
<b>DONATIONS</b>	0	450	0%
<b>BADGEWORTH WARD PROJECT</b>	2000	2200	91%
<b>BENTHAM WARD PROJECT</b>	2125	2425	88%
<b>MAINTENANCE (INC TREES)</b>	1000	1000	100%
<b>CONTINGENCY</b>	685	500	137%
<b>ALLOTMENTS</b>	745	500	149%
<b>TRAINING</b>	30	400	8%
<b>WEBSITE &amp; IT</b>	230	500	46%
<b>VAT RECOVERABLE</b>	1655.23		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,834</b>	<b>£20,713</b>	<b>91%</b>

<b>ALLOCATED RESERVES</b>			
	<b>25-26</b>	<b>used 25-26</b>	<b>REMAINING</b>
Badgeworth Village Hall	4500		4500
Election fees	3000		3000
General contingency	8250		8250
Allotments	1500	245	1255
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17250</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>17005</b>

## BUDGET 26/27

ITEM 26/27	BUDGET
	26/27
Salaries	7900
General Admin/Expenses/Bank Fees	500
Office	312
Grass Cutting	1875
Subscriptions	720
Room Hire	180
Donations	450
Insurance/Legal/Accounts	2170
Maintenance (Inc. trees & defib)	1500
Contingency	500
Badgeworth Ward - bus shelter repair	1000
Bentham Ward - Ward members to discuss	1000
Training	200
Allotments	0
Website & IT	450
VAT	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>18757</b>

ITEM	AMOUNT
Badgeworth Village Hall	4500
Election fees	0
General contingency	7000
Allotments	1818
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13318</b>

CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy re. The Firs 22/01301/FUL)	9875.76
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Agreed at meeting 13/1/26