

Badgeworth Parish Council

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DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th March 2026 at Witcombe & Bentham Village Hall at 7.15pm.

Present:

Cllrs. R. McKay (Chair), D. Cooper, N. Cottell, M. Howe, R. Norman

Clerk: Mrs. H Jones. Borough Councillor R. Vines.

0 members of the public

MINUTES

- 1. Apologies** – received from Cllr Azam and Marshall
- 2. Declaration of Interest & dispensation requests** – Cllr Cottell (8d Badgeworth Village Hall). Cllr McKay (8f Allotments). Dispensation requests are valid until 2027 for Cllr Cottell, Marshall & McKay relating to item 8b (noticeboard printing costs)
- 3. Minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2026** were agreed and signed.
Matters Arising not included as an agenda item
An independent auditor has been appointed and work will start soon.
25/00712/OUT Outline planning application for the erection of up to 90 dwellings with public open space, landscaping, sustainable urban drainage system (SuDs), and the principal means of vehicular access from Badgeworth Lane. This application is to be discussed at the TBC Planning Committee on 17th March 2026 with an officer recommendation of ‘delegated permit’.
- 4. To Receive a Report from the County and Borough Councillors.**
Borough Councillor Robert Vines spoke about the recently announced budget. There has been a 3.5% increase to the TBC element of the Council Tax.
- 5. Finance & Insurance**
 - a) Balances at the bank**– as at 11/3/26 total £17657.43 (plus CIL £9875.76 which must be ringfenced).
 - b) Banking services** – bank mandate changes have been made. No progress on charge card.
 - c) Donation requests:**
 - Cotswold wardens £300.** Equipment, materials, fuel etc. **£250 agreed**
 - St Mary’s PCC (Bentham churchyard) £100** – maintenance of the churchyard. **£100 agreed**
 - Holy Trinity PCC £100** – essential maintenance of churchyard toilet which is sued by those visiting or passing walkers. **£100 agreed**
(Proposed DC, Seconded RMcK). Agreed and all requested to inform PC of work carried out.
 - d) Payments authorised for the following:**

Already paid (as expenditure previously authorised)

Payee	Details	Date of invoice	Amount (ex VAT) £	VAT £	TOTAL £
GAPTC	Clerk’s networking Dec 25	12/12/25	35	0	35
Badgeworth Village Hall	Hall hire 13/1/26	13/1/26	25	0	25

(proposed DC, seconded NC)

To be paid

Payee	Details	Date of invoice	Amount (ex VAT) £	VAT £	TOTAL £
Expenses (clerk)	March 26	10/3/26	47.08	3.5	50.48
Expenses (clerk)	April 26	10/3/26	26	0	26

(proposed DC, seconded NC)

- e) **Clerk's salary** – authorised payments & BACS (including any HMRC payment) for March & April 2026 (proposed RMck, seconded RN)

6. Planning

- a) **Enforcement Issues** – no updates could be provided as TBC Officers have not responded to requests for information.
- b) **Delegated Comments to note:**
- **25/00699/FUL** Single-storey extension to create a boot room and external WC to the rear of the existing bungalow and Change of Use of adjacent land from agricultural to residential curtilage to facilitate the extension. **The Old Pig House, Jubilee Farm, Badgeworth Lane, Badgeworth. NO OBJECTION**
 - **26/00032/FUL** Single storey front and rear extensions. **4 Astridge Road, Witcombe. NO OBJECTION**
 - **26/00103/FUL** Variation of Condition 2 (approved drawings) and Condition 3 (approved materials) of planning approval 23/00312/FUL for single storey front and rear extension(s), roof alterations and new porch; to utilise the existing roof structure and to reduce the front elevation in size. **Stayawhile, Badgeworth Lane, Badgeworth. NO OBJECTION**
- c) **Planning Decisions (Tewkesbury Borough Council):**
- **25/00882/FUL** Amalgamation of two dwellings into one, demolition of rear conservatory and front porch, fenestration alterations, ground floor façade to be rendered, and first floor timber clad. **Riamble, Sandy Pluck Lane, Bentham. PERMIT**
 - **25/00929/FUL** Replacement of existing barn with a new barn for the purposes of agriculture and general storage. **Orchard Farm, Bentham Lane, Bentham. PERMIT**
 - **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. PERMIT**
 - **25/00994/FUL** 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. PERMIT**
 - **26/00032/FUL**. Single storey front and rear extensions. **4 Astridge Road, Witcombe. PERMIT**
- Appeals- none.
- d) **To agree Parish Council response to planning applications received:** no outstanding applications to consider.

7. Community & Environment

- a) **Gloucestershire's Local Government Reorganisation proposals** – it was agreed that support would be given to the single unitary authority for the whole of Gloucestershire. (proposed DC, seconded NC)

8. Parish Council Administration & Assets

- a) **Tewkesbury Borough Council liaison and communication** – the Clerk outlined recent communications and the lack of response. Valid enforcement queries, and questions about large-scale

development in the Parish are not replied to, nor are reminders, or emails to senior managers. This has been escalated to Richard Stanley, Leader of TBC

- b) Noticeboard costs of printing** – it was agreed to reimburse the 3 Councillors responsible for the 4 noticeboards £10.20 per noticeboard. (Total £40.80) (proposed DC, seconded RN)
- c) Councillor vacancy** – TBC had confirmed that the councillor vacancy in Bentham ward can be filled by co-option
- d) Badgeworth Village Hall** –review of management agreement. An online meeting was scheduled for 26th March 2026. Representatives of the PC and BVH would meet with the GRCC.
- e) Assets checks** – the asset checks have been carried out. Of major concern is Badgeworth Lane bus shelter and a quote is awaited from a contractor for repair. Clerk was requested to find out if S106 funds could be used for repair/replacement of this shelter. It was further agreed that other quotes be obtained for the work. It was agreed that the bus shelters on A46 by Endsleigh would no longer be cleaned.
Village sign at Little Witcombe – Clerk to find out if volunteers could repair.
- f) Allotments at Bentham** – information had been sought from neighbouring PCs about their allotment charges which are substantially higher. It was agreed that the cost of a full plot would rise by £5 to £35 per year, which is still considered very good value. (proposed NC, seconded MH). NB. Cllr McKay declared an interest and took no part in the decision.

9. Highways

- a) Missing Link Scheme** – work is carrying on apace. There appears to be some issue with flowing water - damage to pipes or springs. Keir had recently held a meeting for residents of Dog Lane and Bentham.

10. Ward Reports.

Trees on Badgeworth Green – next survey to request that arboriculturist also looks at the aesthetics of the trees as well as health.

Gloucestershire Airport -the sale of the airport seems to have stalled. Operationally this is difficult for the airport as going forward budgets need to be set, and this is difficult with no input from the potential new owners. (NB it is now reported that the sale is not proceeding with the current potential buyers)

Road Closure TTRO 807 which involves a temporary road closure for gas main work on Badgeworth Road between the Reddings and the Old Cheltenham Road junction (near the Arle Court Roundabout). Clerk to contact Highways and ask that during phase 1, when no work is taking place at that junction, access to Bamfurlong Lane can be maintained? The plans do not mention pedestrian access; also ask for an assurance that pedestrian access will be maintained at all times? Footpath ABA5 remaining blocked in several places will not help the situation.

11. Date of the next meeting: 12th May 2026 Badgeworth Village Hall at 7.00pm