

BADWELL ASH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 21st July 2016 In Badwell Ash Village Small Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Hawkins (Chairman), Cllr Boucher, Cllr Evans, Cllr Rose, Cllr Patel
Cllr Patel took the minutes. Four members of the public attended

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

1) Record Councillors Apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllr Smith and Cllr Bignall (Formerly Purkiss) were absent due to work commitments.

2) Receive declarations of interest from members.

No declarations of interest were received.

3) Visiting Speakers

i) County Councillor

Cllr Jane Storey attended and gave report which included: Cllr Storey attended the Local Government Association conference in Bournemouth. Most of the conversations were around Devolution or the leadership elections. The proposed Devolution is to set up a new Norfolk and Suffolk Mayoral Combined Authority. The Deal would entail a single pot of £25m a year of new money for the next 30 years to support economic growth, development of local infrastructure and jobs. £100m, over five years, of new money to support the building of new homes across Norfolk and Suffolk. A guaranteed £225m transport budget for the next four years. Control of an existing £20m a year Adult skills funding. Control of an existing £2m Apprenticeship Grant for Employers (AGE grant) and greater control over who delivers transport services. More detailed information can be found on the Parish Council's website.

Cllr Storey had a Cabinet meeting discussing the joining of the Mineral Plan with Waste Plan and will begin consultation on the proposal. Also a couple of papers on Highways - Asset and Improvement Plan which can be viewed on-line. The Council budget for year 31st March 2016 showed £2.6m (0.5%) lower than the approved budget.

Cllr Storey full Council meeting debated a motion on apprenticeships in Suffolk. It was agreed and will be law in a few years for large employers to have 2.3% of the workforce as apprentices. There were two annual reports presented - the Safety, Health and Wellbeing Annual Report and the Annual Equalities and Inclusions Report which can be viewed on the Council's website.

Cllr Storey's has a new role as Cabinet member for Broadband, Rural Issues and Localities. If anyone has a problem with broadband then to contact Cllr Storey with the postcode and telephone number to look into what is happening.

Cllr Storey will look into the flooded areas which have occurred after the re-surfacing of the roads.

ii) District Councillor

Cllr Roy Barker attended and reported: The grass verges were not being cut in Great Ashfield and Badwell Ash, and those that have been cut were poorly done. Cllr Storey will look into it. Cllr Barker stated Mid Suffolk were under budget due to the good work of the council but also Business Rates were received earlier than expected and the collection of S106 monies before the change over to the new rulings. Waste going to landfill was down to 2% and 1% from incinerators. Fly tipping was reported in Westhorpe. Cllr Barker is closely monitoring the development plans at Dovedale Close and Hall Farm.

4) To sign the Minutes of the previous meeting as a true record.

Minutes of the meeting held on the 30th June 2016 will be agreed at the next meeting.

5) Matters arising from the previous meeting.

i) To resign the Transfer Deeds

The Transfer Deeds were signed by Cllr Hawkins and Cllr Boucher. Witnessed by Colin Largent.

ii) Update on Permissive Footpath

Cllr Boucher - no further progress had been made

6) Public Forum.

Member of the public commented on the overhanging hedges on Back Lane and path way by the Old Rectory were making it difficult to pass. The pot holes in Back Lane still require filling and a large pot hole in Langham Road was not filled during the recent Highways Maintenance. Footpaths across the field, especially the one along the river have not been cut back.

7) New Clerk

Chris Garmin has been appointed as the new clerk and will be attending the next meeting after finalising the contract.

8) Previous issues

i) Speeding in the Village

ii) Street Lighting in Back Lane

iii) Purchase of IT Equipment

iv) Street Sweeper

The above issues will be reviewed at the next meeting

9) Correspondence.

John Kerridge received an application from Alan Carlick for a Disabled parking bay on The Street by Parker Cottage. The rear parking will not accommodate the new specialised disabled vehicle Mr Carlick will be receiving. Cllr's were concerned whether the car park space would be appropriate on The Street due to the width of the road and if the front door would provide ease of access due to the small doors size. Cllr Hawkins to forward concerns.

Changes to the approved planning application to the Bailey site was received. There were no objections received to the changes from the Cllr's.

10) Finance

Bank statement as of the 1st July 2016: £21,991.25p

Paid – S. Brown Fleming – June Broadsheet £ 43.00

MSDC – Dog Bins £ 276.00

Vectas – Grass Cutting

Chq No: 100841 raised for £168.12

HMRC

Chq No: 100840 raised for £115.20

11) Councillor reports and items for future agenda.

Nothing to report

12) Date of Next

It was confirmed the date of the next Scheduled Meeting 1st September 2016

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed:

Chairman

Date: