

BADWELL ASH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING BADWELL ASH VILLAGE HALL THURSDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2016 7.30 PM

PRESENT:

Councillors Clive Hawkins (Chairman) (CH), Bim Patel (BP), Stephen Rose (SR), David Smith (DS), Melanie Bignell (MB)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Christopher Garman (Parish Clerk) (CG), Councillor Roy Barker (Mid Suffolk District Council) (RB) and 9 members of public.

CH welcomed everyone and advised how the meeting would be conducted. Also mentioned that Jo Churchill MP had visited and a number of points were raised.

PUBLIC FORUM

Clarification was sought on questions during the meeting which was clarified by CH. Three concerns were raised about overhanging hedges, trees and an overgrown footpath. CG will pursue these as appropriate.

ACTION: CG

MEETING COMMENCED

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Louise Boucher (LB) (away in London) and Julie Evans (JE) (away in Russia)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were declared.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on Thursday 30 June 2016 and Thursday 21 July 2016 had been circulated previously.

It was resolved that these minutes were an accurate record of these meetings.

4. CLERKS REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

CG advised that he had received a renewal subscription request from the Suffolk Local History Council (SLHC) for £25 pa. This renewal request was considered.

It was resolved not to renew membership and advise SLHC accordingly.

ACTION: CG

5. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

5.1 REPORT FROM SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCILLOR

No report received.

5.2 REPORT FROM MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

5.2.1 Gave an update on handling of waste. Currently 2% is going to landfill. Groups are welcome by arrangement to visit the 'energy from waste' site. Cameras are now fitted to lorries. Considering a trade glass collection operation.

5.2.2 Reported that whilst out of our parish, Bacton Middle School is being considered for housing.

5.2.3 Mentioned that Network Rail are considering closure of various crossings. There will be a consultation meeting at Bacton Village Hall on 16 September 2016.

5.2.4 Reported that Hunston are investigating purchase of speeding signs and possibly looking for partners. Locality budget was possibly available.

5.2.5 Update on the devolution process.

5.2.6 Reported that the planning application 2506/16 (land at Dovedale Close) was still outstanding but 3305/16 (trees at Woodpeckers, Long Thurlow) had been decided.

6. PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

6.1 PLANNING APPLICATION 3305/16

T1 - Lime - Lift canopy to approximately 6 meters to provide clearance over drive and improve lighting. T2 - Lime - Pollard (approx. 6 meters), because trees canopy is suppressed by neighbouring lime which is too close. This will also improve light conditions to the owner's property. Woodpeckers, Long Thurlow, Badwell Ash, Bury St Edmunds, IP31 3JA. As mentioned in 5.2.6 above, this has already been decided.

6.6 PLANNING APPLICATION 3564/16

T1 Sycamore - section fell to ground level. T2 Plum - section fell to ground level. Both trees are of low amenity value and have poor form due to their location. The Boltons, The Street, Badwell Ash, Bury St Edmunds, IP31 3DH. SR declared an interest in this application. This application was considered.

It was resolved to advise MSDC that the Parish Council has no objection to this application.

ACTION: CG

6.2 PERMISSIVE FOOTPATH

LB is investigating but not available to report. Therefore, to be carried forward to next meeting.

6.3 STREET SWEEPER AND HANDYMAN

The past and current situations were summarised. There was a full discussion on the way forward. Consideration was given as to whether it should be a combined role and whether the role(s) should be employed or on a contract basis.

It was resolved that this should be a combined role by one person or one contract.

To take this forward a job description is to be drafted including Badwell Ash and Long Thurlow based on three hours a week. Consideration will need to be given as to employed or contracted.

6.4 SPEEDING

There was concern about the speed of some vehicles through the village. Options were considered. A speed sign could be purchased and installed or a speed gun could be purchased and used by a suitable team with appropriate training. It is understood that Hunston and Walsham le Willows are considering a similar approach to speeding.

It was resolved to pursue both options of speed gun and speed sign possibly working in partnership with Hunston and Walsham le Willows PCs.

ACTION: CG & CH

6.5 STREET LIGHTING

There was a discussion on the need for street lighting in Back Lane. This discussion also included the condition of street lighting in all the village. It was considered there was a need for one new light in Back Lane and also the need for maintenance or renewal of existing lights. Mindful of the costs of such a project.

It was resolved to obtain prices for one new light in Back Lane and maintenance and renewal of existing lights.

ACTION: CG

7. FINANCE AND POLICIES

7.1 AUDIT 2015/2016

CG advised that Notice of Conclusion of Audit had been received. There were no issues.

It resolved to accept this Notice of Conclusion of Audit.

7.2 INTERNAL AUDITOR 2016/2017

Malcolm Saunders will be asked to act again.

It was resolved to appoint Malcolm Saunders as Internal Auditor for 2016/2017.

ACTION: CG

7.3 ISSUE OF CHEQUES

£120.00 to BDO for audit fee

£43.00 to S Brown for the Badwell Broadsheet

It was resolved that cheques for the above can be issued.

7.4 BANK BALANCES

CG reported that bank balances as at 29 July 2016 were:

Current a/c £21,154.88

Deposit a/c £11,746.41

Deposit a/c £1,054.69

8. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

9. FUTURE MEETINGS

Dates for meetings for remainder of 2016 and for 2017 are planned for:

- Thursday 14 October 2016
- Thursday 24 November 2016
- Thursday 5 January 2017
- Thursday 16 February 2017
- Thursday 30 March 2017
- Thursday 11 May 2017
- Thursday 22 June 2017
- Thursday 3 August 2017
- Thursday 14 September 2017
- Thursday 26 October 2017
- Thursday 7 December 2017

Meetings will start at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm

Christopher Garman
Parish Clerk
6/9/16