

BADWELL ASH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING BADWELL ASH VILLAGE HALL THURSDAY 3 AUGUST 2017 7.30 PM

PRESENT:

Councillors Clive Hawkins (Chairman) (CH), Christopher Evans (CE), and Ed Walsh (EW)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Christopher Garman (Parish Clerk) (CG) and 6 members of public.

1. PUBLIC FORUM

- 1.1. There was a question as to when the new street light in Back Lane would become operational. CG informed that he is chasing SCC for an update.
- 1.2. Richard Pratt advised he was available to answer questions on planning application no DC/17/03035 – item 7.2 on the agenda.
- 1.3. There was concern that Footpath 9 is not being kept clear. CG to report to SCC.

2. APOLOGIES

Bim Patel (BP) (family bereavement), David Smith (DS) (working) and Clive Morris (CM) holiday.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

- 3.1. No declarations of interest.
- 3.2. No requests for dispensations.

4. MINUTES

- 4.1. The minutes of the meeting held 22 June and 13 July 2017 had been previously circulated.
It was resolved that these were an accurate record of these meetings.
- 4.2. There were no matters arising.

5. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1. Copies of correspondence had been circulated previously. It was considered no further action was needed.

6. ENVIRONMENT

- 6.1. The issue of permissive footpaths was considered. CG reported that if the Parish Council were to consider action, then there would need to be witness statements covering a period of 20 years. CG would arrange for an article in the next Badwell Broadsheet inviting people who are willing and able to come forward.
- 6.2. The Community Speedwatch team have now received a quotation for the purchase of a Speed Indicator Device (SID). The cost with the needed extras is £3125 + VAT. An application is being made to Councillor Barker for £600 towards the cost.
It was resolved to proceed with the purchase of a SID at a cost of £3125 + VAT.
- 6.3. The new street light is still work in progress. SCC are being chased.
- 6.4. CG has been pursuing the issue of the lack of visibility when vehicles are exiting Austen Close with SCC Highways. There appears to have been little progress and CG is chasing SCC and seeking help from Councillor Jane Storey.
- 6.5. The relocation of the defibrillator is still work in progress.

- 6.6. The need for land for a burial site was again considered. The previous land considered as a possible option is no longer. The Parochial Church Council have advised the Parish Council that Richard Pratt is possibly willing to offer some land in The Broadway. However, there has been no formal approach to the Parish Council.
- 6.7. CM is seeking to obtain a price for a new bespoke noticeboard at Long Thurlow. This can then be compared with those available online. This is still work in progress.
- 6.8. The proposal from the Diocese for the school site was considered. There were concerns over the re siting of the memorial garden and the benefits of having ownership of the driveway. CG is to write to the Diocese seeking clarification and then the matter will be considered further at a subsequent meeting.

7. PLANNING

- 7.1. The decisions on previous planning applications were noted.
- 7.2. Planning application number DC/17/03035 relating to land at Broadway, Back Lane, Badwell Ash and to the development of 6 dwellings was considered. There was concern over the increased traffic in The Broadway and the lack of a footpath for pedestrians. Also, there were concerns over the existing overstretched doctors' surgeries and schools.

It was resolved to advise MSDC that the Parish Council objected on the grounds of safety issues for pedestrians using The Broadway and the already overstretched doctors' surgeries and schools.

- 7.3. Planning application number DC/17/03047 relating to Orchard House, Richer Road, Badwell Ash, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3DQ and tree works was considered.

It was resolved to advise MSDC that the Parish Council had no objections.

- 7.4. Planning applications number DC/17/03676 relating to Pattles Barn, Badwell Green, Badwell Ash, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3JG and prior approval of agricultural to dwelling was considered. It was noted that the information was lacking and there was no application form available.

It was resolved to advise MSDC that the Parish Council were unable to comment due to lack of information.

8. FINANCE AND POLICIES

- 8.1. The following payments were considered:
 - £173.16 to Vertas Group Plc – grounds maintenance
 - £89.60 to Dean Clarke – Community Street Cleaner salary
 - £112.08 to C Garman – Clerk's expenses

It was resolved to issue cheques for all the above payments.

- 8.2. The income and expenditure for the year to 26 June 2017 was noted. It was noted that the bank reconciliation agreed with the bank statement.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be Thursday 14 September 2017 at 7.30 pm.

Meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Christopher Garman
Parish Clerk
10 August 2017