

BADWELL ASH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

BADWELL ASH VILLAGE HALL

WEDNESDAY 7 MARCH 2018

7.30 PM

PRESENT:

Councillors Clive Hawkins (CH) (Chairman), Christopher Evans (CE), David Smith (DS), Diane Donat (DD) and Clive Morris (CM).

IN ATTENDANCE:

Christopher Garman (CG) (Parish Clerk), District Councillor Roy Barker (RB) and one member of public.

1. PUBLIC FORUM

- 1.1. There were concerns over the condition of Footpath No. 9. This is to be reported to SCC. Also, there was comment on the church clock face but this was considered a matter for the Parochial Church Council.
- 1.2. There was no report from County Councillor Jane Story
- 1.3. There was a verbal report from District Councillor Roy Barker on MSDC issues.

2. APOLOGIES

Ed Walsh (EW) and Bim Patel (BP) and the reasons were accepted.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

- 3.1. None.
- 3.2. None.

4. MINUTES

- 4.1. The minutes of the meetings held on 7 and 21 February 2018 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. BP has emailed his resignation for personal reasons and this has been noted. The procedure to seek a new councillor will commence.
- 5.2. Other correspondence had been previously circulated and was noted.

6. ENVIRONMENT

- 6.1. The relocation of the defibrillator is moving forward positively. The owners of the shop are happy to have it installed on the wall. A quotation for installation is now to be arranged from an appropriate electrician. Also, it was agreed to offer £52 a year towards the cost of electricity.
- 6.2. The siting of a litter bin was considered in the area of the shop. The type of bin and the locations were considered.
It was resolved to purchase a black covered bin to fix to the post with the village hall sign at a cost of £105 including liner and fixings.
- 6.3. Difficulty is being experienced in finding a suitable location for a shed for the Community Street Cleaner at Long Thurlow. A request will be put in the next issue of Badwell Broadsheet asking if anyone would allow a shed or somewhere to store equipment.
- 6.4. The type of bench in memory of the school headteacher, and its location, were considered. The appropriate location was considered to be near to the telephone box. It was acknowledged a suitable base would need to be

installed. The type of bench was considered from the various types available. It was acknowledged that the overall cost of purchase, plaque and fitting would be approx. £1100 of which £500 had been offered by the Diocese and the remainder was allowed for in the budget for 2018/2019. A request will now be made to the Diocese for their contribution before proceeding further.

- 6.5. CH had completed a survey of the current grit bins. There was discussion about the location and condition of the existing grit bins. The three bins consisting of concrete pipes were considered to be ineffective and in need of replacement. A quotation is to be obtained for three new green plastic 90 litre bins, fixings and installation. The existing pipe bins need to be removed and this is to be investigated.

7. PLANNING

- 7.1. Progress with previous planning applications were noted.

8. FINANCE AND POLICIES

- 8.1. The following cheques were considered for payment:
£89.40 to Dean Clarke – salary for February 2018
£264.00 to SALC – training for councillors

It was resolved that the above cheques can be issued.

- 8.2. The appointment for an internal auditor for 2017/2018 was considered.

It was resolved to appoint Malcolm Saunders as internal auditor.

9. FUTURE MEETINGS

- 9.1. The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 4 April 2018 at 7.30 pm.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Christopher Garman
Parish Clerk
9 March 2018