

BADWELL ASH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING BADWELL ASH VILLAGE HALL WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2018 7.30 PM

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Christopher Garman (CG) (Parish Clerk), Councillor Roy Barker and 4 members of public.

1. PUBLIC FORUM

- 1.1. The applicant of planning application DC/18/04952 spoke about the application.
- 1.2. CH read an email addressed to him with concerns about planning application DC/18/04952.
- 1.3. There were concerns expressed about the pot holes, flooding and parking on the pavements in Back Lane. These are issues outside the remit of the Parish Council and need reporting. Car parking on the pavement needs reporting to the police on 101.
- 1.4. It was reported that a street light was not working in Back Lane.
- 1.5. The report from County Councillor Jane Storey had been previously circulated and the contents noted.
- 1.6. Councillor Roy Barker spoke about possible changes in waste collection schedules. Also, he mentioned the draft local plan has not yet been adopted. Further, he talked about the refused planning application for the 52 houses in Hunston Road.

2. APOLOGIES

Councillors Richard Morris and Ed Walsh 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 meeting held on 31 October 2018 had been previously circulated.
It was resolved that these were an accurate record of the meeting.
- 4.2. There were no matters arising.

5. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence had been previously circulated and noted.

6. ENVIRONMENT

- 6.1. SCC Highways have been asked what their commitment is with regards to gritting a Priority Route 2 and whether this covers footpaths. If not then they have been asked to reconsider the application for a grit bin at the junction of The Street and Richer Road which would then allow residents to have a supply of grit to cover the footpaths in severe weather conditions. A response is awaited.
- 6.2. The new noticeboard at Long Thurlow is now complete.
- 6.3. The meeting with Tony Bass (TB) who is the Strategic Leisure Advisor at MSDC took place with CH and CG. This was to explore the installation of play equipment and the enhancement of other community facilities such as the village hall. The Diocese are now marketing the old school site and it was decided not to look any further into the

purchase of the site due to lack of funding and time constraints as there appears to be a buyer in the pipeline. Focus will now be on the playground equipment as a first stage. TB advised that MSDC have s.106 funds of approx. £20,000 for this project. TB also thought there were further s.106 funds of £19,000 which could be used for other community facilities such as the village hall. The village hall trustees are considering a new kitchen so these funds could be used for this project. A first step for the s.106 funds and any project are to establish and evidence a community need. This will involve a questionnaire and or meeting with residents to gain views.

7. PLANNING

7.1. Progress with previous planning applications were noted.

7.2. The planning application DC/18/04952 relating to Woodside Cottage, Long Thurlow, Badwell Ash, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP31 3JA was considered. There were concerns around being outside the development area, a second layer of back land development and the driveway. Also, the fire authority's comments need to be considered. However, in principle there was no objection to the proposed property on the site.

It was resolved to advise MSDC that the Parish Council that in principle there was no objection but to outline the concerns.

8. FINANCE AND POLICIES

8.1. The following cheques were considered for payment:

£119.27 for salaries for November 2018

£1082.35 to D Smith – works with bus shelter at Long Thurlow and installation of bench

£25.00 to Ixworth Surgery Patients Association – donation for transport

£180.40 to Sarah Brown – Badwell Broadsheet

£535.02 to Vertas – grounds maintenance

It was resolved that the above cheques can be issued.

8.2. The draft budget for 2019/2020 was considered. Consideration was given to adding into the budget a sum for future maintenance of community facilities such as the village hall and playground equipment. However, a decision on this and the setting of the budget was deferred until the next meeting.

8.3. The request for a donation to Citizens Advice Bureau was considered. It was noted that their funding from SCC was being withdrawn.

It was resolved to make a donation of £250.

9. FUTURE MEETINGS

9.1. The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 6 February 2019 at 7.30 pm. There will be an additional meeting for planning matters and a suggested date is Wednesday 19 December 2018. Councillors will be approached to check availability.

10. The Clerk advised that he would be stepping down from the role at the end of February 2019 due to growing work commitments. It was agreed to advertise for a new clerk on noticeboards, the Badwell Broadsheet and on the SALC web pages.

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Christopher Garman
Parish Clerk
7 December 2018