

BADWELL ASH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

BADWELL ASH VILLAGE HALL

WEDNESDAY 1 MAY 2019

7.30 PM

PRESENT:

Councillors Clive Hawkins (CH) (Chairman), Ed Walsh (EW), Richard Morris (RM), Diane Donat (DD), Chris Evans (CE), David Smith (DS)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Carole Rose (CR) (Parish Clerk), and 26 members of the public.

1. PUBLIC FORUM

- 1.1 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting noting that there was a large contingent of members of the public. The Chairman re-iterated that comments and observations at Parish Council meetings were always welcome and reassured everyone that any comments made should not be subject to reprisals or retaliation in any shape or form and everyone was entitled to speak freely.

Most of the comments and observations at this meeting concerned the planning application at Hunston Road for 52 houses and there were lengthy submissions regarding this. They included continued concern regarding the size and scale of the development; its access onto Hunston Road; the potential impact on environmental issues involving orchids, plants and the toad migration; the lack of infrastructure to cope with a development of this size; the visibility; the increased pollution and the sadness that our village school had closed a few years ago when we clearly need it today.

The Chairman confirmed that all of the above comments would be passed on to the Planning Department of MSDC in its response to this application at the appropriate juncture.

- 1.2 There was no report this month from the County Councillor.
- 1.3 There was no report this month from the District Councillor who was due retire at the imminent local council elections.

2. APOLOGIES

Councillor Clive Morris (CM), District Councillor Roy Barker (RB) and County Councillor Jane Storey (JS).

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 3 April 2019 had previously been circulated.

It was resolved that these were an accurate record of the meeting.

4.2 Matters arising – none

5. CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Various pieces of correspondence had been received and circulated.

5.2 Two letters had been received by the Chairman concerning planning applications – one from a Mr Robert Hall and the other anonymous. Neither of these letters contained an address therefore no reply was possible. Accordingly, these letters were to be minuted having considered the issues contained in these letters. No further action was required from the Parish Council.

5.3 A letter had been received from the Angling Association at Bury St Edmunds concerning the number of dogs roaming off the lead around the fishing lake on Shackerland Hall land. After discussion it was commented that the majority of dog owners do abide by the rules and keep their dogs on their leads on the public footpath. The Parish Council are unable to police this situation when it also involves private land. It would however reinforce the need to keep dogs on leads; to keep to the public footpath only and to dispose of any dog faeces appropriately. This would be done via a notice in the Badwell Broadsheet.

5.4 A letter had been received concerning the upcoming the OVO Women's Cycle Race on 10 June. The race would be travelling through Badwell Ash and further details would again be placed in the Badwell Broadsheet.

5.5 An email had been received from Mr Gary Clarke expressing his concern about the increased percentage by the Parish Council in this year's council tax. The Chairman explained that there had been no significant increase in previous years but last year it was advised that our street lights were due for replacement this year, therefore monies had been set aside and ring-fenced for this large expenditure. An appropriate email had been sent to Mr Clarke explaining the situation.

6. ENVIRONMENT

A parcel of land (behind the old village school) is owned solely by the Parish Council. It was agreed to earmark this for the construction of a new village playground. A sub-committee was formed consisting of Councillor Richard Morris, Councillor Chris Evans and Mr Dominic Cotton. They would now meet and discuss plans, fund raising, grants, quotes for the groundwork and equipment and report back regularly at upcoming Parish Council meetings. We are very grateful to them for taking on this project and will offer as much support and help as possible.

7. PLANNING

- 7.1 Decisions regarding previous planning applications had been circulated and noted.
- 7.2 An application and re-consultation had been received for Outline Planning Permission DC/19/01554 Erection of 52 dwellings and creation of new access road – land off Hunston Road, Badwell Ash. The observations minuted in the Public Forum were considered by the Parish Council along with the observations by the Parish Councillors. The Councillors unanimously voted to reject this application and it was requested that all comments should be listed and passed on to MSDC.
- It was resolved that the Parish Council would advise MSDC that it rejected this application.**
- 7.3 A planning consultation letter had been received relating to Planning Application DC/19/01891 – Land at Dovedale Close, Badwell Ash. This related to a condition in the original planning application where the initial bricks intended to be used were no longer available and a substitute brick was proposed.

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

8. FINANCE

- 8.1 To consider and confirm the issue of the following cheques:

£119.27 and £190.73 for salaries – April 2019

£38.63 – Clerk's expenses for April 2019

It was resolved that the above cheques could be issued

9. ANNUAL MEETING AND ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was proposed to hold these on Wednesday 15 May at 7.00 and 7.30 pm. **Following the meeting this has been amended to Monday 20 May.**

10. NEXT PC Meeting – to be decided after the Annual Meeting on 20 May.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

Carole Rose
Parish Clerk

10 May 2019