

**BADWELL ASH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD REMOTELY**  
**WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL 2020**

PRESENT:

Councillors Clive Hawkins (CH) (Chairman), David Smith (DS), Ed Walsh (EW), Diane Donat (DD) and Richard Morris (RM) AND Clive Morris (CM).

IN ATTENDANCE:

None

1. PUBLIC FORUM

The Chairman explained that due to the current Coronavirus pandemic, all future Parish Council meetings would be held remotely until further notice. To enable members of the public to be able to comment or question any matter, the agenda would be published both on the village noticeboards and on our website one week ahead of each meeting giving everyone the time to send their questions and comments to the Clerk by email, post or telephone.

1.1 None

1.2 County Councillor Jane Storey – no report.

1.3 District Councillor Richard Meyer emailed his report for circulation.

2. APOLOGIES

None.

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 11 March 2020 had previously been circulated.  
**It was resolved that these were an accurate record of the meeting.**

4.2 None.

5. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 A letter had been received from the Village Hall Committee requesting a donation of £1207.33 towards the cost of repairs to the village hall roof. Quotations had been received and analysed and a prospective supplier identified. The Village Hall Committee would contribute £3000 towards the total cost of £4207.33. It was hoped that once the roof was repaired and sound, the Village Hall Committee might be able to move forward with plans for a replacement kitchen. **It was resolved to approve the payment of £1207.00.**

5.2 The Clerk's 'work from home' weekly expense had been increased by NALC from £4 to £6. **It was resolved to approve this increase.**

5.3 The vacancy for a new Parish Councillor has been advertised in the village notice boards. If no candidate comes forward within the 14 day timeframe stipulated, the

Parish Council have the ability to co-opt someone with formal elections now being deferred until May 2021.

- 5.4 A proposal was tabled to make an exceptional donation to SARS (Suffolk Accident Rescue Service) in these challenging times as their source of funding had all but dried up. The suggestion was for a figure of between £250-£500. **It was resolved to make a donation of £350 to SARS.**

## 6. ENVIRONMENT

- 6.1 The Playground project was on hold as we were still waiting for confirmation of a major grant from MSDC.
- 6.2 Molehill clearance on the village playing field had been completed by Tim Crease with a number of moles having been caught. Hopefully this will now provide a level base for the installation of the playground equipment.
- 6.3 The new defibrillator is fully working in the telephone box in the centre of the village.
- 6.4 No date set yet for the painting of the telephone box.
- 6.5 The quarterly footpath report has been deferred for the present time.
- 6.6 SCC have confirmed they will replace the faded 30mph sign in Richer Road in due course.

## 7. PLANNING

- 7.1 Progress of recent planning permissions were as follows:

DC/20/00325 Land To The Rear Of Back Lane, Accessed Off The Broadway, Badwell Ash, Suffolk - **PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED.**

DC/20/00765 - 3 Old Vicarage Drive, Badwell Ash, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP31 3DU - **PLANNING PERMISSION APPROVED.**

DC/20/00371 Street Farm, The Street, Badwell Ash, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3DP – **DISCHARGE OF CONDITION 3 APPROVED.**

- 7.2 To consider a Planning Consultation Request Letter relating to Planning Application DC/20/01276 - Hawthorns, Long Thurlow, Badwell Ash, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3JA (20.4.20). **It was resolved to advise MSDC that the Parish Council had no objection to this request.**
- 7.3 To consider a Planning Consultation Request Letter relating to Planning Application DC/20/00693 - Odessa, Westley Way, Great Ashfield, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3DL (28.4.20). **It was resolved to advise MSDC that the Parish Council had no objection to this request with consideration being taken with regard to lighting, manure and the proposed stables forming part of the whole property and not registered separately.**

## 8. FINANCE AND POLICIES

- 8.1 The Councillors considered the issue of the following payments:
- £238.44 – Salaries March (Final one + P45 for street cleaner)
  - £76.45 – Clerk's expenses March
  - £446.88 – HMRC tax Q4
  - £82.80 – SALC 6 months payroll
  - £830.00 – P H Bond (notice board)
  - £353.68 – SALC membership for 2020/21

**It was resolved that these payments could be made. The Chairman and Vice Chairman signed an approval for these to be paid by BACS.**

- 8.2 The bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2020 was presented to the meeting. **It was agreed that this was an accurate and correct state of the PC's finances.**
- 8.3 A CIL half yearly payment had been received from MSDC. Further discussion would follow for suggestions as to what to put the money towards to benefit the village.
- 8.4 The Clerk reported that our internal auditor, Malcolm Saunders, hoped to be able to conduct our audit in mid May 2020.

9. NEXT MEETING

- 9.1 The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Wednesday 13 May to be held remotely.

Carole Rose, Parish Clerk  
18 April 2020