

BADWELL ASH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD REMOTELY
WEDNESDAY 13 May 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 Clive Hawkins – item 5.1. Clive Morris – item 5.3

3.2 None

4. MINUTES

4.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2020 had previously been circulated. A small amendment was required in item 5.1 – the two figures should both read £1207.33. **It was resolved that these were an accurate record of the meeting.**

4.2 None.

5. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 The Clerk has now heard from all the Parish Councillors regarding the request for funding for the village hall roof. All in agreement for £1207.33 to be given. **It was resolved to make the payment of £1207.33 to the Acting Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.**

5.2 No action.

5.3 The application for a street cleaner for Long Thurlow alone was discussed. Approval given for a 2 hour per week contract commencing 1.6.20 at the current minimum wage. The Clerk would complete all the relevant paperwork and provide the basic equipment (ie broom, gloves, sacks and the key to the bus shelter shed in LT). Hopefully we can resurrect the vacancy for a street cleaner in BA after the lockdown has finished. **Agreed by a majority vote of 5 to 1.**

5.4 A discussion was held about the possibility of holding our Annual Parish Meeting this year. Due to the current lockdown situation it was unanimously agreed this would be impossible this year.

6. ENVIRONMENT

6.1 A full Community Grant of £19,559.00 had been received from MSDC for which BAPC were extremely grateful. It is hoped that the playground project can be resumed as soon after the lockdown as possible noting that the water table question remains unresolved at the moment.

6.2 Molehill clearance on the village playing field had been completed by Tim Crease with a number of moles having been caught.

6.3 Flytipping in Back Lane has been reported to MSDC.

6.4 The majority of Councillors agreed that the current SID traffic control in BA is proving inadequate on the rotational basis with Gt Ashfield. They agreed that the Clerk could make enquiries regarding approvals and obtain a quotation for solar SIDs similar to Stowlangtoft. The proposal would be to use the latest CIL monies for this project plus possible future grants from the Locality Budgets dependent on costings. **This was approved by a majority of 5 to 1.**

6.5 A suggestion was put forward to replace the loose gravel under the bench adjacent to the telephone box with a more hardwearing and less messy surface – possibly a resin bound material. This would be held over until after the telephone box had been painted and the new notice board installed. Councillors gave the Clerk permission to obtain a quote. **This was unanimously approved.**

7. PLANNING

7.1 Progress of recent planning permissions were as follows:

DC/20/00902 Land North East Of Hill House And Broadway Bungalow , The Broadway, Badwell Ash, IP31 3DR - **PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED.**

DC/20/00867 Pattles Barn, Badwell Green, Badwell Ash, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3JG – **PLANNING PERMISSION REFUSED.**

DC/20/00913 Badwell Ash Primary School, The Street, Badwell Ash, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3DG – **PLANNING CONDITIONS MET.**

EN/20/00211 - Land At Dovedale Close, Badwell Ash, Suffolk – **ENFORCEMENT ONGOING.**

8. FINANCE AND POLICIES

8.1 The Councillors considered the issue of the following payments:

£204.00 – Salaries March

£45.97 – Clerk's expenses April

£240.00 – T J Crease (molehills)

£383.16 – MSDC annual litter and dog bins 20/21

£350.00 – Donation to SARS

£24.00 – Covid19 expenses

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 Annual Governance Statement (to review and note the draft Annual Receipt and Payments Statement for 2019/20) was discussed and approved. **It was unanimously resolved that this was approved.**

8.3 The CIL Annual Statement of receipts and expenditure for 2019/20 was discussed and approved for publication on the BAPC website. **It was unanimously resolved that this was approved.**

9. NEXT MEETING

9.1 The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Wednesday 10 June to be held remotely.

Carole Rose, Parish Clerk
18 May 2020