

**BADWELL ASH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD REMOTELY**  
**WEDNESDAY 10 June 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 (attached).

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

4.2 Councillor Morris would like July's meeting to be held on Zoom to enable debate and discussion.

5. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 None.

6. ENVIRONMENT

6.1 Playground project – Proludic attended the playing field and drilled 4 inspection holes to check the level of the water table. The holes were dug to a depth of 70cm (required for the foundations of the play equipment). The holes were all bone dry. Councillor David Smith is still concerned about the effect of the water table in winter and suggested that two soakaways were dug from the centre of the playground to drain to the ditches on the North and West sides. Councillor Smith will contact Richard Pratt and discuss these works and obtain a quote prior to us placing an order for the play equipment.

- 6.2 Basic equipment was bought and supplied to Jeremy Bond in his role as Street Cleaner for Long Thurlow for 2 hours per week. Jeremy will report in at regular intervals on his progress. Councillor Morris has requested branch loppers and grass shears to be provided in addition to the equipment already supplied.
- 6.3 An estimate had been received from Regal Build for £1150 + VAT to replace the black felt and loose gravel underneath the memorial bench with a resin bound surface which will look smart and be much easier to keep tidy. The estimate, which was discounted by £600 as a sign of good will to the village, was accepted by the Parish Councillors and this work will be undertaken as soon as the new noticeboard has been installed next to the memorial bench (hopefully in about two weeks). **This was unanimously approved.**
- 6.4 An estimate had been received from Elan City for three solar powered SIDs to be erected on the three arterial roads into the village. The proposal would be to use the latest CIL monies for this project. Our District Councillor has very kindly offered £1,000 from his Locality Budget towards this cost. Our County Councillor has also been approached for a contribution but has not responded. SCC has been contacted with regard to the installation of suitable posts for these SIDs – no response has been received but the Clerk will continue to chase. No firm order with Elan City will be made until approval has been received.

## 7. PLANNING

- 7.1 Progress of recent planning permissions were as follows:

DC/20/01390 Street Farm, The Street, Badwell Ash, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3DP – DISCHARGE OF CONDITION 4 APPROVED.

DC/20/01276 Hawthorns, Long Thurlow, Badwell Ash, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3JA – PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED.

DC/20/01336 The Poplars, Hunston Road, Badwell Ash, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3DJ – DISCHARGE OF CONDITION 3 APPROVED.

## 8. FINANCE AND POLICIES

- 8.1 The Councillors considered the issue of the following payments:

£204.27 – Salaries May

£93.98 – Clerk's expenses (incl equipment for street cleaner)

£1207.33 – Village Hall roof

£202.61 – Vertas Q1 grass cutting

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

## 9. NEXT MEETING

- 9.1 The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Wednesday 15 July to be held remotely, or by Zoom at the request of Councillor Morris (tba)

Carole Rose, Parish Clerk  
11 June 2020