

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

PRESENT:

Councillors Clive Hawkins (CH) (Chairman), David Smith (DS), Ed Walsh (EW), Diane Donat (DD), 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 – email report tabled.

1.3 District Councillor Richard Meyer – no report.

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 10 June 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 request had been received from the developers of the Old School site regarding the wheelie bins from Cavell Cottage constantly being left on the roadside and pavement every week and not returned to their property. The Clerk has reported this to MSDC and they will follow through with the owner. **MSDC to action.**

5.2 The Clerk reported that the BAPC laptop is slow with some applications needing an update. Permission was given to take the laptop back to 121 Computers in Diss for an upgrade/repair. **This was unanimously approved.**

5.3 The Parish Council had received a letter from Woolpit Surgery asking for potential volunteers to continue the prescription delivery service to the village (for elderly/housebound residents) from 31 July onwards once the current Covid-19 restrictions end and it ceases to become a Parish Council responsibility. Councillor R

Morris suggested that his wife would be happy to put herself forward for this role. The Clerk will liaise with Woolpit Surgery to make this transition.

6. ENVIRONMENT

- 6.1 Playground project – An estimate has been received from Ashwell Construction to install three gravel drains on the playing field to aid water run-off during the winter months when the water table is high and possible flooding could occur. This work to be undertaken within the next 8 weeks.
This was unanimously approved.
- 6.2 The new noticeboard for Badwell Ash Parish Council only has been erected next to the telephone box.
- 6.3 The resin surface under the village bench and noticeboard is due to be laid within the next few days which will make the whole area much smarter.
- 6.4 Following further investigation regarding the siting of posts for solar SIDs, Councillors Morris and Walsh are to identify the three best sites at either end of the village and on Richer Road and a submission will be made to SCC for posts to be erected as requested. Once this is approved the solar SIDs could be ordered. If this project is successful in its planning, the costs would be completely covered by CIL monies plus Locality Grants from both our County and District Councillors. **This was unanimously approved.**
- 6.5 Collapsed Trash Screen, Richer Road – Following a meeting with Richard Pratt and Ben Gregory (the developer of Dovedale) it has been agreed that the trash screen will be reinstated in due course to protect the entrance to this large culvert.
- 6.6 A request had been received from Gt Ashfield PC for a donation towards antibac wipes and/or sanitiser for use during a Speedwatch exercise they are planning for Long Thurlow/Gt Ashfield roads. Councillor Donat to liaise.
- 6.7 Following advice from local trades, it was established that the door to the telephone box is in a very poor way and unlikely to be repaired successfully. It was agreed that a new (secondhand) door was purchased with fixings from the company selling BT spares.
This was unanimously approved.
- 6.8 It was noted that, at long last, our 7 specified streetlights had been upgraded to LED bulbs. The light produced is far superior to the old bulbs and is far more economic to run. The remaining batch of approx. 10 lights will be addressed in the next financial year.

7. PLANNING

- 7.1 Progress of recent planning permissions as follows:
- EN/20/00211 - Land At Dovedale Close, Badwell Ash, Suffolk, - The Enforcement Officer confirmed 9 breaches in connection with the above planning conditions, however he has only requested that 2 be addressed with the remaining 7 not requiring correction. The Parish Council recorded their disappointment with MSDC's response and questioned the purpose of having planning conditions which were then flouted and not adhered to.
- 7.2 To consider a planning consultation request letter relating to planning application - DC/20/02614 - Land At Warren Farm, The Street, Badwell Ash, Suffolk (27.7.20) – The Parish Councillors had no objections to the plans submitted but recorded their concern regarding the inability of the existing sewers to cope with 21 extra houses. The PC also noted that they required the proposed footpath to become mandatory and to be

completed between Warren Farm and The Wurlie (as on the original planning application). It should also be noted that FP7 runs along the western boundary of the Warren Farm site which is not shown on the plans and should be highlighted to MSDC

8. FINANCE AND POLICIES

8.1 The Councillors considered the issue of the following payments:

£265.04 – Salaries June

£485.60 – HMRC Q1 payment

£115.00 – M Saunders, Internal Auditor

£15.77 – cement for new noticeboard posts

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 9 September.

Carole Rose, Parish Clerk

17 July 2020