

**BADWELL ASH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2020**

PRESENT VIRTUALLY:

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

1. PUBLIC FORUM

- 1.1 None
- 1.2 County Councillor Jane Storey – email report tabled.
- 1.3 District Councillor Richard Meyer – email report tabled.

2. APOLOGIES

Stephen Russell (SR) and Richard Meyer (RM) District Councillor

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

- 3.1 Councillor Donat re 6.6
- 3.2 Councillor Donat re 6.6

4. MINUTES

- 4.1 The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14 October 2020 had previously been circulated.

**It was resolved that these were an accurate record of the meeting and signed accordingly.**

- 4.2 None.

5. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 Following Councillor Richard Morris's advice and recommendations regarding the purchase of a new laptop, unfortunately he has now withdrawn his ability to progress this and recommended that the Council go ahead independently. The Clerk will now seek alternative help with a view to purchase as soon as possible.
- 5.2 Katy Bowman would like the Parish Council to commit £500 towards the purchase of bird boxes (for housemartins and swifts) to encourage wildlife to be installed on new homes by developers. This would be matched by a £500 donation by Rick Meyer from his Locality Budget. The Councillors were split on their opinions with some questioning the viability on the PC's budget for this financial year. It was also suggested that we have a full programme of commitments to the village at the present time and this matter should be deferred for discussion.
- 5.3 Badwell Ash's website is very out of date and does not comply with current Govt regulations (WCAG1&2). Whilst the Councillors were all in agreement - two questions arise – does the PC commission an independent website or improve and modify the existing village one. The Clerk to research costs for both alternatives and report back.

6. ENVIRONMENT

- 6.1 Playground project – In addition to minor snagging which the Chairman and Clerk have supervised there remains real concern over the functionality of the seesaw. A formal complaint has been lodged with Proludic that this piece of equipment is not fit for purpose taking into account the stated age range. The Councillors are in agreement that the invoice to Proludic should be held until a satisfactory outcome is achieved.

- 6.2 The playground is now open and functioning well and proving popular particularly over the half term holiday in October.
- 6.3 Approval was required to purchase two new litter bins – one for the defibrillator area and one for the new playground. These have to be ordered via Glasdon in order to comply with MSDC's emptying policy. The Clerk to submit an order.
- 6.4 The developer of the two new houses on the old school site has submitted a plan to remove 2 or 3 trees from the village hall access road and asked for comments/approval. The PC have no concerns and it should improve the light and leaf litter from the village hall access road.
- 6.5 No reply has been received from Chelsteen Homes regarding the maintenance of the top half of the Orchard Way path. The Clerk to chase for a reply. Suggestion to get a quote from Vertas for clearing lower half. Further discussion at next meeting as to whether to apply for Public Footpath status in the future. Question – if we clear it once, does it become another permanent PC responsibility?
- 6.6 SCC have accepted the Clerk's submission to mend the pavement at the bottom of Austin Close. Hopefully this will be done within the next month. The residents of Austin Close must then asked to comply with their agreement to resurface the lower half of Austin Close to ensure the problem is permanently fixed and no more accidents occur.
- 6.7 The Councillors were in agreement to look into a replacement bench for Richer Close in the New Year. The plaque to H B Linn (Herbert Linn, previous resident and District Councillor) would be transferred to the new bench. The Clerk will do some research on costs.
- 6.8 Vertas have been commissioned to undertake further work to the playing field, particularly the edges around the playground, the metal and wooden fencing and the rough overgrown area behind the village hall. Vertas have submitted a quotation to do this as a 'one off' task this year and from next year onwards to include it all as one job. The annual costs of grounds maintenance would rise from approximately £800pa to £1100pa. **This was unanimously agreed by the Parish Council.**

## 7. PLANNING

- 7.1 Progress of recent planning permissions were as follows:  
DC/20/03485 Moat Farm House, Long Thurlow, Badwell Ash, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3JF - **PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED**  
DC/20/03566 Land At Wyverstone Road, Long Thurlow, Badwell Ash, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3JF – **CONDITIONS SATISFIED.**
- 7.2 To consider a planning consultation request letter relating to planning application - DC/20/04785 Land north of The Broadway, Badwell Ash IP31 3DR (20.11.20). **It was resolved to advise MSDC that the Parish Council would be withholding approval until matters regarding the drainage issues raised by the Environmental Agency and the confirmation regarding installation fire hydrants have been addressed. There was also concern that this development should match Part 4 of the Building Regulations.**
- 7.3 To consider a planning consultation request letter relating to planning application – DC/20/03720 Badwell Ash Holiday Lodges, Hunston Road, Badwell Ash. **It was resolved to advise MSDC that the Parish Council had no objections to this planning application.**

## 8. FINANCE AND POLICIES

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

£476.05 – Salaries October  
£82.80 – SALC payroll for 6 months  
£40.00 – GDPR annual renewal fee  
£562.00 – Village hall fees 2017-2020  
£225.00 – Badwell Broadsheet  
£90.00 – T J Crease molehills  
£67.49 – Clerk's 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.**

## 9. NEXT MEETING

9.1 The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Wednesday 9 December.

Carole Rose, Parish Clerk  
12 November 2020

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