

**BADWELL ASH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2020**

PRESENT VIRTUALLY:

Councillors Clive Hawkins (CH) (Chairman), Ed Walsh (EW), Diane Donat (DD), Clive Morris (CM), Richard Morris (RM), Stephen Russell (SR) 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

None

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None

4. MINUTES

- 4.1 The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11 November 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 The Clerk had purchased a small new laptop to replace the existing one which had been failing for some months and was now uneconomic to repair. All data had been successfully transferred to the new computer.

- 5.2 After extensive research and following recommendations from other Parish Councils, the Parish Councillors unanimously approved the commissioning of a new website for Badwell Ash as the current site is not fit for purpose and was not adequately updated and maintained. We will be transferring to Suffolk Cloud who will actively maintain the site and ensure we are legally compliant. This site will be owned by Badwell Ash Parish Council and Parish Councillors will have appropriate training to keep it up to date and relevant. It will 'go live' in early 2021.

- 5.3 Complaints had been received by the Parish Council regarding wheelie bins constantly being left on the pavement in Back Lane. The householder had been written to. It is a requirement that all householders put their bins out on the pavement/roadside on the day of emptying but they must return them to the confines of their property swiftly afterwards.

- 5.4 A letter had been received from a resident asking whether Badwell Ash could plant some more trees on public land in the village suggested by the Plant Britain campaign. It was agreed that anyone could plant trees on their own land but permission would have to be sought from Suffolk County Council for public land. There was also the cost of the maintenance thereafter. The Parish Council felt that we had adequate trees as we were a countryside village and the Parish Council could not afford to inherit any more tree maintenance issues due to other financial commitments.

## 6. ENVIRONMENT

- 6.1 Two new refuse bins – red by the telephone box and yellow for the playground had been installed and were already being well used. Complimentary comments had been received that the village was now looking very smart. The bins had been marked for security but it was impractical to secure them to the ground in their current positions. Councillor Smith will be removing the old iron bin from the playing field.
- 6.2 The Street Cleaner in Long Thurlow had requested a reduction of his hours from 8 to 4 during the winter months, to be reviewed again in the Spring of 2021. This was agreed by the Parish Councillors.
- 6.3 A response from Chelsteen Homes had been received regarding the pathway from Orchard Way to The Street and its maintenance. Chelsteen suggested the Parish Council take on this task which is not possible at the moment as it is privately owned land. The Clerk will respond to Chelsteen with alternative suggestions.
- 6.4 Having chased SCC regarding the posts for our potential solar SIDs, we had been advised that we would need three new posts on which to erect them due to their technical specifications. The Clerk will chase SCC to get these installed as soon as possible before we are able to place a firm order for the speed indicators.
- 6.5 The District Councillor had very kindly allowed the Parish Council to apply for a grant of £1000 towards the cost of installing the solar SIDs on the three arterial roads into the village. We very much appreciate Councillor Meyer's gesture and look forward to hearing whether we have been successful.

## 7. PLANNING

- 7.1 To consider a planning consultation letter relating to planning application DC/20/04849 Land to the North of Woodside Cottage, Long Thurlow, Badwell Ash, IP31 3JA. **It was resolved to advise MSDC that the Parish Council's views on the initial planning application were still valid viz: The proposed property will be outside the village development area; This will be a second layer of backfill development and is not supported by the Parish Council; The width of the drive being inadequate; Comments raised by the fire authority regarding fire hydrants.**
- 7.2 To consider a planning consultation request letter relating to planning application - DC/20/05326 Juniper Cottage, Back Lane, Badwell Ash IP31 3DW. **It was resolved to advise MSDC that the Parish Council had no objections to this application.**
- 7.3 To consider a planning consultation request letter relating to planning application – DC/20/05395 Mill House, Hunston Road, Badwell Ash IP31 3DJ. **It was resolved to advise MSDC that the Parish Council were concerned about this planning application due to the following points, viz: Use of a metal roof is not appropriate to Heritage buildings; The Summer House design is not in line with the removed building; Preference to preserve the heritage of The Mill and reinstate it as such and not convert it to living accommodation and a request that a condition is included to retain this whole property as one residence and not separated into two dwellings in the future.**

## 8. FINANCE AND POLICIES

- 8.1 The Councillors considered the issue of the following payments:
  - £271.47 – Salaries November
  - £202.61 – Vertas Q3
  - £358.99 – 121 Computers

£386.14 - Glasdon 2 x bins

100.39 – 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.**

- 8.2 December is the month the Parish Councillors usually discuss the Budget and Precept for the following year. However MSDC will not produce their figures until January so it was agreed to defer this item until our January meeting.

#### 9. NEXT MEETING

Dates of Parish Council Meetings for 2021 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

13 Jan; 10 Feb; 10 March; 14 April; 12 May; 9 June; 14 July; 8 Sept; 13 Oct; 10 Nov; 8 Dec.

Carole Rose, Parish Clerk  
11 December 2020