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**BADWELL ASH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTE OF PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 5TH MAY 2026 7.00PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL BADWELL ASH**

Present:

Cllrs Richard Morris (Chairman), Stephen Russell (Vice Chair), Will Draper, Bill Woodhall, Nick Harvey, John Morgan, Clare Taylor and Mark Tomkins. Alison Martin (Parish Clerk) and Lainey Pace (Minute Secretary)

Also Present: County Councillor Andy Mellen, District Councillor Richard Winch, Peter Dixon VHC, Catriona Brinkley Vicar and Parochial Church Council of Badwell Ash, Karol Tomkins, member of Green ConneXions, Sasha Evans, Keeley Griffiths and Bethany Miller of Badwell Ash Running Club.

- 1. Welcome from the Chairman**
Councillor Morris welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting.
- 2. Minutes of the Parish Annual General Meeting held on 5th May 2025**
The minutes had previously been circulated. These were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.
- 3. Report from Richard Morris – Chairman of Badwell Ash Parish Council**
Councillor Morris read his report out at the meeting, (report attached).
- 4. Report from Richard Winch – Mid Suffolk District Councillor**
District Councillor Winch gave a summary of his report at the meeting and the full report will be filed with the minute (report attached).
- 5. Report from Andy Mellen – Suffolk County Councillor**
County Councillor Mellen, gave a summary of his report at the meeting and the full report will be filed with the minute (report attached).
- 6. Report from Stephen Rose – The Parochial Church Council of Badwell Ash**
Vicar Catriona Brinkley came along as Stephen Rose was unavailable. Catriona read out her report at the meeting and a copy is attached.

One item of news reported on was the Santa Dash Food Bank run organised by the Badwell Ash Running Club. This was a successful event and Catriona is currently arranging for a food bank collection point to be set up in St Mary's Church in Badwell Ash. This will be collected by the Stowmarket and Area Food Bank. Councillor Morris asked if Catriona could write an article for the next edition of the Broadsheet to raise awareness.
- 7. Report from Ed Walsh – Chairman of the Badwell Ash History Society**
The Clerk read out the BA History Society report on behalf of Ed Walsh who was not in attendance. A copy of this report is attached.
- 8. Report from Clive Hawkins – Chairman, Badwell Ash Village Hall**
Peter Dixon, Vice Chair of the VHC read the report written by Clive Hawkins, previous VHC Chair. He also read out a brief report on behalf of the new VHC Chair Ed Walsh. Copies of both reports are attached.

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- 9. Report from Stephen Rose – Badwell Ash United Charity**
The Clerk read out the report on behalf of Stephen Rose who was not present, a copy of his report is attached.
- 10. Report from Midge Hawkins – President of Gt Ashfield and Badwell Ash WI**
The Clerk read out the report written by Midge Hawkins, President of Gt Ashfield and Badwell Ash WI who was not present, a copy of their report is attached.
- 11. Report from Sasha Evans – Badwell Ash Running Club**
Keeley Griffiths gave a brief report on behalf of the Badwell Ash Running Club. The Club is a friendly, community led group for all fitness levels and has runners from other running clubs such as Ixworth, Elmswell and Botesdale. The Club organised ‘Santas Dash’ which was a festive run, jog, walk in support of a local food bank and also raised donations for St Mary’s church. Councillor Morris thanked the members of the Club which has brought the community together.
- 12. Report from Karol Tomkins – member of the Green ConneXions Group**
Karol read out her report at the meeting, (report attached).

Signed..... Richard Morris Chair