

# Badgeworth Parish Council

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## MINUTES

**Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at Badgeworth Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

### **Present:**

Cllrs. Chris Haines MBE (Chairman), David Hitchcock, Mike Howe, Jim Hunt, Jill Jones & Doug Nelson

Clerk: Mrs. H Jones

Also in attendance: Borough & County Councillor Robert Vines.

1. **Apologies** - apologies for absence were received from Max Bruckshaw and Nigel Cottell.
2. **Declaration of Interest** – there were none.
3. **The minutes of the last meeting** held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2107 were agreed and signed.

### **Matters Arising**

- **Footpaths at Bentham:** Cllrs Hitchcock and Haines had met the owners of the mountain biking facility along with the Cotswold Warden. Action points were agreed verbally relating to Public Rights of Way.
  - **Shurdington School parking:** Cllr Cottell had monitored the parking problems on one day, and will do so again. It is hoped that a meeting can be arranged with those interested shortly.
4. **To Receive a Report from the County and Borough Councillor** – Cllr Vines gave an update on consultations for the final report of the Joint Core Strategy, and regarding the A417 Missing Link.
  5. **Planning** –
    - a) **Appeal** –APP/G1630/W/17/3184397. TBC ref:17/00077/FUL Change of use of land to accommodate 30 static caravans for holiday let use and associated works at Regency Court Park, Bamfurlong Lane, Staverton. It was agreed that there were no further comments to add to the comprehensive response to the original planning application.
    - b) **To agree the response to the following application:**  
17/00971/FUL Conversion of an existing barn to a dwelling at Barn at Cold Pool Lane Badgeworth – **NO OBJECTION** provided that the conditions put on the planning consent in 2013 are applied to this particularly relating to hedgerows.
    - c) **To provide an update** from TBC regarding: 17/00913/FUL the change of use of land to Gypsy and Traveller caravan site consisting of 2 no. pitches on land adjacent to Rugeley House, Cold Pool Lane, Badgeworth. TBC had “declined to

determine the planning application”. The Council will now be progressing with legal proceedings.

- d) **Joint Core Strategy** – Gloucester, Cheltenham and Tewkesbury will consider the JCS shortly and there will be a 6-week consultation on legal issues only. There are no real changes directly affecting Badgeworth. Shurdington PC is keen to work with Badgeworth Parish regarding development proposals in that village.

## 6. **Assets and Responsibilities**

- a) **Grass Cutting Contract – to decide the terms and conditions for the grass cutting contract, and agree timescale for advertising.** All Councillors felt that the existing contractor gave a very good service. Cllr Howe proposed, and Cllr Haines seconded the proposal that the exiting contractor (All Garden Maintenance) be asked to continue cutting for the next year subject to confirmation of the existing price per cut remaining the same, with 12 cuts per year for the 3 areas. This was agreed.

- b) **Allotments – to discuss and agree rents for 2018 and ongoing management.** After a detailed discussion Cllr Howe proposed, and Cllr Jill Jones seconded the following proposals which were agreed:

- Research had found that the current rents for the Bentham allotments were very low in comparison to others locally, therefore rents would rise over the next 3 years. For 2018 a full-size allotment would be £18 per year
- The allotments would be directly managed by the Parish Council with rents being collected directly by the Clerk (bank transfer or cheque preferred).
- Thanks, along with a small gift, would be given to Mrs Jacques for assistance over the years.
- An annual newsletter would be sent out to all tenants.
- A one-off admin fee of £20 would be charged when taking on an allotment.
- Water supply – will be monitored and a new communal trough installed. £75 agreed to cover costs. No new taps or troughs to be installed.

- c) **Badgeworth Village Hall – to discuss and agree projects should funding be available.** A list of projects had been circulated which were noted should funding be available.

## 7. **Finance**

- a) **The following payments were authorised and cheques issued:** Proposed by Cllr Hunt and seconded by Cllr Nelson.

- Clerk’s expenses (Oct & Nov) £58.61 (£56.95 + £1.66 VAT)
- Grant Thornton, external audit cost. £120 (£100 + £20 VAT)
- WBVH £60. July and September.
- GAPTC planning training 2 x councillors £80
- Grass cutting - £300 September and November
- National Allotment Society annual subscription. £66 (£55 + £11 VAT)

- b) **Clerk's salary** – Proposed by Cllr Hunt and seconded by Cllr Nelson, payment was authorised & cheque issued.
8. **Miscellaneous**
- a) **Community Messaging Facility** for Councillors from Glos. Constabulary and PCC – this was noted.
9. **Ward Reports.** Councillors to **report** upon **minor issues** which have not been included on this Agenda.
- Cllr Howe requested that a note be sent to Elliot's asking if the trucks could refrain from using Badgeworth Lane
  - Cllr Hitchcock – will report a blocked footpath near Green Lane, Little Witcombe
  - Cllr Haines – noted that works had taken place near the Greek Orthodox Church. Clerk to report to TBC
10. **The next meeting** would be held on Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup> at Badgeworth Village Hall at 7.30pm.
- Agenda items** – Budget & Precept 2018/19

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